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MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to know that Maharashtra University and College Librarian Association (MUCLA) is organizing two days 8th MUCLA National Conference in the faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies on 'Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Trends and Technologies' dated 22-23 February, 2025.

The focal theme of the conference is of immense interest and present and future importance. The recent development in the field of Library and Information Science has also change the expectations of the users in many ways. Hence there is a greater responsibility on the academic library personnel to identify and adopt this changes as well the innovative and effective practices to meet the demand of next generation users.

I am sure deliberations of this National Conference will surely provide a platform to the researchers, academicians and all library and information science professionals to exchange their ideas, perspective and research persons and experts in the field.

I congratulate the organizer Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University MUCLA Sectional Council, Nagpur for this endeavor and extend my warm greetings to the delegates and the organizers and wish the conference great success.

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Message

It is my honor to extend warm greetings for the Two-Day MUCLA National Conference on 'Next Generation Libraries : Exploring Trends and Technologies' organized by Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association in collaboration with Indian Library Association, KRC of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur and KRC of Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek on 22-23 February, 2025. The theme of this conference holds immense significance in light of the Trends and Technologies for the Next Generation Libraries.

Libraries are the heart of any academic institution. India has a proud legacy of esteemed libraries from historic centers of learning such as Nalanda, Takshashila, and Valabhi, which have long served as beacons of knowledge for students, researchers, and scholars.

In today's digital age, it will focus on exploring the transformative impact of technology on library services and their role in fostering knowledge accessibility and innovations. It will provide a platform for Librarians, teachers and researchers to share insight and experiences on the evolution of libraries from traditional to modern, technology oriented knowledge hubs.

I am confident that this conference will be a fruitful endeavor for ideas, experiences and strategies fostering a understanding of the challenges and opportunities of this emerging technologies. The thoughtful discussions on revamping academic libraries will provide valuable insights and guidance for scholars and librarians in the higher education landscape.

I extend my best wishes to all the office bearers of Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association and their entire team for successful organization two days conference on modern them 'Next Generation Libraries : Exploring Trends and Technologies'.

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MESSAGE

It is a matter of immense pleasure to know that the Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association (MUCLA) is organizing two days 8th MUCLA National Conference 2025 *on "Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Trends and Technologies"* on February, 22-23, 2025.

I believe the healthy discussion on a given theme. It is certainly a need of an hour. I am sure that deliberations during the conference will be academically rewarding for the participants across India and the recommendations will be useful to all the stakeholders for achieving overall development of various libraries.

I also take this opportunity to convey the wishes to organizing committee and his team for a grand success of this conference.

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MESSAGE

I am truly delighted to know that Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University Sectional Council of Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association is organizing 8th MUCLA National conference in collaboration with Indian Library Association, New Delhi; Knowledge Resource Centre of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur; and Knowledge Resource Centre of Kavi Kulguru Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Ramtek. This conference is organized in the orange city Nagpur during 22nd – 23rd of February 2025 on the theme **Next Generation Libraries : Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies**.

Libraries play an important role in delivering the right information to the right person at the right time. Libraries have been playing this important role since ancient times. This era can be called the first generation of libraries. Thereafter, the then library professionals like Melvil Dewey, J. D. Fosket, W. C. B. Sayers, C. A. Cutter, Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and others continuously conducted research in the field of library and developed techniques like cataloging, classification etc. Various management techniques were adopted and implemented in libraries in a proper manner to run libraries effectively. This led to the emergence of a next generation of libraries which started to be run scientifically using these techniques in the traditional manner.

With the advent of Internet and computer technology, traditional libraries with human touch were transformed into computerized/automated library systems. This library system can be considered as the next new advanced generation of libraries. In the beginning of the 21st century, there was a huge information explosion due to continuous research activities in all disciplines. With the advent of digital technology, an attempt was made to preserve this exploding information in digital form and disseminate it to the right users at their workplaces at the right time through the Internet. With this, further most advanced generation libraries came into existence as digital/virtual library systems. In each generation, library professionals had to face many problems and challenges while running libraries. They had to assimilate new techniques and technologies. And the matter of pride is that every time they have accepted these challenges and have succeeded in using these new techniques and technologies in the library in the right way.

Now we are waiting for the next generation of libraries. And undoubtedly, artificial intelligence will play a significant role in this generation. In the technical sessions to be held during the conference, it is expected that there will be insightful discussions and deliberations on emerging trends and technologies and their aspects by experts and delegates. Undoubtedly, these discussions and deliberations will definitely be useful for young professionals while working at their respective libraries.

I congratulate the organizers and delegates and wish them success in the conference.

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MESSAGE

With great enthusiasm and admiration, I extend my warmest wishes to all the distinguished guests, speakers, participants, and organizers of the conference on **"Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies,"** scheduled for February 22-23, 2025, in Nagpur. This conference marks a significant milestone in shaping the future of libraries, bringing together experts to discuss and explore the exciting emerging trends and technologies in our field.

Libraries have always been cornerstones of knowledge, education, and research. They are undergoing a remarkable transformation in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape. Integrating emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and smart information systems, redefines how knowledge is stored, accessed, and shared. This national conference provides a crucial platform for exploring these innovations, understanding their implications, and fostering collaborations that will drive the library system forward.

As General Secretary of MUCLA, I am particularly proud to see this important event taking place. I deeply appreciate the efforts of the organizers, the MUCLA RTM Nagpur University Sectional Council, Nagpur, in curating this insightful program, featuring expert discussions, research presentations, and interactive sessions that will illuminate the path for next-generation libraries. We also commend the commitment of all participants who have come together to contribute their expertise and ideas, ensuring a vibrant exchange of knowledge and perspectives.

May this conference inspire groundbreaking discussions, encourage new partnerships, and lead to actionable insights that will empower libraries to be more dynamic, inclusive, and technologically advanced.

Best wishes for a successful and enriching conference!

(Dr. Vinay B. Patil)
General Secretary, MUCLA

EDITORIAL

The 8th MUCLA National Conference, held under the theme "NEXT Generation Libraries: Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies", marks a significant milestone in the ever-evolving world of Library and Information Science (LIS) organised by the Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association (MUCLA) with the esteemed collaboration of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Indian Library Association (ILA), and the Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek. This conference is a testament to the growing importance of libraries in an increasingly digital and technology-driven world.

This year's conference received an overwhelming response, with 178 research papers submitted from various parts of Maharashtra. The contributions came from diverse corners of the state, reflecting the vast range of perspectives and approaches to libraries and librarianship. Research papers were submitted in English, Hindi, and Marathi, demonstrating the inclusivity of our LIS community, bridging linguistic and cultural gaps in our collective pursuit of knowledge and progress.

The themes and subthemes of the conference have been carefully selected to address the critical issues and emerging trends within the world of libraries. The evolution of library technologies, for instance, highlights the need to understand how libraries have transitioned from traditional systems to the complex, tech-savvy hubs we see today. Emerging Technologies in Library Services and Redefining Library Spaces are crucial in the context of the digitization of resources, the growth of virtual services, and the shifting demands of library patrons. Libraries must continually adapt to meet the challenges posed by the digital age, creating spaces that are not only functional but also conducive to the needs of future users.

Further, discussions on Digital Libraries and Future Ready Librarianship underline the transformation that libraries are undergoing. From serving as traditional repositories of information to becoming dynamic digital hubs, libraries are at the forefront of a new era of knowledge sharing. The need for Cloud Computing and Remote Access has grown in importance, especially in the wake of recent global challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, where virtual access to information became indispensable.

The theme of Mobile Technologies and Applications also resonates deeply, as libraries are increasingly embracing mobile platforms to reach users on the go. The integration of Cyber Security in Libraries reflects the increasing need to safeguard user data and library resources in an era of growing cyber threats. Additionally, the Roles and Responsibilities of Libraries in the NEP 2020 Framework provide a forward-thinking perspective, with libraries taking on an

expanded role in the educational landscape of India, promoting lifelong learning, inclusive access, and the digitization of educational resources.

The diverse nature of the research papers received for this conference highlights the multifaceted role of libraries in today's information society. The contributions span a wide range of topics, from the adoption of cutting-edge technologies to the preservation of cultural heritage, from enhancing user engagement to transforming library services. These papers reflect not just the technological advancements in libraries, but also the philosophical and practical shifts taking place within the profession.

This conference proceeding serves as a testimonial to the intellectual contribution of LIS professionals, who continue to shape the ever-changing landscape of libraries and librarianship. It highlights the collective efforts of practitioners, educators, and researchers to push the boundaries of traditional libraries, incorporating innovations, embracing technology, and responding to the evolving needs of users. The themes of the conference, such as evolution, adoption, adaptation, reformation, and transformation, aptly represent the current state and future direction of libraries—an unwavering commitment to retaining their relevance and importance in a rapidly changing world.

As libraries forge ahead, this conference provides an invaluable platform for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. The research and insights shared here will undoubtedly play a crucial role in the continued growth and transformation of libraries, ensuring they remain at the heart of education, culture, and society.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the contributors, organizers, and participants for their unwavering commitment to advancing the field of Library and Information Science. The knowledge shared during this conference will undoubtedly illuminate the path forward as we strive to build "Next Generation Libraries", poised to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Editors

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Evolution of Library Technologies

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LIBRARY SYSTEM & TOOLS IN S. CHANDRA MAHILA MAHAVIDYALAYA, SADAK ARJUNI, DIST.- GONDIA

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Abstract

As per as concern the history & development of libraries, nothing exists without origin. Every course of study has particular history. History is what todays generation wants to handover to the next generation. The term library has a wide field and different type of history therefore libraries history, It can be stages of libraries from ancient time to modern time. It deals with the activities of individual institution. The intent of this contributing to the development and how to growth of libraries for the purpose of professional awareness. It is in this that our S. Chandra women's college was establish under the tribal educational institute, District Gondia in the 2008. It was initiated by Dr. Ajay Sambhaji Lanjewar. He made this small sapling a banyan tree by erecting a grand structure from a rented building to its present state. Since then, we have seen many modern and digital changes in the library in the college.

Keywords:- *Automation, Library Software, OPAC, LAN, Database.*

1. Introduction

According to history of S. Chandra Women's college. It was establish in the year 2008 from this period to till now many changes have been happened in context to library and its development from 2008 to 2022. All the housekeeping operation of the library where manually maintain in the register. But from the year 2023 we purchase SARAL automation software from that time, all the works of daily routing library such as, cataloging, serial control, book issue return, report retrieval, history of library users etc. all these things happened with the help of library software. It implements the forth law of library science "Save the time of the Users"

If we go through the historical background about the library, we had seen like Nalanda, Takshshila, Pataliputra, Banaras, etc. had excellent collection of rare book which had made by hand. That was the fabulous creation and many scholar from all over the world. They used to visit that library for the research purpose. From megasthanese to max muler lived and they worked in those institution they had spend much more time of their life as well as copies and original record of knowledge in India.

In the context of computerization a library information system stated as a set of library transaction processing system and design to provide information for library members and to support them for operational, managerial and decision making which needs to library staff. Thus automated library is a set of functional system include. Library daily routing work practice. Information of technology – software, hardware, computer having management of database system. Dose housekeeping work and library staff.

Automation mainly concern with the traditional libraries activities such as, acquisition, cataloging, circulation, serial control etc. it is usually distinguished from related field such as, information retrieval automatic indexing, abstracting and automated textual analysis.

S. Chandra Manila Mahavidyalaya was established in the time 2008 and this council is a small council located in Sadak Arjuni Tahasil of Gondia district in the eastern part of Maharashtra state, India. The area is primarily known as an ethnic district; it is a district positioned along several hill ranges.The district has state roadways and public roadways adjacent to it, but in terms of education, the district is still veritably backward.And it is a veritably delicate task to develop a library in such a place, while it took nearly a century for us to develop a council library inthis place, moment's ultramodern technology has come into our hands and our scholars.After going through numerous difficulties during this trip, a moment with the help of this colonization system, our associates and our scholars have duly understood how to use library wisdom and libraries.

2. Methodology

The Investigator combined the survey method to collect primary data and secondary data.

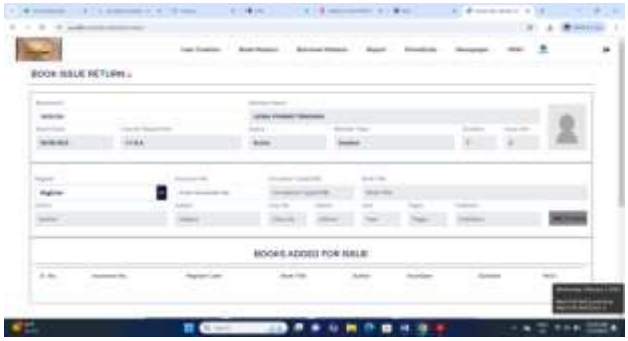
SARAL Library is a complete solution to the running of a library in an educational institution. It provides a full range of tools for the librarian and media/resource center managers to organize, control, and record the use of all the resources for which they are responsible. It is a full management system incorporating.

- Cataloging
- Journal acquisition.
- Circulations and reservations
- Inventory, Stock check
- Items and item status
- See and See Also lists
- Wish Lists
- Fines and accounts
- Bar code functionality

As far as our college is concerned, since the foundation year of our college and from January 2008 to 2022, the entire work of the library was carried out manually. While they were working, there were many difficulties and time was also passing. The work was not done as well as it should have been.From registration of students to making BT cards, manual sorting of books and working accordingly used to take a lot of time and trouble but ever since the automation system was used in our library, the working system has become more convenient.Simple software is very convenient to use. Once your data is fit in this software, you can store and search your books in the way you want, and it is also very easy to generate daily, monthly, and annual reports. Somephotographs of Saral software mention it.

The Investigator combined a check system to collect primary data and secondary data. Description of Library robotization

1. Library robotization may be defined as the operation of automatic and robotic dataprocessing machines(computers) to perform traditional library housekeeping conditioning similar asaccession, rotation, cataloging, and reference and diurnals control. moment " Library robotization " is by far the most generally used term to describe the robotization of library conditioning using the computer.(Uddin, 2009).
2. " Library robotization is the use of automatic and robotic data processing machines toperform similar traditional library conditioning as accessions, cataloging, and rotation. Theseconditioning aren't inescapably performed in traditional ways, the conditioning themselves are thosetraditionally associated with libraries; library robotization may therefore be distinguished from affiliatedfields similar as information reclamation fields similar as information reclamation, automatic indexing, andabstracting and automatic textual analysis "(Kent, 1977).



As far as software, we have purchased the software SARAH library software for library automation.For the proper automation in library housekeeping operation analogous to accession, journal control, issue & return of books, user entry in the library and OPAC, for the stoners to search

The total textbooks in the library are 2517, the total number of journals in the library is 08, and quotidian 5 types of different Newspaper English & Marathi languages like Format, Designate,Loretta, Dainik Bhaskar & Hitvad and one diurnal Roger Salazar for like employment news type paper and in the various type vacancy news in this paper.

Conclusion:

Going through the entire history of the library and considering the library in the council, we get to see a huge difference between the traditional and modern technical systems.There is a huge difference between our council library in 2008 and its condition and the well-equipped condition of our library at present.And it is truly delicate to compare this difference, in short, if we don't have this technology in the moment's life system, we are still truly backward, becauseof this automation in library wisdom, everything has come truly easy.

Table No. 1 : Total Library Stocks

Sr. No	Particular	Quantity
01.	Text Books	2517
02.	Journals/Periodicals	08
03.	News Paper (Daily)	05
04.	Rojgar Samachar (Weekly)	01

Table No. 2: Total Text Books Purchased Year wise

Sr. No	Text Books Purchased Year wise	Quantity
01.	2008-09	128
02.	2009-10	535
03.	2010-11	175
04.	2011-12	179
05.	2012-13	759
06.	2013-14	15
07.	2014-15	12
08.	2015-16	15
09.	2016-17	12
10.	2017-18	16
11.	2018-19	12
12.	2019-20	15
13.	2020-21	17
14.	2021-22	475
15.	2022-23	77
16.	2023-24	85
	Total	**2527**

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Comparing Traditional Library Systems with Hub Library Networks: A Global Perspective

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Abstract

This research paper explores and compares the Hub Library Networks' approach against the traditional library system with regards to its functions, value, and the issues it faces in the international academic world. Physical collection of books and local management of assets are some of the defining features of the traditional library system which are progressively being changed or supported by Hub Library Networks which facilitate global digital resources and inter-library cooperation. The paper covers the history of change of these two systems, how technological changes have affected them, and how useful they have been in increasing access to information,

conducting research, and breaking physical structures. The research examines case studies from the developed and the developing world to give a picture of how this is changing at the global level.

Keywords: *Resources, Traditional Library Networks, Hub Library Networks, worldwide approach, and inter library collaboration.*

1. Introduction:

Libraries have been an integral part of academic research and learning. However, with the introduction of digital systems, the traditional approach to libraries needs to be reconsidered. Such a view presents difficulties such as lack of resources, loss of affordability, and restriction of access to contemporary material. To address these challenges, modern academic institutions are increasingly turning to Hub Library Networks. These networks connect multiple libraries across regions, allowing for a shared digital resource pool and broader access to scholarly information.

This paper aims to compare traditional library systems with Hub Library Networks, assessing their respective roles in modern academic research. It will consider the technological advancements that have shaped these systems, the benefits and limitations of each, and the global trends that influence their implementation.

2. Overview of Traditional Library Systems:

2.1. Characteristics of Traditional Libraries

Traditional libraries are characterized by their physical collections, which include books, journals, newspapers, and other media. These libraries typically operate on a local scale, serving the needs of a specific academic institution or community. The key features of traditional library systems include:

- **Physical Collections:** Resources are physically housed within the library, and access is primarily through on-site visits.
- **Manual Cataloging:** Resources are cataloged through systems like the Dewey decimal classification or Library of Congress Classification.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL):** Cooperation between libraries is often limited to interlibrary loan systems, which allow the sharing of physical materials on request.

2.2. Limitations of Traditional Libraries

While traditional library systems have served academic communities well for centuries, they face several limitations in today's digital age:

- **Limited Access to Global Resources:** Physical collections are confined to what is available within the library's walls, limiting the breadth of accessible resources.
- **High Operational Costs:** Maintaining a large physical collection, staffing, and maintaining infrastructure is expensive.
- **Geographical Constraints:** Users must physically visit the library or use slow interlibrary loan systems to access materials outside their library.

3. Overview of Hub Library Networks:

3.1. Characteristics of Hub Library Networks

Hub Library Networks represent a significant shift from traditional systems by leveraging digital technology to create collaborative, interlibrary networks that extend beyond physical locations. These networks allow libraries to share resources electronically, providing greater access to a global pool of knowledge. Key features of Hub Library Networks include:

- **Digital Resource Sharing:** Hub Library Networks facilitate access to e-journals, e-books, databases, and other digital resources that users can access remotely.
- **Centralized Management Hub:** These networks are managed through a central hub that links various libraries, ensuring efficient resource sharing and cataloging.
- **Global Access:** Researchers and students from participating institutions can access digital resources from libraries around the world, bypassing geographical and physical constraints.

3.2. Benefits of Hub Library Networks

The adoption of Hub Library Networks offers a number of benefits:

- **Wider Access to Information:** Students and researchers gain access to a wealth of global resources that might not be available locally.
- **Cost-Effective Resource Sharing:** Libraries can share expensive digital subscriptions and databases, reducing costs for individual institutions.
- **Real-Time Collaboration:** Hub Library Networks allow for collaborative research and resource-sharing among institutions, fostering greater academic partnerships.
- **Increased Efficiency:** Searching, accessing, and borrowing digital resources is much quicker than traditional manual processes.

4. Comparing Traditional Library Systems and Hub Library Networks:

4.1. Accessibility and Reach

One of the most striking differences between traditional library systems and Hub Library Networks is accessibility. While traditional systems are limited by physical space and location, Hub Library Networks provide access to resources from any participating library worldwide. The internet allows global access to digital materials, overcoming the geographic boundaries that hinder traditional systems.

4.2. Resource Sharing and Collaboration

Traditional library systems generally offer limited opportunities for interlibrary collaboration and resource sharing. Although interlibrary loans exist, the process is often slow and depends on the availability of physical materials. In contrast, Hub Library Networks enable real-time resource sharing through digital platforms, significantly enhancing collaboration among academic institutions and researchers.

4.3. Technological Integration

Traditional libraries rely heavily on manual cataloging and physical infrastructure, while Hub Library Networks leverage digital technologies to streamline cataloging, resource sharing, and access. The integration of technologies such as cloud computing, digital repositories, and integrated search engines makes Hub Library Networks far more efficient in managing large volumes of academic content.

4.4. Cost Considerations

While traditional libraries incur high operational costs related to physical collections and infrastructure, Hub Library Networks can often share costs across institutions, providing access to expensive digital resources at a fraction of the price. However, setting up and maintaining digital infrastructure requires initial investments in technology and training.

4.5. Case Studies: Global Perspectives

5. Hub Library Networks in Developed Countries

In developed countries, Hub Library Networks are often well-established and widely used. For instance, the **European Library Network** connects thousands of libraries across Europe, providing centralized access to millions of digital resources. Similarly, the **Library of Congress**

collaborates with various academic institutions to provide digital access to American historical archives.

6. Challenges in Developing Countries

In developing countries, while Hub Library Networks hold significant potential, challenges such as limited internet connectivity, inadequate technological infrastructure, and low digital literacy hinder their adoption. However, some initiatives, such as the **African Virtual University Library Network**, are striving to overcome these barriers by providing training and improving internet access in universities.

7. Challenges and Limitations of Hub Library Networks:

Despite their many advantages, Hub Library Networks face several challenges:

- **Infrastructure Challenges:** High-speed internet and digital storage systems are necessary to maintain these networks, which may be difficult for institutions in less developed regions to afford.
- **Digital Literacy:** Users must possess the necessary skills to navigate digital resources, evaluate online materials, and utilize search tools effectively.
- **Sustainability:** Funding and institutional commitment are critical for the long-term success and maintenance of Hub Library Networks.

8. Conclusion:

The shift from traditional library systems to Hub Library Networks marks a significant transformation in the way academic libraries operate. While traditional libraries remain essential, Hub Library Networks offer a more efficient, cost-effective, and global model for resource sharing and collaboration. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, the future of academic libraries will likely be characterized by an integration of both models, where traditional libraries complement digital networks to provide a hybrid approach to resource management and research collaboration.

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MANAGING LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL ERA: A ROADMAP TO LIBRARIES OF VIKSIT BHARAT @2047.

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Abstract:-*Envision a developed India by Viksit Bharat @2047 focusing on infrastructure, education ,healthcare , technology and sustainable development .It strives for inclusive growth ensuring every citizen has access to significant information, so enhanced to infrastructure, transformation Networks and digital connectivity facilated knowledge growth and improve quality of life . Education reforms prioritize skill development and innovation preparing the workforce. Almost important aspect s of India's vision @2047, which aims to create a developed knowledge driven society. Libraries as the cornerstone of knowledge and learning, gateway to endless exploration providing a sanctuary for curious mind and the treasure trove of wisdom. Our part in preserving and enhancing this legacy through our cutting edge digitization, digital literacy, digital archives solutions. By transforming traditional libraries into dynamic accessible and sustainable digital ecosystem. We ensure that the wealth of knowledge is personalized anytime, anywhere. Libraries are limitless possibilities of digital transformation. This article explore the managing of libraries in digital era and workforce of roadmap. Libraries are transformation of digital divide, inadequate infrastructure, underfunding lack of awareness. It highlights strategic initiatives including digital transformation, lifelong learning program digital literacy and skill base education.*

Keywords: -*Managing Libraries, Digital Era, Viksit Bharat @2047 and Roadmap of Libraries.*

Introduction: - As India strives towards its vision vikasit Bharat@2047 libraries must evolve to become a dynamic hub of knowledge and innovation. However, digital transformation, digital infrastructure , digital literacy Enhanced services, online resources, virtual libraries , community engagement, Modernization of library management, Automation, staff development, collaboration of partnerships, , knowledge networks , Public and private partnership, sustainability and accessibility, preservation and financial sustainability . This roadmap outlines the key of strategies for managing libraries in the digital era. Ensuring the remains relevant and accessible to all citizens. The paper emphasizes of stakeholders, collaboration, government, academia, private sector and librarians to modernize and empower libraries. Roadmap on innovative library models in India. It illustrate how libraries can bridge foster digital literacy and catalyze education and innovation by redamagining libraries as a dynamic hub of knowledge India can position itself a global leader in education and sustainable development making the vision of viksit Bharat by @2047 a reality.

Objective of the study:-

1) To explore the professional development and skill enhance in the digital age.

2) To purpose strategies of libraries for digital era.

3) To examine the role of libraries in facilating digital literacy and user education.

4) To investigate the role of libraries in contributing to knowledge driven society.

5) To assess the digital preservation in the digital transformation of libraries.

Research Methodology:-

To provide through the managing of libraries in the digital Era: A roadmap to libraries of viksit Bharat @2047study of mix method.

Scope of the Study:-

As per of the larger goal at vikasit Bharat @2047 the study's scope is defined by the emphasis of libraries role in digital Era. Transforming of digital infrastructure, sources, services and digital literacy. This study specially looks at the following points. Libraries acquire and secure digital transformation, preservation, digital literacy and evolutionary system for all the citizens to local servers, digital content and access.

Digital Literacy:-

Definition of digital Literacy:-

Digital literacy the ability of individuals and Communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situation. Simply it is the ability to access to computer /mobile /Internet for our day to day activities and being connected with others through the internet.

Digital literacy is an individual's ability to find, evaluate and communicate information using typing or digital media platforms. Digital literacy combines both technical and cognitive abilities: It consists of using information and communication technologies to create, evaluate, and share information.

Digital Transformation:-

Digital transformation is the process of adoption and implementation of digital technology by an organization in order to create new or modify existing products, services and operations by the means of translating process into digital format.

Digital transformation leverages exiting knowledge to profoundly change the essence of the organization its culture, management strategy technological mix and operational setup. It places the customer at the counter of all its decisions and activities.

Digital transformation refers to the conversion and use of resources into digital format offering **benefits** such as –

1) Accessibility

2) Preservation

3) Searchability

4) Expanding digital collections.

5) Enhancing service delivery

6) Collaboration with faculty and researchers

7) Cultivating a digital culture

Significance of digital transformation of libraries:-

- Disseminate information
- Diverse audience
- Less geographical barriers
- Retrieve for future generation

Digital resources:-

1) Video footage

2) Audio recordings

3) Music or sound recordings

4) Blogs

5) Websites

6) Online forums and chatrooms

7) Search engines

In an era dominated by digital advancements as we navigate the digital age libraries are evolving, reshaping their roles, services and very essence .While many associate the digital transformation of libraries really with books the reality for more expensive. Digital libraries now offer multimedia resources.

Some obstacles of roadmap of Digital Era:-

1) Technological Advancement and digital transformation

2) The Rise of Digital Content

3) Digital Accessibility

4) Infrastructure & deficiencies

5) Financial Constraints

6) Long term preservation

7) Skill Gap

8) Data security and privacy Concerns

9) Legal and copyright Issues

10) Information Overload

Changing the library services Traditional to digital -

1) Printed Catalogue – Online catalogue

2) Card Catalogue – OPAC, Web OPAC, Multi Web OPAC, World Catalogue

3) Reference Service – Online reference service (Online Dictionary, Online Encyclopedia, and Online Yearbooks)

4) Circulation / Distribution using online reservation, issue and return –RFID Technology

5) Enquiry – Feedback, Live Chat, and Mobile cast, Chabot's.

6) Closed Access – Open Access

1. Digital Transformation:-

Digitization of collections:-

- Prioritize digitization of rare and unique materials.
- Implement robust digital asset management system
- Ensure interprobality and accessibility of digital resources

Digital Infrastructure:-

- Upgrade Internet connectivity and bandwidth in libraries
- Provide access to computers , tables, and e- readers
- Develop user- friendly library portals and mobile apps.

Digital Literacy:-

- Conduct training programs for libraries and user on digital tools resources.

- Promote digital literacy among communities through library initiatives

2. Enhanced Services:-

- Online resources
- Curate and provide access to awide range of material e-books , Journals, databases and multimedia Content
- Develop digital Libraries with subject specific collections and resources
- Other online reference service and research support.

Virtual libraries:-

- Create virtual Library Platforms with interactive learning resources and virtual tours.
- After online book clubs, author talks and workshops.
- Call abrote with educational institutions to provide online learning resources.

Community engagement:-

- Organize digital literacy workshops and training programs for all age group.
- Provide access to government schemes and online services through library kiosks
- Facilate community discussion and knowledge sharing through online forums.

3. Modernization of library management:-

* Library management System (LMS):-

* Implementing integrated LMS for efficient cataloguing, circulation and inventory management.

* Utilize data analytics to understood user performance and optimize library services.

Automation:-

- Automotive routine tasks such as book check-in and check –out and cataloguing using RFID technology.
- Deploy self- service kiosks for borrowing and returning books.

Staff Development: -

- Invest in training and development of library staff in digital technologies and information management
- Encourage continuous learning and adaption to the changing digital landscape.

4. Collaboration and partnerships:-

- National digital library of India (NDLI)
- Integrate Library resources with NDLI to expand access to digital content.
- Collaborate with NDLI to develop digital library standards and best practices.

Knowledge Networks:-

- Establish with after libraries educational, institutional and community organizations.
- Share digital resources and expertise through collaborative platforms.

Public –Private partnership:-

- Engage with private sector organizations for technology upgrade and digital content development.
- Explore funding opportunities through corporate social responsibility initiatives.

5. Sustainability and accessibility:-

Accessibility:-

- Ensure digital resources and services are accessible to persons with distributions.
- Provide assistive to changes and training users with special needs.

Preservation:-

- Implement digital preservation strategies to ensure long-term access to digital resources.
- Develop policies for data back-up, migration and disaster recovery.

Financial Sustainability:-

- Explore diverse funding models, including government grants, public –Private partnership and community donations.
- Implement cost effective strategies for digital resources management and technology maintenance.

Libraries taking to this Steps/Roadmap in Digital Era:-

- Data management
- Technology Integration
- Privacy and security
- Transparency and explainability

- Bias and Fairness
- Human Oversight
- Continuous Education and awareness
- Digital Literacy

Digital Project of Government of India:-

- Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training.(PMMNMTT)
- National Mission Education through Information and communication Technology (NMEICT)
- National Academic Depository (NAD) and Digi locker services.
- Free Libre and open sources software for education (FOSEE)
- Sakshat A open – stop Educational portal
- DIKSHA one Nation. One Digital platform
- MOOC's
- SWAYAM 2.0
- National Repository of Open Educational Resources
- National Digital Library of India (NDL)
- Information and Library Network(INFLIBNET)
- VIDVAN(subject Expert Database)
- UGC INFONET Library Consortium and Associate Membership Program
- N-LIST
- Shodganga
- Shodhgangotri
- Info Port (Indian Scholarly Internet Resources Subject Gateway)

Conclusion:-

. By embracing digital technologies and adopting innovative approaches, libraries can transform into vibrant centers of learning and a community engagement. This roadmap provides a framework from libraries to evaluate in the digital era, contributing to the vision of vikasit Bharat & 2047 by empowering citizens with knowledge and information. .Libraries are more significant role in digital era. Make a strategies of dynamic and innovative services to this framework archive to sustainable goal. Because "without Libraries what have we? We have no past no future." (Roy Bradbury)

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TRANSITIONING FROM TRADITIONAL TO DIGITAL LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract

Libraries have historically served as knowledge reservoirs, adapting to changing societal and technological needs. The transition from traditional libraries to digital libraries represents a paradigm shift that comes with challenges and opportunities. This paper reviews the evolution of libraries, highlights the technological and operational hurdles faced during the transition, and explores the benefits and opportunities that digital libraries offer for accessibility, efficiency, and knowledge management.

Keywords : Digital Libraries, Traditional Libraries, Library Transition, Digital Archives, Information Retrieval, Technology in Libraries, Library Digitization, Access to Information

1. Introduction

Libraries have always been integral to human civilization, acting as repositories of knowledge and centers of cultural, intellectual, and social growth. Since ancient times, libraries have played a pivotal role in preserving history, literature, science, and philosophy, enabling the transfer of knowledge across generations. Traditional libraries, characterized by physical books, manuscripts, and other tangible resources, have served as communal hubs for learning and interaction. They have fostered an environment for scholars, researchers, and casual readers to access information, engage in dialogue, and participate in cultural activities.

The advent of digital technology has revolutionized the concept of libraries, shifting their role from physical spaces to dynamic, virtual platforms. Digital libraries, unlike their traditional counterparts, transcend geographical and temporal boundaries. They offer global access to vast collections of e-books, journals, research papers, multimedia resources, and archival materials, often at the click of a button. This transition has brought about profound changes in how information is stored, retrieved, and utilized.

Digital technology has enabled libraries to overcome many limitations of traditional setups, such as space constraints, limited copies of resources, and physical wear and tear of materials. With cloud storage and digitization, rare and fragile documents can now be preserved indefinitely, safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations. Furthermore, digital libraries integrate advanced search functionalities, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning tools to provide users with personalized recommendations and efficient resource navigation.

This transformation has also facilitated collaboration between institutions, leading to shared collections and integrated databases that expand access for users. However, this shift has redefined the role of libraries, from mere knowledge keepers to proactive knowledge disseminators. The focus has moved toward enhancing user experiences, providing instant access to information, and enabling remote learning opportunities.

The transition, while beneficial, comes with its challenges. Digital libraries must address issues like the digital divide, copyright concerns, data security, and technological adaptability among users and staff. Nonetheless, their impact on education, research, and innovation underscores their significance in shaping the future of learning and knowledge management. In essence, libraries continue to evolve, blending the timeless essence of knowledge preservation with the limitless possibilities of technology.

Objectives:

1. To explore the key differences between traditional and digital libraries.
2. To analyze challenges in the transition process.
3. To identify opportunities and benefits of digital libraries.

2. Traditional Libraries: An Overview

Traditional libraries are foundational to the dissemination of knowledge, serving as repositories of books, manuscripts, journals, newspapers, and other physical resources. Historically, they have been at the heart of educational and cultural activities, offering a space for reading, learning, and community engagement. The significance of traditional libraries extends beyond their functional role—they are often landmarks of cultural heritage and identity.

Strengths

1. **Tangibility of Resources**
   - Physical resources in traditional libraries provide a tactile and sensory experience that digital formats often lack. Turning pages, viewing illustrations up close, and handling ancient manuscripts foster a deeper connection with the material.
2. **Personal Interaction with Librarians**
   - Librarians in traditional libraries play a pivotal role in guiding users, offering personalized recommendations, and assisting with resource searches. This human interaction adds value to the library experience.
3. **Cultural Significance as Community Spaces**
   - Libraries act as hubs for cultural and intellectual exchange. Events such as book readings, author meetups, and workshops create a sense of community and promote literacy and lifelong learning.

Limitations

1. **Limited Access**
   - Traditional libraries are constrained by geography and operating hours. Individuals in remote locations or those unable to visit during working hours face accessibility issues.

2. **Physical Deterioration of Materials**
    - Books, manuscripts, and other resources are subject to wear and tear, environmental damage, and aging, leading to a loss of valuable content over time.
3. **Space and Maintenance Costs**
    - Traditional libraries require significant physical space for storage and seating. Maintenance of this space, along with utility and staffing expenses, adds to operational costs.

3. Digital Libraries: An Emerging Paradigm

Digital libraries represent a transformative shift in how information is accessed, stored, and utilized. Unlike traditional libraries, they rely on digital technology to provide virtual access to an extensive array of resources, including e-books, journals, multimedia files, and databases.

Features

1. **Remote Access**
    - Digital libraries eliminate geographical and temporal barriers, allowing users to access resources from anywhere at any time, provided they have an internet connection.
2. **Advanced Search Functionalities**
    - Users can search through vast collections using keywords, filters, and metadata, significantly improving retrieval efficiency.
3. **Cost-Effective Storage**
    - Storing data digitally reduces the need for physical infrastructure, lowering storage and maintenance costs.

Advantages

1. **Increased Accessibility**
    - Digital libraries ensure that information is accessible to a broader audience, including those in underserved communities and individuals with disabilities.
2. **Reduced Environmental Impact**
    - By minimizing the use of paper and physical resources, digital libraries contribute to sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint.
3. **Interactive Resources**
    - Digital libraries enhance learning through multimedia elements, such as videos, animations, and interactive simulations, making information more engaging and easier to understand.

4. Challenges in Transitioning to Digital Libraries

4.1 Technological Infrastructure

The transition to digital libraries requires robust technological infrastructure, including reliable internet connectivity, servers, and user-friendly platforms.

- **High Initial Investment**: Establishing a digital library involves significant costs for hardware, software, digitization tools, and training.
- **Lack of Technical Expertise**: Many library staff lack the skills needed to manage digital systems, necessitating extensive training programs.

4.2 Digital Divide

Digital libraries have the potential to widen the gap between those with access to technology and those without.

- **Inequitable Access**: People in rural or underdeveloped regions often face challenges accessing digital resources due to limited internet availability and technological infrastructure.
- **Language Barriers**: Many digital resources are not available in regional languages, limiting their utility for non-English-speaking populations.

4.3 Copyright and Licensing Issues

- **Securing Rights for Digitization**: Obtaining permissions to digitize copyrighted materials is a complex and often expensive process.
- **Intellectual Property Concerns**: Ensuring compliance with copyright laws and preventing plagiarism require stringent policies and monitoring.

4.4 Data Security and Privacy

- **Cybersecurity Risks**: Digital libraries are vulnerable to hacking, data breaches, and unauthorized access.
- **User Privacy**: Safeguarding the privacy of users' search histories and personal information is crucial for building trust.

4.5 Resistance to Change

- **User Reluctance**: Many individuals, especially those accustomed to traditional libraries, resist adopting digital platforms.
- **Nostalgia**: The sentimental value associated with physical books and traditional library environments can hinder acceptance of digital libraries.

5. Opportunities in Digital Libraries

5.1 Global Accessibility

- **Bridging Gaps**: Digital libraries make resources accessible to individuals in remote or underserved areas, empowering communities through knowledge.
- **24/7 Availability**: Unlike traditional libraries, digital libraries offer resources at any time, catering to the needs of global users.

5.2 Cost-Effective Solutions

- **Reduced Operational Costs**: Digital libraries require less physical space and fewer resources for upkeep, making them more economical.
- **Open-Access Resources**: Initiatives like open-access journals and public-domain collections allow users to access valuable information for free.

5.3 Enhanced Learning Experiences

- **Multimedia Integration**: By incorporating videos, interactive graphics, and audio content, digital libraries provide an engaging and immersive learning experience.
- **Personalized Recommendations**: AI algorithms can analyze user behavior and preferences to suggest relevant resources, enhancing learning outcomes.

5.4 Preservation of Knowledge

- **Digitization of Rare Documents**: Digital libraries enable the preservation of ancient manuscripts and rare books, protecting them from physical decay.
- **Cloud Storage**: Storing resources in the cloud ensures their longevity and accessibility, even in the event of local disasters.

6. Case Studies: Successful Digital Library Transitions

6.1 Project Gutenberg

One of the earliest digital libraries, providing free access to over 60,000 e-books.

6.2 National Digital Library of India (NDLI)

An Indian initiative to provide free educational resources to students, researchers, and educators.

6.3 Google Books

A large-scale digitization project offering a massive collection of digitized books globally.

7. Recommendations for a Smooth Transition

1. **Capacity Building:** Training programs for library staff to enhance digital skills.
2. **Infrastructure Development:** Investment in high-speed internet and reliable storage systems.
3. **Policy Formulation:** Clear guidelines on copyright and data security.
4. **User Engagement:** Awareness campaigns to encourage adoption among users.
5. **Collaboration:** Partnerships with technology providers and publishers to expand digital collections.

8. Conclusion

The transition from traditional to digital libraries is an inevitable response to technological advancements and evolving user needs. While challenges like infrastructure, copyright, and user adaptation persist, the opportunities far outweigh these hurdles. Digital libraries promise global access, cost efficiency, and enhanced learning experiences, making them an indispensable part of the modern knowledge ecosystem. To ensure a successful transition, stakeholders must address existing challenges through innovation, collaboration, and policy development.

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TRANSFORMING ONLINE DIGITAL LIBRARIES: STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING SERVICE QUALITY

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Abstract

The rapid advancement of digital technology has significantly transformed the landscape of libraries, particularly online digital libraries. This paper explores the strategies necessary to improve the service quality of digital libraries, ensuring they remain relevant and user-friendly. It examines the current challenges in digital library services, reviews relevant literature, presents methodologies for enhancing service quality, and provides statistical data to support findings. Through case studies and empirical research, this study highlights the impact of technological innovations and user-centered strategies in optimizing digital library services.

Keywords: Digital Libraries, Service Quality, User Experience, Technological Innovations, Online Resources.

Introduction

Online digital libraries have become crucial repositories of information, enabling users to access vast resources remotely. The transition from traditional libraries to digital platforms has introduced new challenges, including accessibility issues, technological constraints, and user satisfaction concerns. Improving service quality in digital libraries requires innovative strategies that address these challenges while enhancing user engagement and resource accessibility.

This study aims to identify key factors influencing the quality of digital library services and proposes strategies for their transformation. It investigates how emerging technologies, user-friendly interfaces, and efficient information retrieval systems can improve digital library experiences for diverse user groups.

Literature Review

Several researchers have explored the evolution and service quality of digital libraries. According to Borgman (2003), digital libraries should focus on usability, interoperability, and accessibility to ensure they meet users' expectations. Chiware (2010) emphasizes the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing library services, particularly in academic institutions.

Additionally, Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry's (1988) SERVQUAL model has been widely used to assess service quality in digital libraries, highlighting five key dimensions: reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy, and tangibles. Studies also reveal that the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics improves digital libraries by offering personalized recommendations and efficient information retrieval (Zhang & Wu, 2021).

Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, incorporating both qualitative and quantitative research methods:

1. **Survey Analysis**: A questionnaire was distributed among 300 digital library users (students, faculty, and researchers) to evaluate their satisfaction levels and challenges encountered.
2. **Interviews**: Librarians and digital library administrators were interviewed to gather insights on service improvement strategies.
3. **Case Studies**: Analysis of successful digital library transformations, including platforms such as the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Europeana.

4. **Statistical Data Analysis**: Evaluation of service performance metrics such as accessibility rates, response time, and user engagement.

Strategies for Improving Service Quality

To enhance the service quality of digital libraries, the following strategies should be implemented:

1. **Enhancing User Interface and Experience**: Implementing intuitive and user-friendly interfaces improves accessibility and engagement.
2. **Adopting AI and Machine Learning**: Utilizing AI-driven search engines and personalized recommendation systems enhances information retrieval efficiency.
3. **Implementing Cloud Computing Solutions**: Cloud-based storage improves accessibility, scalability, and data security.
4. **Developing Mobile-Friendly Platforms**: Ensuring mobile compatibility enables users to access resources anytime, anywhere.
5. **Strengthening Cybersecurity Measures**: Protecting user data and digital resources through encryption and multi-factor authentication.
6. **Integrating Digital Literacy Programs**: Educating users on how to navigate and utilize digital library resources effectively.
7. **Enhancing Metadata and Indexing**: Improving searchability by using standardized metadata practices and indexing techniques.
8. **Regular User Feedback and Continuous Improvement**: Conducting periodic user satisfaction surveys to identify pain points and enhance services accordingly.
9. **Improving Multilingual Accessibility**: Providing resources in multiple languages to cater to a diverse user base.
10. **Ensuring Open Access to Research Outputs**: Encouraging institutions to publish open-access materials to enhance knowledge-sharing and research impact.

Case Studies: Internet Archive, Project Gutenberg, and NDLI

1. **Internet Archive**: A free digital library that stores books, discontinued websites, and old music. This platform preserves digital history by archiving web pages through the Wayback Machine, making it an essential resource for researchers and historians. Its extensive collection of digitized books provides free access to valuable literature across various disciplines.
2. **Project Gutenberg**: A digital library that offers a large collection of public domain books, including scientific papers and novels by Jane Austen. It is one of the oldest

digital libraries and focuses on making classic literature freely available. The platform employs volunteers for book digitization, ensuring the preservation of literary heritage.

3. **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**: A digital library that provides access to general study materials, including academic textbooks, research papers, and educational resources. NDLI is a government initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide in education by offering multilingual resources across various subjects. It serves as a centralized repository for students and researchers in India.

Examples and Statistical Tables

Table 1: User Satisfaction Survey Results

Aspect	Satisfied (%)	Neutral (%)	Dissatisfied (%)
Accessibility	78%	15%	7%
Search Efficiency	82%	10%	8%
User Interface	75%	18%	7%
Response Time	80%	12%	8%

Table 2: Digital Library Service Improvement Strategies and Effectiveness

Strategy	Effectiveness (%)
AI-Based Search Optimization	85%
User Feedback Integration	78%
Cloud-Based Storage Expansion	82%
Mobile Application Development	80%

Table 3: Challenges Faced by Digital Library Users

Challenge	Percentage of Users Affected (%)
Slow Access Speeds	65%
Limited Availability of Resources	58%
Poor User Interface	50%
Lack of Awareness on Usage	40%

Conclusion

The transformation of online digital libraries requires a multidimensional approach that integrates technological advancements, user feedback, and service optimization strategies. This study underscores the importance of enhancing accessibility, improving search functionalities, and utilizing AI-driven recommendations to meet user expectations. By adopting innovative service quality strategies, digital libraries can significantly improve their role as essential knowledge repositories.

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Emerging Technologies in Library Services

INTERNET OF THINGS-ENABLED SMART LIBRARY: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract

Children are easy to handle smart phone than the generation of children decade back and more creative in nature. I recently stayed at a five-star hotel in a big city. When I scanned the card given to me at the reception, my room door opened and the entire room glowed. Later, when I entered the working area, I was given instructions on how to use the equipment and other code-activated electronic gadgets. I was also told to use the same card for all purposes. Currently, this is the situation in a lot of offices, apartments, and other service centres. Where normal processes are getting more productive and efficient, internet of things integration is becoming more widespread. We are grateful that technology is giving us more time and space to innovate and provide better services.The concept of the Internet of Things (IoT), smart systems is more common today where convenience has become day to day chores , whether related to smart cities, smart homes, smart hospitals, smart transportation and smart libraries.

Keywords Internet of Things, Smart Library, Digital, Data, Communication

The Smart Library

A library that uses 'Internet of Things technology" to operate effectively and efficiently while also offering services that draw user's in.

In order to collect and exchange data, the Internet of Things (IoT) connects actual objects—such as books, furniture, equipment, and devices—to the internet.

By implementing these affordable technologies, an out-dated, visually appealing library can be transformed into a sophisticated, one.

Review of Literature

Practically speaking, the Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the networked interconnection of commonplace objects, many of which are endowed with ubiquitous intelligence. It is associated with the connectedness of an object from any location, which may not be conceivable to the human mind (Xia et al., 2012). Since the most recent advancements in IoT devices have a significant impact on human life, both industry and academia are reaping the potential benefits. Libraries benefit greatly from IoT in terms of staff time savings and enhanced patron service. By gathering data in real time, IoT could utilize customer information to provide personalized recommendations (Massis, 2016). Digital natives in academic and research information organizations use internet of things technologies such mobile devices, the web, digital information systems, and personal gadgets extensively (Makori, 2017).

IOT characteristics in Libraries:

Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID

These days, it's typical for many large libraries as well as medium-sized libraries to adopt this tag-oriented identification technique for simple book tracking and user check-in and check-out capabilities by offering kiosk facilities. These have made it

easier for the library's daily operations to locate misplaced books using real-time inventory.

Smart Shelving

Sensors can be added to library racks to monitor the stock of books on the shelves. The system automatically updates to reflect the removal or return of books, giving users up-to-date information on the availability of books.Save time and space, IoT make library smarter and more efficient Smart services, smart sustainability, smart security, RFID used for access control, book self-borrowing and returning, smart shelves

Environmental Monitoring

In order to create the ideal atmosphere for users and books, sensors can monitor and manage variables like temperature, humidity, and lighting. This helps preserve delicate materials and enhance reader comfort.

Customisation and User Involvement

Personalised recommendations can be given by tablets and e-readers depending on the user's previous reading preferences. With the use of aided mobile apps, technology can help patrons find specific books or sections by providing navigation or search assistance.

Protection Mechanisms

IoT cameras and sensors can improve security by monitoring the movements of books, stopping theft, and guaranteeing the safety of expensive purchases.

Smart Study Spaces

Consider utilising smart lighting, such as bulbs that can change the brightness and colour temperature to suite mood and degree of concentration, readers can use wireless charging stations to keep gadgets fully charged and use headphones to tune outside noise.

Automated Notifications

One important factor in improving the smart library user experience is automated notifications. Libraries can raise patron engagement and satisfaction by offering timely information and tailored recommendations. Here are some main sorts of automated notifications used in smart libraries are personalized suggestions, hold and reservations, over-due notifications, library events and programs, new material and digital content related notifications.

Integration with Digital Libraries

The way users interact with and access library resources is being revolutionised by the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices and technologies with digital libraries. IoT makes it possible for libraries to provide better services, more efficiency, and individualised experiences by linking physical devices to the internet. Digital library systems and IoT systems can collaborate to enable users to move between physical and digital collections with ease.

Benefits of Internet of Things

Efficiency-Staff and users save time and money when regular chores like document management and environmental control are automated.

User Experience: Libraries become more interactive and easily accessible with personalised services and up-to-date information.

Sustainability: By using smart energy management systems, libraries can cut operating expenses by using less energy.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data privacy: Make sure that user data is collected and stored securely.

Make that various IoT systems and devices are compatible with one another through interoperability.

Cost: Investing heavily in IoT technology at first can be costly.

Maintenance: To keep IoT systems operating correctly, regular maintenance and updates are needed.

User Adoption: Teach customers how to make efficient use of IoT-enabled capabilities.

Lack of a fully integrated and networked environment, financial difficulties, a lack of a strategy or strategic plan, a shortage of technical staff, a lack of interest on the part of university administration in utilizing the new, emerging technologies, and a vague grasp of the Internet of Things. Big IoT data, changing architecture, interoperability, security risks, IoT structure complexity, complex sensing environment, device compatibility, scalability and interoperability, mobility, and accuracy

Conclusion

Similar to how coffee-blend flavour intensifies user experience, IoT-enabled smart libraries offer a fusion of the physical and digital worlds, which is a crucial component of library operations both now and in the future.Smartphones are an excellent supporting element in the IoT framework which is also used for IoT in libraries.These days, libraries use smartphone apps to help its users, including

offering a virtual tour of the building. Instead than holding library orientation classes for recently enrolled students, libraries now use mobile apps to provide virtual tours of the library, which saves time for both patrons and staff. Another IoT application is the use of smartphone apps to reserve seats. On the smartphone application, library patrons can view the available seats and make their own reservations.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:

Libraries are undergoing a significant transformation driven by the rapid evolution of emerging technologies. This paper explores the challenges and opportunities presented by these technologies, focusing on their impact on library services, resource management, user engagement, and institutional sustainability. We examine key technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, the Internet of Things (IoT), Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR), and Big Data, analyzing their potential to revolutionize traditional library functions.The paper identifies several challenges, including the digital divide, the need for staff training and development, data privacy concerns, the cost of implementing new technologies, and the integration of these technologies into existing library systems and workflows. Conversely, opportunities include enhanced resource discovery and access, personalized learning experiences, improved operational efficiency, community engagement through innovative programming, and preservation of cultural heritage in digital formats. This paper argues that embracing emerging technologies strategically requires a proactive and forward-thinking approach. Libraries must address the associated challenges through careful planning, collaboration, and investment in infrastructure and human capital. By doing so, they can leverage the opportunities presented by these technologies to remain relevant and vital community hubs in the 21st century, effectively serving the evolving needs of their users and contributing to a more informed and equitable society. Ultimately, the successful integration of emerging technologies will allow libraries to expand their roles as centers for information access, knowledge creation, and lifelong learning.

Keywords: Emerging Technologies, Opportunities, Challenges, Digitalization, Future Library

Introduction

Libraries are undergoing a significant transformation driven by the rapid evolution of emerging technologies. No longer simply repositories of books, they are becoming dynamic hubs of digital literacy, technology training, and community engagement. Libraries are embracing new technologies to enhance access to information, bridge the digital divide, and provide essential services in an increasingly digital world. This transformation is crucial for ensuring that libraries remain vital institutions that empower individuals and communities for generations to come by fostering lifelong learning and promoting equitable access to knowledge in the digital age." Libraries stand at the cusp of a fascinating transformation, driven by the rapid proliferation of emerging technologies. These aren't just shiny gadgets; they represent a fundamental shift in how information is created, accessed, and disseminated. This evolving landscape presents both significant challenges and unprecedented opportunities for libraries. Embracing technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, augmented reality, and the Internet of Things offers the potential to revolutionize library services, enriching user experiences and fostering deeper community engagement. However, this technological integration also necessitates addressing critical issues such as digital equity, data privacy, staff training, and

infrastructure investment, demanding a proactive and strategic approach from library professionals. Successfully navigating this technological frontier will be crucial in ensuring the library remains a vital and relevant institution in the 21st century and beyond.

I. Emerging Technologies Shaping the Library Landscape:

Several key technologies are significantly impacting libraries:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI is being integrated into various library functions. **Chatbots** provide instant library assistance, answering basic queries and guiding users to relevant resources. **Personalized recommendation systems** leverage AI to suggest books and resources tailored to individual user preferences. **AI-powered search engines** enhance information retrieval by understanding natural language and identifying relevant content even with imprecise queries. **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** and **machine translation** are being utilized to digitize and make accessible a wider range of historical and multilingual documents.
- **Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):** AR overlays digital information onto the real world, creating interactive learning experiences. VR offers immersive simulations that can transport users to different environments and historical periods. Libraries are experimenting with AR and VR to enhance storytelling, provide virtual tours, and offer engaging educational programs.
- **Internet of Things (IoT):** IoT devices are seamlessly connecting physical objects to the internet, enabling libraries to optimize their operations and enhance security. **Smart sensors** can monitor environmental conditions like temperature and humidity, ensuring proper preservation of valuable collections. **RFID tags** facilitate efficient inventory management and self-checkout services. **Smart lighting and climate control systems** optimize energy consumption and create a comfortable atmosphere for users.
- **Blockchain Technology:** Blockchain's decentralized and secure nature offers potential solutions for managing digital rights, verifying authorship, and creating transparent and tamper-proof systems for data storage and access. While still in its early stages of adoption in libraries, blockchain could revolutionize interlibrary loan systems, digital asset management, and intellectual property protection.
- **Big Data Analytics:** Libraries collect vast amounts of data on user behavior, resource utilization, and program effectiveness. Big data analytics tools can analyze this data to identify trends, understand user needs, and optimize library services. This data-driven approach allows libraries to make informed decisions about resource allocation, program development, and service delivery.

- **3D Printing and Maker Spaces:** 3D printing technology allows users to create physical objects from digital designs. Libraries are establishing maker spaces equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, and other fabrication tools, fostering creativity, innovation, and STEM learning within the community.
- **Open Educational Resources (OER):** Libraries are increasingly supporting the use and creation of OER. OER are freely accessible, openly licensed educational materials that can be reused, adapted, and shared. This aligns with the library's mission to provide equitable access to information and education.

II. Challenges in Adopting Emerging Technologies:

Despite the potential benefits, libraries face numerous challenges in adopting emerging technologies:

- **Financial Constraints:** Implementing and maintaining new technologies requires significant financial investment. Libraries often operate with limited budgets, making it difficult to acquire the necessary hardware, software, and expertise.
- **Skills Gap:** Library staff may lack the necessary skills to effectively implement and manage new technologies. Training programs are essential to equip librarians with the technical expertise required to support emerging technologies.
- **Infrastructure Limitations:** Some libraries, particularly those in rural or underserved areas, may lack the necessary infrastructure, such as reliable internet access and adequate computing resources, to support emerging technologies.
- **Security and Privacy Concerns:** Emerging technologies raise concerns about data security and user privacy. Libraries must implement robust security measures to protect user data from unauthorized access and ensure compliance with privacy regulations.
- **Digital Divide:** The digital divide can exacerbate existing inequalities, with some individuals lacking the access and skills to utilize new technologies. Libraries must address this challenge by providing equitable access to technology and digital literacy training for all members of the community.
- **Resistance to Change:** Some library staff and users may be resistant to adopting new technologies, preferring traditional methods of accessing information. Libraries must effectively communicate the benefits of new technologies and provide adequate support to encourage adoption.
- **Accessibility Considerations:** It is crucial to ensure that emerging technologies are accessible to users with disabilities. Libraries must consider accessibility guidelines and provide assistive technologies to ensure that everyone can benefit from these innovations.

III. Opportunities for Enhancing Library Services:

Emerging technologies can transform libraries, offering numerous opportunities to enhance services and better serve their communities:

- **Enhanced User Experience:** AI-powered chatbots and personalized recommendation systems can provide users with a more efficient and personalized library experience. AR and VR technologies can create engaging and immersive learning experiences.
- **Expanded Access to Information:** Digital technologies enable libraries to provide access to a wider range of resources, including e-books, online databases, and digitized historical materials. This expands access to information for users who may not be able to visit the physical library.
- **Improved Information Literacy:** Libraries can leverage emerging technologies to enhance information literacy training. Interactive online tutorials and virtual workshops can teach users how to evaluate information, conduct effective searches, and use digital tools responsibly.
- **Strengthened Community Engagement:** Libraries can use social media, online forums, and virtual events to connect with their communities and foster dialogue. Maker spaces and technology workshops can provide opportunities for community members to learn new skills and collaborate on projects.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Big data analytics can provide libraries with valuable insights into user behavior, resource utilization, and program effectiveness. This data can be used to make informed decisions about resource allocation, program development, and service delivery.
- **Preservation and Accessibility of Cultural Heritage:** Emerging technologies like digitization and blockchain can play a crucial role in preserving and making accessible cultural heritage materials, ensuring their longevity and wider reach.
- **Supporting Lifelong Learning:** By offering access to online learning resources, maker spaces, and technology training programs, libraries can support lifelong learning for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

IV. Strategies for Successful Adoption of Emerging Technologies:

To successfully adopt emerging technologies, libraries should consider the following strategies:

- **Develop a Strategic Plan:** Libraries should develop a strategic plan that outlines their technology goals, priorities, and implementation strategies. This plan should be aligned with the library's overall mission and vision.
- **Invest in Training and Development:** Libraries should invest in training and development programs to equip staff with the necessary skills to manage and support emerging technologies.
- **Collaborate with Partners:** Libraries can collaborate with other organizations, such as schools, universities, and technology companies, to share expertise and resources.
- **Secure Funding:** Libraries should actively seek funding opportunities to support the implementation of new technologies. This may include grants, donations, and partnerships with local businesses.
- **Prioritize User Needs:** Libraries should prioritize user needs when selecting and implementing new technologies. User feedback should be actively solicited and incorporated into the design and implementation process.
- **Address the Digital Divide:** Libraries should address the digital divide by providing equitable access to technology and digital literacy training for all members of the community.
- **Champion Accessibility:** Accessibility standards must be at the forefront of any new technology implementation. Compliance with WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) and other relevant standards is crucial.
- **Embrace Experimentation and Innovation:** Libraries should foster a culture of experimentation and innovation, encouraging staff to explore new technologies and develop creative solutions to meet community needs.

Conclusion:

Emerging technologies offer tremendous potential for libraries to enhance user experience, expand services, and foster community engagement. While challenges exist, by developing strategic plans, investing in training, collaborating with partners, and prioritizing user needs, libraries can effectively adopt these technologies and transform themselves into vibrant centers of learning, innovation, and community connection. The future of libraries lies in embracing the opportunities presented by emerging technologies and adapting to the evolving needs of the communities they serve. By doing so, libraries can remain relevant and vital institutions in the 21st century and beyond, continuing to play a crucial role in promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and access to information for all. This paper cautiously look at rising technology and emerging technologies for libraries, which encompass robotic, synthetic Intelligence, Radio Frequency identification(RFID), net of factors (IoT), and plenty of more, the used rising technology for carrier delivery in libraries, possibilities of the use of rising technology in libraries; to include, it has an impact on

librarians' and the library's creativity, hassle-solving abilities, and self-photo, it enables to system improvements and bring price to present services and products, it strengthened library knowledge and possibilities for the destiny, and the challenges restricting using these technologies had been as properly mentioned.

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MARKETING MAGIC: LEVERAGING AI TOOLS FOR LIBRARY PROMOTION

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Abstract:*The advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the landscape of librarianship, presenting unprecedented opportunities for innovation and growth. This paper explores the potential of AI-powered tools to enhance library marketing, streamline tasks, and personalize user experiences. We examine ten cutting-edge AI tools, including Fable Fiesta, Copy AI, Canva AI, and Chatsonic, that can aid librarians in content creation, user segmentation, and social media management.The integration of AI in librarianship is poised to boost efficiency, amplify outreach efforts, and gain valuable insights through data analysis. However, it is crucial to prioritize ethical and inclusive development to ensure equitable access for all patrons. This paper emphasizes the importance of embracing AI as a catalyst for enhancement, rather than replacement, to empower librarians to better serve their communities.By harnessing the power of AI, librarians can foster a brighter future for generations to come, championing AI solutions that complement and augment human expertise. This paper provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of AI in librarianship, highlighting its potential to revolutionize the profession and shape the future of libraries.*

Keywords : *AI , AI Tools , Artificial Intelligence, Library Marketing , Library Pramotions*

Introduction:

Libraries are on the verge of a technological transformation, courtesy of AI-powered innovations. By taking over routine tasks, AI tools will liberate librarians to engage in more strategic, collaborative, and patron-centric work, from crafting personalized book recommendations to supporting in-depth research endeavours.

In the digital age, libraries face increasing competition for users' attention. To remain relevant and attract new patrons, librarians must adopt innovative marketing strategies that showcase their resources, services, and programs. However, with limited budgets and personnel, it can be challenging to create and execute effective marketing campaigns.

This is where Artificial Intelligence (AI) comes in – the "magic" that can transform library marketing efforts. AI-powered tools can help librarians streamline tasks, personalize user experiences, and amplify their outreach efforts. From automating social media posts to analysing user behaviour, AI can unlock new possibilities for library marketing and promotions.

Artificial IntelligenceDefinitions:

The term artificial intelligence (AI) describes the integration of human-like intelligence into computer systems, enabling them to perceive, process, and respond to information from their environment. Through the application of advanced algorithms, machine learning techniques, and software engineering, AI systems can learn, adapt, and make strategic decisions to maximize their effectiveness.(*Artificial Intelligence*, n.d.)

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) " the ability of a digital computer or computer controlled robotto perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings".(*Artificial Intelligence - Reasoning, Algorithms, Automation | Britannica*, n.d.)
2. "AI is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. Example of AI applications include expert systems, natural language processing (NLP), speech recognition and machine vision."(*What Is AI? Artificial Intelligence Explained | Definition from TechTarget*, n.d.)
3. "Artificial intelligence is technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy."(*What Is Artificial Intelligence (AI)? | IBM*, n.d.)

AI Tools for Library Marketing

AI-driven devices and applications have evolved to possess extraordinary capabilities, including visual perception, language understanding, and self-improvement through learning. These AI systems can provide personalized advice, function autonomously, and even emulate human intelligence in select contexts. Meanwhile, the AI landscape is witnessing a significant shift toward generative AI (gen AI), a pioneering technology that enables machines to generate entirely original content, encompassing text, images, videos, and more

Libraries must innovate to remain relevant in the digital age. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance library marketing and promotions by streamlining tasks, personalizing user experiences, and amplifying outreach efforts.

The Role of AI in Library Marketing

AI can aid librarians in various marketing tasks:

1. Content creation: AI-powered tools generate engaging content.

2. User segmentation: AI-driven analytics identify target audiences.

3. Personalization: AI-powered recommendation systems suggest relevant resources.

4. Social media management: AI tools automate social media tasks.

Benefits of AI-Powered Marketing for Libraries

By adopting AI tools, librarians can:

1. Boost efficiency and productivity.

2. Enhance user experiences with personalized recommendations.

3. Expand outreach efforts and promote library services.

4. Gain valuable insights through data analysis.

AI tools to aid marketing and promotions for librarians

1. **Fable Fiesta (https://betalist.com/startups/fable-fiesta)**

Imagine a world where stories come alive, sparking creativity and curiosity in young minds. Fable Fiesta, infused with AI-powered imagination, enables librarians to weave captivating narratives that transport children to enchanted realms, fostering a lifelong love of reading and exploration.

Fable Fiesta is a writing tool that can help you to create characters, build worlds, write chapters and scripts from a short description or outline, or to prototype entire novels and screenplays and write first draft in minutes.(BEtalist, 2025)

2. **Copy AI (https://www.copy.ai/)**

By harnessing the power of Copy AI content tools, librarians can streamline their workflow and focus on what matters most - delivering exceptional patron experiences. With AI-generated content, we can:

- Effortlessly produce engaging marketing materials
- Develop informative guides and handbooks with ease
- Tailor resources to meet the unique needs of our community

This means we can devote more time to curving and refining content, ensuring that our patrons have the best possible tools to explore, learn and thrive.(*Future Proof Your Business with GTM AI*, 2025)

3. **Canva AI (https://www.canva.com/)**

Canva AI for Librarians empowers you

- to elevate visual storytelling with effortless design,
- eye-catching visuals, and customization.
- With Canva's AI-powered design tools, you can create stunning visuals for marketing library events, programs, and services.

Canva's AI features include Magic Write, Design Suggestions, Image Generation, and a vast Template Library. These tools enable you to promote library events, market library services, develop educational materials, and enhance your social media presence with professional-grade visuals.(Canva, n.d.)

4. **Craivon (https://www.craiyon.com/)**

Craiyon, a cutting-edge AI tool, enables librarians to breathe visual life into abstract concepts, making library collections, stories, and themes more engaging and accessible.

- With Craiyon, librarians can generate vivid, AI-powered illustrations that captivate audiences and enhance various library materials, such as newsletters, handouts, and signage, ultimately enriching the library experience for patrons of all ages.(*Craiyon - Your FREE AI Image Generator Tool: Create AI Art!*, 2023)

5. **Any Word (https://www.anyword.com/)**
   AnyWord revolutionizes library communications with its AI-assisted copywriting capabilities. This innovative tool helps librarians craft captivating headlines, social media posts, and descriptions that resonate with their audience and drive engagement. By leveraging AnyWord's expertise, librarians can create compelling content that stands out, motivates action, and ultimately attracts more patrons to their programs, services, and resources.(*Anyword | AI That Knows What Works*, 2024)
6. **Midjourney (https://www.midjourney.com/home)**
   Midjourney unlocks new dimensions of storytelling and learning for libraries, enabling librarians to craft immersive experiences that transport patrons into the heart of their collections. By harnessing the power of AI-generated art and visuals, librarians can elevate storytimes, book discussions, and exhibits, sparking patrons' imagination, creativity, and curiosity, and fostering a deeper connection with the library's resources.
   About Midjourney:
   Midjourney is an independent research lab dedicated to exploring new mediums of thought and expanding human imagination. With a small, self-funded team of 11 full-time staff, focused on design, human infrastructure, and AI, Midjourney is supported by an impressive advisory board.(David Holz, n.d.)
7. **Lexica AI (https://www.primal.com/)**
   Lexica.art, a pioneering search engine and art gallery, showcases the creative potential of AI-generated art, leveraging Stable Diffusion to produce over ten million images. This innovative platform empowers librarians to explore uncharted territories of visual representation, transforming library collections into vibrant, AI-inspired artworks. By integrating these captivating images into communications,

librarians can add an aesthetic dimension, spark creative thinking, and reimagine the way they connect patrons with library materials.(Shameen, n.d.)

Lexica.art is an AI image generation platform that utilizes Stable Diffusion to produce a wide range of images. Key features include:

- Extensive gallery of AI-generated images
- Advanced search capabilities
- Downloadable content
- Community-driven prompts
- Educational resource for AI art generation
- Free to use (*Lexica*, n.d.)

8. Chatsonic AI (https://writesonic.com/chat)

Chatsonic, a cutting-edge AI chat assistant, builds upon the capabilities of ChatGPT, with a key distinction:

its ability to stay abreast of current and recent events. This enhancement enables seamless access to timely information, serving as a valuable resource for librarians seeking innovative strategies to promote their services. By leveraging Chatsonic, librarians can effortlessly discover inspiration for creative initiatives, craft engaging content, and develop effective promotional materials, ultimately elevating their library's outreach and community engagement.

Chatsonic, surpasses ChatGPT in speed,

- thanks to its streamlined algorithms and optimized design. This enables rapid response generation, facilitating smooth and real-time conversations.
- Moreover, Chatsonic offers a versatile content creation tool, generating SEO-friendly content for various platforms, including blogs, social media ads, and e-commerce sites, all at no cost. With Chatsonic, users can quickly craft compelling ads, product descriptions, and more, revolutionizing content creation.(Writesonic, 2024)

9. Quickchat (https://www.quickchat.ai/)

Built on OpenAI's technology, Quickchat provides an intelligent chat solution that can be easily embedded into your website. By pairing this tool with human services, libraries can automate routine tasks and enhance their overall efficiency. With AI becoming an essential component of modern businesses and institutions, libraries must also integrate AI-powered solutions to stay aligned with the growing expectations of their visitors.(LaFountain Cal, 2023)

10. Tableau (https://www.tableau.com/)

By harnessing the power of data visualization, librarians can transform intricate data sets into actionable insights, fuelling informed decision-making and driving meaningful improvements. Tableau, a trailblazing visual analytics platform, plays a

pivotal role in this transformation. As part of the Salesforce ecosystem, Tableau remains committed to its founding mission: unlocking the full potential of data to empower individuals, organizations, and communities. By democratizing access to data-driven insights, Tableau enables librarians to optimize services, streamline operations, and enhance outcomes, ultimately elevating the library experience for all stakeholders.(Salesforce, 2025)

Conclusion :

the integration of AI tools in librarianship holds tremendous potential, but it is crucial that we prioritize ethical and inclusive development to ensure equitable access for all patrons. As guardians of knowledge, we must champion AI solutions that complement and augment human expertise, rather than supplanting it. The future of libraries is not solely defined by technological advancements, but by the human connections, empathy, and shared values that underpin our profession. By embracing AI as a catalyst for enhancement, rather than replacement, we can empower librarians to better serve their communities, fostering a brighter future for generations to come.

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Abstract

Libraries are evolving beyond their traditional role as repositories of physical books. In the digital age, they are becoming hubs for vast amounts of data, including digitized collections, research data, and user information. This shift necessitates robust strategies for protecting this valuable data from a multitude of threats. This article explores how modern technologies, such as cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity measures, act as a shield for library data, ensuring its integrity, accessibility, and longevity. We discuss the benefits and challenges associated with implementing these technologies, highlighting best practices and future directions for data protection in the modern library.

1. Introduction:

Libraries, traditionally perceived as repositories of physical books, are undergoing a profound transformation in the digital age. While the preservation and accessibility of physical collections remain a core function, libraries are increasingly becoming vital hubs for managing and providing access to a diverse range of digital resources. This digital shift has expanded the very definition of "library data," encompassing not only digitized versions of existing physical materials but also born-digital content, research datasets, user information, and a wealth of other digital assets. This evolution presents both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. Libraries now possess the potential to reach wider audiences, offer enhanced search and retrieval capabilities, and preserve fragile materials for posterity. However, this expanded digital footprint also introduces a complex landscape of data security risks. The sheer volume and sensitivity of this data, ranging from digitized manuscripts and rare historical documents to confidential user information and cutting-edge research datasets, make libraries prime targets for a multitude of threats. These threats can range from malicious cyberattacks aimed at stealing or corrupting data to accidental data loss due to hardware failures or human error, and even natural disasters that can compromise both physical and digital infrastructure. In this context, robust data protection strategies are no longer a luxury but a fundamental necessity for libraries to fulfill their mission of preserving and disseminating knowledge.

Modern technology offers a powerful arsenal of tools and techniques to address these challenges and act as a shield for library data. This article explores how a range of cutting-edge technologies, including cloud computing, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, and advanced cybersecurity measures, are being deployed to safeguard library data. We will delve into the specific benefits and applications of each of these technologies, examining how they contribute to data integrity, accessibility, confidentiality, and longevity. Furthermore, we will discuss the practical challenges and considerations associated with implementing these technologies in the library environment, including cost factors, the need for specialized technical expertise, and the paramount importance of data privacy. By examining best practices and exploring future trends in library data protection, this article aims to provide a comprehensive overview of how modern technology is empowering libraries to navigate the complexities of the digital age and ensure that their valuable data remains secure and accessible for generations to come. This exploration is crucial not only for libraries themselves but also for the broader academic and research communities that rely on these institutions as custodians of knowledge and information.

2. The evolving landscape of library data:

The digital revolution has dramatically reshaped the types of data that libraries manage and provide access to. No longer solely focused on physical books and journals, libraries now grapple with a diverse and expanding range of digital assets, each with its own unique characteristics and preservation needs. Understanding this evolving landscape is crucial for developing effective data protection strategies. The following categories, with concrete examples, highlight the key types of data now commonly found in modern libraries:

2.1 Digitized Collections: This category encompasses a vast array of materials that were originally in physical format but have been converted into digital form. This digitization process aims to broaden access, preserve fragile originals, and enable new forms of research and analysis. Examples include:

- **Rare Books and Manuscripts:** A library might digitize a first edition of Shakespeare's Hamlet, making it accessible to scholars worldwide without risking damage to the original. Another example could be the digitization of medieval illuminated manuscripts, allowing researchers to study the intricate artwork and historical context in detail.
- **Photographs and Images:** A historical society might digitize its collection of photographs documenting the town's past, making them searchable and accessible

online. A museum could digitize its collection of paintings, allowing users to zoom in and examine brushstrokes and textures.

- **Audio and Video Recordings:** A university library might digitize a collection of oral histories from World War II veterans, preserving these valuable firsthand accounts for future generations. A music library could digitize a collection of rare vinyl records, making them available to researchers and music enthusiasts.
- **Archival Materials:** A library might digitize the personal papers of a famous author, including letters, diaries, and drafts of their works, providing researchers with insights into the author's creative process. A business archive could digitize its collection of corporate records, preserving the history of the company and making it accessible to researchers and historians.

2.2 Research Data: Libraries are increasingly becoming repositories for research data generated by scholars and scientists. This data, often funded by grants and crucial for reproducibility, can take many forms:

- **Datasets:** A researcher studying climate change might generate a dataset of temperature readings from various locations over time. An economist might create a dataset of economic indicators for different countries.
- **Qualitative Data:** A sociologist studying urban poverty might collect transcripts of interviews with residents of low-income neighborhoods. An anthropologist might compile field notes from their research in a remote village.
- **Scientific Images and Simulations:** An astronomer might capture high-resolution images of galaxies using a telescope. A physicist might run computer simulations of particle collisions.
- **Software and Code:** A bioinformatician might develop software for analyzing genomic data. A statistician might write code for performing statistical analysis.

2.3 User Data: Libraries collect and store data about their users to provide services and improve their offerings. *It is critical to note that user data requires the highest level of security and privacy protection.* Examples include:

- **Borrowing History:** A library might track which books a user has borrowed to recommend similar titles.
- **Search Queries:** A library might analyze search queries to understand what topics users are interested in and improve its collection development.
- **Contact Information:** A library needs a user's email address to notify them when a book is due or when a reserved item becomes available.

- **Usage Data:** A library might track which databases users access to understand which resources are most popular.

2.4 Metadata: Metadata is "data about data." It provides descriptive information about digital resources, making them discoverable and usable. Examples include:

- **Catalog Records:** A catalog record for a book includes information such as the author, title, publisher, ISBN, and subject headings.
- **Descriptive Metadata:** A digital image might have metadata describing the date it was taken, the location, and the subject of the image.
- **Technical Metadata:** A digital video file might have metadata describing the file format, resolution, frame rate, and encoding.

2.5 Administrative Data: Libraries also generate and manage data related to their own operations, including:

- **Financial Data:** A library's budget, including information on expenditures for books, staff salaries, and other expenses.
- **Staff Data:** Employee records, including information on salaries, job titles, and performance evaluations.
- **Operational Data:** Circulation statistics, including the number of books borrowed each month, and data on library program attendance.

The diversity of these data types, each with its own specific security and preservation needs, underlines the importance of a comprehensive and multi-layered approach to library data protection.

3. Modern Technologies as Shields:

Modern technology offers a powerful arsenal of tools and techniques to protect the diverse data held by libraries. This section explores key technologies acting as shields, enhancing data integrity, accessibility, confidentiality, and longevity. Each subsection includes specific examples to illustrate the practical applications of these technologies within a library context.

3.1 Cloud Computing: Cloud storage offers scalability, redundancy, and cost-effectiveness for library data. It allows for off-site backups and disaster recovery, ensuring data survivability even in catastrophic events. Different cloud deployment models (public, private, hybrid) offer varying levels of control and security.

Examples:

- **Public Cloud:** The British Library uses AWS to host its digital collections, making them accessible to a global audience. This leverages the scalability and cost-effectiveness of public cloud services. A smaller library could use Google Drive or Dropbox to back up digitized local history collections.
- **Private Cloud:** A university library might create a private cloud infrastructure within its own data center to store sensitive research data generated by faculty members, such as confidential survey data or unpublished research findings. This provides greater control over data security and access.
- **Hybrid Cloud:** A large library system could use a hybrid approach. They might store publicly accessible digitized books and images in a public cloud platform like Azure, while keeping patron borrowing records and financial data in a private cloud environment for enhanced security and compliance.

3.2 Blockchain Technology: Blockchain can enhance data integrity and security by creating a tamper-proof record of data transactions. This can be particularly valuable for preserving archival materials and ensuring authenticity.

Examples:

- **Provenance Tracking:** A library could use blockchain to record the history of a digital copy of a historical document, including who created it, when it was digitized, and any subsequent modifications. This helps to establish the authenticity and provenance of the digital copy.
- **Digital Rights Management:** A library could use blockchain to manage the rights and licenses associated with digital content, ensuring that copyright holders are properly compensated when their work is accessed or used. This could be particularly useful for managing access to digitized music, films, or other copyrighted materials.
- **Decentralized Archiving:** A consortium of libraries could create a decentralized digital archive using blockchain, where data is distributed across multiple nodes. This makes the archive more resilient to censorship, data loss, or single points of failure. If one node is compromised, the data remains accessible on other nodes.

3.3 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: AI can play a critical role in threat detection and prevention. Machine learning algorithms can identify suspicious patterns and anomalies, helping to prevent cyberattacks and data breaches. AI can also automate data backups and recovery processes.

Examples:

- **Cybersecurity:** AI-powered security systems can analyze network traffic in real-time to detect and block malicious activity, such as ransomware attacks, phishing attempts, or data exfiltration. They can learn the library's typical network behavior and flag unusual activity.
- **Metadata Creation:** Machine learning algorithms can analyze the content of digitized documents and automatically generate metadata tags, such as keywords, subject headings, and summaries. This speeds up the cataloging process and improves discoverability.
- **Data Backup Automation:** AI can automate the process of backing up library data, scheduling backups, and verifying their integrity. It can also prioritize critical data for backup and recovery.

3.4 Cybersecurity Measures: Robust cybersecurity measures are essential for protecting library data. This includes firewalls, intrusion detection systems, encryption, access control, and regular security audits

Examples:

- **Firewalls:** A library uses a firewall to prevent unauthorized access to its internal network from the internet. The firewall acts as a barrier, blocking malicious traffic while allowing legitimate traffic to pass through.
- **Intrusion Detection Systems:** An intrusion detection system monitors network traffic for suspicious patterns and alerts security personnel to potential threats. For example, it could detect an attempt to access a restricted database.
- **Encryption:** A library encrypts sensitive user data, such as passwords and borrowing history, both in transit (when it's being transmitted over the network) and at rest (when it's stored on servers).
- **Access Control:** A library implements access control policies to restrict access to certain digital resources based on user roles. For example, only authorized staff members can access financial data.

3.5 Data Encryption: Encryption, both in transit and at rest, is crucial for protecting sensitive data, especially user information. This section will discuss different encryption techniques and their importance in maintaining data confidentiality.

Examples:

- **Data in Transit:**When a user logs into their library account, their username and password are encrypted before being transmitted over the internet. This prevents hackers from intercepting and stealing this information. HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) is a common example of encryption in transit.

- **Data at Rest:** A library encrypts its database of patron information, so that even if a hacker gains access to the database, they cannot read the sensitive data without the decryption key. Full-disk encryption or database encryption are examples.
- **Specific Techniques:** Libraries might use AES-256 encryption for data at rest and TLS 1.3 for data in transit.

3.6 Data Backup and Recovery: Regular backups are essential for recovering data in the event of a system failure or data loss. The article will explore different backup strategies and the importance of having a robust disaster recovery plan.

Examples:

- **Backup Strategies:** A library implements a "3-2-1" backup strategy: three copies of the data (one primary and two backups), on two different media types (e.g., hard drives and cloud storage), with one copy stored offsite.
- **Testing and Recovery:** The library regularly tests its backups to ensure they can be restored successfully. They perform a "fire drill" scenario, simulating a data loss event and practicing the recovery process.
- **Disaster Recovery Plan:** The library has a documented disaster recovery plan that outlines the steps to be taken in the event of a major data loss or system outage, including procedures for restoring data, contacting vendors, and communicating with users. This plan includes details like alternate locations for operations, temporary systems, and recovery time objectives (RTOs).

4. Challenges and Considerations:

Implementing modern technologies for data protection in libraries presents various challenges and requires careful consideration of several factors. This section explores these challenges, providing specific examples to illustrate the complexities involved.

4.1 Cost: Implementing new technologies can be expensive, particularly for smaller libraries with limited budgets. The cost includes not only the initial purchase or subscription fees but also ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and staff training.

Examples:

- A small rural library might find the cost of subscribing to a cloud-based digital asset management system prohibitive. They may have limited funds for IT infrastructure and staff.
- A university library wanting to implement a blockchain-based system for managing research data might face significant development costs, as specialized expertise is required. They might need to hire blockchain developers or consultants.

- Even open-source solutions can have hidden costs, such as the time and effort required to customize and maintain them. A library might underestimate the staff time needed to configure and maintain a complex open-source digital library platform.

4.2 Technical Expertise: Libraries may need to invest in training or hire specialized staff to manage these complex systems. Librarians may not have the necessary technical skills to implement and maintain these technologies.

Examples:

- A library migrating its data to a cloud platform may need to train its IT staff on cloud administration and security best practices. They may need to learn how to manage cloud storage, configure security settings, and monitor performance.
- Implementing a cybersecurity program requires specialized knowledge of network security, intrusion detection, and incident response. A library may need to hire a cybersecurity specialist or outsource these services.
- Even with user-friendly interfaces, some systems require specialized training. Staff will need to learn how to use the new digital asset management system effectively to catalog, manage, and retrieve digital objects.

4.3 Data Privacy: Protecting user data is paramount. Libraries must comply with data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA) and implement appropriate security measures to safeguard user information.

Examples:

- A library collecting user data for research purposes must ensure that the data is anonymized or pseudonymized to protect the privacy of the participants. They need to implement strict data access controls and ensure compliance with ethical guidelines.
- A library offering online access to digital resources must implement strong authentication and authorization mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access to user accounts and data. They need to protect against password breaches and other security threats.
- Libraries need to be transparent with users about how their data is collected, used, and protected. They need to have clear privacy policies and obtain user consent where necessary.

4.4 Interoperability: Ensuring that different systems and technologies can work together seamlessly can be a challenge. Libraries often use a variety of software and hardware, and these systems may not be compatible.

Examples:

- A library implementing a new digital asset management system may find that it is not compatible with its existing library management system. This can create data silos and make it difficult to share information between systems.
- Integrating a blockchain-based system with existing library databases can be complex and require significant technical expertise. Data formats and protocols may need to be adapted.
- Libraries using different cloud providers may face challenges in migrating data between platforms or ensuring interoperability between cloud services.

4.5 Scalability: Libraries need to choose solutions that can scale to accommodate future growth in data volume. As libraries digitize more materials and acquire new digital resources, their storage needs will continue to grow.

Examples:

- A library implementing a cloud storage solution needs to choose a plan that can be easily scaled up as its data storage needs increase. They need to anticipate future growth and ensure the chosen solution can handle it.
- A library implementing a digital preservation system needs to ensure that the system can handle the long-term storage and management of large volumes of digital data, including different file formats and metadata standards.
- As the library's user base grows, the systems need to be able to handle increased traffic and usage without performance degradation.
- Addressing these challenges requires careful planning, thorough research, and a clear understanding of the library's specific needs and resources. Libraries should prioritize data protection, invest in training and expertise, and stay informed about the latest developments in technology and best practices.

5. Best Practices:

Protecting library data requires a proactive and comprehensive approach. This section outlines best practices for libraries to ensure the security, integrity, and accessibility of their digital assets.

5.1 Developing a Comprehensive Data Management Plan: A well-defined data management plan is the foundation of any successful data protection strategy. This plan should outline the library's data governance policies, data classification schemes, data retention policies, backup and recovery procedures, and security protocols.

Example: The plan should specify how different types of data (e.g., user data, research data, digitized collections) are classified and handled. It should detail how long different

data types are kept, how they are backed up, and who has access to them. It should also include procedures for data breaches and disaster recovery.

5.2 Implementing Strong Cybersecurity Measures: Robust cybersecurity measures are essential to protect against cyberattacks and data breaches. This includes firewalls, intrusion detection systems, encryption, access control, regular security audits, and staff training on cybersecurity awareness.

Example: Libraries should implement multi-factor authentication for all staff accounts, use strong passwords, and regularly update their software to patch security vulnerabilities. They should also conduct regular penetration testing to identify and address security weaknesses. Regular security audits are crucial to ensure systems are up to date and vulnerabilities are addressed.

5.3 Regularly Backing Up Data and Testing Recovery Procedures: Regular backups are crucial for recovering data in the event of a system failure or data loss. Libraries should implement a robust backup strategy, including off-site backups and regular testing of recovery procedures.

Example: A library might follow the 3-2-1 backup rule: three copies of the data (one primary and two backups), on two different media types (e.g., hard drives and cloud storage), with one copy stored offsite. They should also regularly test their backups to ensure they can be restored quickly and reliably. Recovery testing should simulate different scenarios, from small file loss to full system failure.

5.4 Training Staff on Data Security and Best Practices: Staff training is essential to ensure that everyone understands their role in protecting library data. Training should cover topics such as password security, phishing awareness, data handling procedures, and incident response.

Example: Libraries should conduct regular training sessions for staff on how to identify and report phishing emails, how to handle sensitive data, and what to do in the event of a security incident. Training should be role-based and relevant to the staff member's responsibilities.

5.5 Staying Up-to-Date on the Latest Technologies and Threats: The landscape of technology and cyber threats is constantly evolving. Libraries must stay informed about the latest developments and adapt their data protection strategies accordingly.

Example: Libraries should subscribe to security newsletters, attend conferences, and participate in online forums to stay informed about the latest security threats and best practices. They should also regularly review and update their data protection policies and procedures to reflect changes in technology and threats.

5.6 Collaborating with Other Libraries and Organizations to Share Best Practices: Sharing knowledge and best practices with other libraries and organizations can help improve data protection across the library community.

Example: Libraries can participate in consortia, join professional organizations, and attend conferences to share their experiences and learn from others. They can also collaborate on developing shared resources and best practices. Participation in communities of practice focused on digital preservation and cybersecurity is highly beneficial.

5.7 Implementing Access Control and Authentication: Restricting access to sensitive data is critical. Libraries should implement robust access control and authentication mechanisms to ensure that only authorized individuals can access specific data.

Example: Libraries can use role-based access control to restrict access to financial data to authorized staff members. They can also implement multi-factor authentication for all staff accounts to prevent unauthorized access. Regularly reviewing and updating access permissions is also crucial.

5.8 Data Encryption at Rest and in Transit: Encrypting data both when it is stored (at rest) and when it is being transmitted over a network (in transit) is essential for protecting sensitive information.

Example: Libraries should encrypt user passwords and other sensitive data stored in their databases. They should also use HTTPS to encrypt data transmitted over the internet, such as when users access online resources.

5.9 Regular Security Audits and Penetration Testing: Regular security audits and penetration testing can help identify vulnerabilities in a library's systems and infrastructure.

Example: Libraries should conduct regular vulnerability scans to identify and address security weaknesses. They should also engage ethical hackers to conduct penetration testing to simulate real-world attacks and identify potential vulnerabilities.

5.10 Incident Response Plan: Having a well-defined incident response plan is critical for effectively responding to security incidents and data breaches. The plan should outline the steps to be taken in the event of an incident, including procedures for containing the breach, recovering data, and notifying affected parties.

Example: The incident response plan should include contact information for key personnel, procedures for isolating affected systems, and guidelines for communicating with users and the media. Regularly practicing and updating the incident response plan is essential.

By implementing these best practices, libraries can significantly improve their data protection posture and ensure the long-term security and accessibility of their valuable digital assets. It is an ongoing process that requires constant vigilance and adaptation to the changing landscape of technology and threats.

6. Future Directions:

The field of library data protection is constantly evolving, driven by advancements in technology and the emergence of new threats. This section explores some of the key future directions in this critical area.

6.1 The Increasing Use of AI and Machine Learning for Threat Detection and Prevention: AI and machine learning are poised to play an even greater role in cybersecurity. These technologies can analyze vast amounts of data to identify subtle patterns and anomalies that would be difficult for humans to detect, enabling proactive threat detection and prevention.

Examples:

- **Security:** AI algorithms can analyze historical attack data to predict future threats and proactively strengthen defenses. They could identify emerging malware trends and alert libraries to potential vulnerabilities before an attack occurs.
- **Automated Incident Response:** AI systems can automate the response to security incidents, such as isolating infected systems, blocking malicious traffic, and restoring data from backups. This reduces the time it takes to respond to incidents and minimizes the potential damage.
- **User Behavior Analytics:** Machine learning can analyze user behavior to detect anomalies that may indicate a compromised account or insider threat. For example, if a user suddenly starts accessing data they don't normally access, the system can flag this as suspicious activity.

6.2 The Adoption of Blockchain Technology for Data Integrity and Security: Beyond its initial applications in cryptocurrency, blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize data integrity and security in libraries.

Examples:

- **Secure Digital Repositories:** Blockchain can be used to create secure and transparent digital repositories for research data, ensuring that data cannot be tampered with and that its provenance can be easily verified. This is crucial for ensuring the reproducibility of research findings.

- **Decentralized Identity Management:** Blockchain can be used to create decentralized identity systems, giving users greater control over their personal data and reducing the risk of identity theft. This could simplify user authentication and access management for library resources.
- **Supply Chain Management for Digital Assets:** Blockchain can be used to track the ownership and licensing of digital assets, making it easier for libraries to manage copyright and intellectual property rights. This could be particularly beneficial for managing digitized collections of music, film, and other copyrighted materials.

6.3 The Development of New and Innovative Data Storage and Retrieval Solutions: As the volume of library data continues to grow, new and innovative storage and retrieval solutions will be needed to manage this data effectively.

Examples:

- **DNA Storage:** DNA storage is a promising new technology that can store vast amounts of data in a very small space. While still in its early stages of development, DNA storage could eventually become a cost-effective solution for long-term archival of library data.
- **Quantum Computing:** Quantum computing has the potential to revolutionize data storage and retrieval by enabling the development of new algorithms and data structures. While quantum computers are not yet widely available, they could eventually be used to solve complex data management problems that are currently intractable.
- **Federated Learning:** This technique allows machine learning models to be trained on decentralized data sets without the data ever leaving its source. This could be useful for libraries that want to collaborate on data analysis without sharing sensitive user information.

6.4 The Growing Importance of Data Privacy and Security in the Library Context: As libraries collect and store more user data, the importance of data privacy and security will only continue to grow. Libraries will need to implement robust data governance policies and security measures to protect user information and comply with privacy regulations.

Examples:

- **Differential Privacy:** Techniques like differential privacy can be used to analyze data sets while protecting the privacy of individual users. This allows libraries to gain valuable insights from their data without compromising user privacy.
- **Privacy-Preserving Technologies:** Emerging technologies like homomorphic encryption and secure multi-party computation can enable data analysis and computation without revealing the underlying data. These technologies could be used to enable collaborative research without sharing sensitive data.
- **Consent and Transparency:** Libraries will need to be transparent with users about how their data is collected, used, and protected. They will also need to obtain user consent for the collection and use of their data.

6.5 Increased Focus on Data Interoperability and Standards: As libraries increasingly rely on digital resources, ensuring data interoperability and adherence to standards will be crucial. This will facilitate data sharing, collaboration, and long-term preservation.

Examples:

- **Standardized Metadata Schemas:** Adopting standardized metadata schemas, such as Dublin Core or MODS, will make it easier for libraries to share and exchange digital resources.
- **Open APIs:** Developing open APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) will allow different library systems to communicate and exchange data seamlessly.
- **Linked Data:** Using linked data technologies will enable libraries to connect their data to other data sources on the web, creating a richer and more interconnected information ecosystem.

These future directions highlight the dynamic and evolving nature of library data protection. Libraries must remain vigilant, adaptable, and proactive in their efforts to safeguard their digital assets and ensure the privacy and security of their users. By embracing these emerging technologies and best practices, libraries can continue to serve as trusted custodians of knowledge and information in the digital age.

7. Conclusion:

The digital transformation of libraries has ushered in an era of unprecedented opportunities for access to information and knowledge. Libraries are no longer simply repositories of physical books; they are dynamic hubs for managing, preserving, and providing access to a vast array of digital resources. This evolution, while offering immense potential, also presents significant challenges in protecting the diverse and valuable data that libraries now hold. From digitized historical documents and sensitive user information to crucial research datasets and administrative records, the safeguarding of library data has become a critical imperative.

This article has explored the evolving landscape of library data, highlighting the various types of information libraries manage and the unique security and preservation needs associated with each. We have examined how modern technologies, including cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence, and robust cybersecurity measures, act as a shield for this vital data, ensuring its integrity, confidentiality, accessibility, and longevity. We have also discussed the practical challenges and considerations involved in implementing these technologies, from cost and technical expertise to data privacy and interoperability. Furthermore, we have outlined best practices for libraries to adopt, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive data management plans, regular backups, staff training, and ongoing vigilance in the face of evolving threats.

Looking to the future, we have explored emerging trends that promise to further enhance library data protection, such as the increasing use of AI and machine learning for threat detection, the adoption of blockchain technology for data integrity, and the development of innovative data storage and retrieval solutions. The growing emphasis on data privacy and security, coupled with the need for data interoperability and adherence to standards, underscores the continuing evolution of this critical field.

In conclusion, modern technology provides a powerful arsenal for protecting library data. By embracing these technologies, addressing the associated challenges, and implementing best practices, libraries can effectively safeguard their digital assets and ensure their accessibility for generations to come. However, this is not a static endeavor. The digital landscape is constantly changing, and libraries must remain adaptable and proactive in their approach to data protection. Continuous learning, collaboration, and a commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements are essential for libraries to fulfill their vital role as custodians of knowledge and information in the digital age. The ongoing commitment to preserving and protecting library data is not just about safeguarding digital assets; it is about preserving our cultural heritage, supporting research and scholarship, and ensuring equitable access to information for all.

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Abstract:

The increasing popularity of digital reading has made e-readers a valuable tool for accessing books, magazines, and other digital content. However, the high cost of purchasing e-readers can limit access for many individuals, particularly those in underserved communities. E-reader lending programs, implemented by libraries, schools, and community organizations, offer a solution by providing access to e-readers on a temporary basis, often preloaded with e-books or linked to digital lending platforms. This paper explores the process of implementing an e-reader lending program, including selecting appropriate devices, establishing lending policies, integrating digital content systems, and providing user support. The benefits of such programs include increased access to literature, enhanced digital literacy, and support for individuals who may not have the means to purchase their own devices. Additionally, these programs can improve library services, reduce environmental impact by promoting digital over physical books, and foster a more inclusive reading culture. Through careful planning and execution, e-reader lending programs can significantly expand the reach of digital reading resources, making them more accessible to diverse populations and contributing to the growing trend of digital media consumption.

Keywords'- *Reader Lending, Digital Reading, , Digital Literacy, E-books Lending Programs. Digital Media.*

Introduction:

The rapid evolution of technology has revolutionized the way we access and consume written content, with digital formats becoming increasingly popular. E-readers, such as Kindle, Kobo, and other devices designed specifically for reading digital books, have become integral to this transformation. However, the cost of e-readers may still be a barrier for many individuals who wish to access digital reading materials. To address this issue, libraries, schools, and other community-based organizations are implementing **e-reader lending programs** to provide greater access to digital literature.

E-reader lending programs allow patrons to borrow e-readers preloaded with e-books or linked to digital lending platforms. This initiative enables individuals who may not own an e-reader to enjoy the convenience of digital reading while also promoting the use of electronic media and digital literacy. Such programs offer a wide range of benefits, from broadening access to books and educational resources to fostering environmental sustainability by reducing paper use.

These programs are also beneficial for libraries and educational institutions, enabling them to offer a diverse selection of reading materials without the physical constraints of traditional books. Moreover, the ability to borrow e-readers for a period of time enhances flexibility for users, providing them with the opportunity to read anywhere, anytime.

In this context, implementing a successful e-reader lending program involves careful planning, from selecting the right devices and integrating digital lending systems to creating policies for device management, maintenance, and user education. Ultimately, the goal of such programs is to ensure that digital reading is accessible, convenient, and engaging for all members of the community.

Objectives:

Increase Access to Digital Reading Materials: Provide broader access to e-books, audio books, and other digital content for individuals who may not own e-readers or have access to digital devices.

1. **Promote Digital Literacy**: Encourage the use of technology for reading, helping users become more familiar with digital tools and improving their ability to navigate digital platforms.
2. **Enhance Library Services**: Expand the scope of library offerings by integrating e-readers into existing lending programs, thus offering a wider variety of reading materials without the limitations of physical books.
3. **Encourage Sustainability**: Promote digital reading as an environmentally friendly alternative to paper books, helping to reduce the carbon footprint and waste associated with traditional publishing and paper production.
4. **Improve User Convenience and Flexibility**: Offer a flexible and convenient reading experience, allowing users to borrow e-readers and read anywhere, anytime, with easy access to a wide variety of digital titles.
5. **Foster Digital Inclusion**: Ensure equitable access to modern technology, particularly for individuals who may not otherwise have the means to purchase or use an e-reader, thereby promoting digital inclusion.
6. **Provide Support and Training**: Offer user education and technical support to ensure that patrons are comfortable with e-reader devices and digital content platforms, improving overall user experience and program effectiveness.

Review of Literature: Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

The implementation of e-reader lending programs in libraries and educational institutions has garnered increasing interest as digital reading continues to replace traditional print media. These programs aim to provide wider access to digital reading materials, enhance digital literacy, and bridge the technological divide, particularly in underserved communities. This literature review examines the evolution, benefits,

challenges, and outcomes of e-reader lending programs, drawing from research and case studies in libraries and educational settings.

Benefits of E-Reader Lending Programs

One of the primary benefits of e-reader lending programs is their ability to democratize access to reading materials. e-readers eliminate barriers related to space, cost, and the need for physical infrastructure. Patrons can borrow a device loaded with e-books, and the portability of these devices makes reading accessible anywhere. Moreover, e-readers enable the inclusion of individuals who may face challenges in accessing printed books due to physical limitations, such as those with visual impairments. Features like adjustable font sizes and text-to-speech functions support inclusivity.

Chowdhary (2019) further emphasizes the value of e-readers in educational settings. Students and teachers can access a wider variety of textbooks, research materials, and supplementary reading at lower costs than traditional print materials. E-readers allow for the customization of learning experiences and facilitate engagement with interactive and multimedia-rich content. For libraries, e-reader lending programs provide an opportunity to engage with new demographics, particularly those who may not have the means to purchase such devices.

Future Directions

As digital reading continues to grow, research indicates that libraries will likely expand e-reader lending programs to meet the increasing demand for digital content. Innovations in e-reader technology, such as integration with cloud-based services and cross-platform compatibility, may further enhance the user experience. Additionally, increasing efforts to make e-readers more accessible to individuals with disabilities, and expanding partnerships with educational and community organizations, will be key to broadening the reach of these programs.

Equipment for Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

Implementing an e-reader lending program requires a combination of hardware, software, and additional tools to ensure its success. Below is a comprehensive list of equipment and resources necessary for launching and maintaining an effective e-reader lending program:

E-Readers

- **E-Reader Devices**: The core of the lending program is the e-reader itself. Depending on the budget and target audience, the library or institution will need to choose appropriate devices. Some popular options include:
- **Quantity**: The number of e-readers will depend on demand, budget, and the scale of the program. Libraries typically purchase e-readers in bulk to ensure widespread availability.
- **E-Reader Cases**: To protect devices from damage, e-readers should be equipped with durable cases or covers. These accessories ensure the longevity of the devices and help maintain their functionality over time.
- **Screen Protectors**: These protect the e-readers' screens from scratches and wear, ensuring the device remains in good condition for multiple users.
- **E-book Lending Platforms**: Libraries need to integrate their e-readers with digital content lending platforms. Some common options include:

- **Software and Device Management Tools**
- **Library Management Software**: A library's integrated management system (e.g., **Koha**, **Sierra**, or **Alma**) should be configured to support e-reader lending, allowing for tracking of e-reader inventory, due dates, and maintenance records.
- **Staff Training**: Equip library staff with the necessary training and tools to manage the lending program, including troubleshooting common device issues, assisting patrons with digital content platforms, and providing device maintenance.
- **User Workshops and Educational Materials**: Conduct workshops or provide online resources to help library patrons familiarize themselves with e-readers and digital reading technologies.

Conclusion

Implementing a successful e-reader lending program requires not only the appropriate e-reader devices but also a comprehensive suite of equipment, software, and resources. From e-reader management tools to digital content platforms and user support systems, every piece of equipment plays a vital role in ensuring that the program operates smoothly and effectively meets the needs of the community. By investing in the right equipment, libraries can provide patrons with increased access to digital reading materials, foster digital literacy, and enhance the overall reading experience.

The implementation of e-reader lending programs has proven to be a transformative approach for libraries and educational institutions, providing enhanced access to digital reading materials and promoting digital literacy. While challenges such as cost, device maintenance, and user training exist, the benefits—ranging from increased accessibility to

educational resources to fostering a more inclusive reading environment—make the program highly valuable. As technology advances and digital content expands, e-reader lending programs are expected to become a central part of library services, helping bridge the digital divide and meet the evolving needs of readers.

Suggestions for Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

Implementing a successful e-reader lending program requires thoughtful planning, resource allocation, and ongoing support to ensure that the program meets community needs and delivers a seamless experience for patrons. Below are several key suggestions to help guide the implementation process:

- **Conduct a Needs Assessment**: Before launching an e-reader lending program, it is crucial to understand the needs and preferences of the community. Conduct surveys or focus groups to assess interest in digital reading, preferred e-reader models, and the types of digital content most in demand (e.g., e-books, audio books, educational materials).
- **Target Underserved Groups**: Pay particular attention to underserved populations, such as individuals who lack access to personal e-readers or those with limited digital literacy. This will help ensure that the program is inclusive and beneficial to a diverse group of patrons.
- **Device Variety**: Choose e-readers that are user-friendly, durable, and compatible with popular digital lending platforms (such as Over Drive, Libby, or Hoopla). Consider offering a range of devices that cater to different user needs, including basic models for casual readers and more advanced models for those interested in features like note-taking or larger screens.
- **Consider Accessibility Features**: Ensure that the devices chosen have accessibility options, such as adjustable font sizes, text-to-speech, or high-contrast screens, to serve individuals with visual impairments or other disabilities.
- **Streamline Borrowing Process**: Provide clear instructions on how patrons can borrow, download, and return e-books. Consider providing preloaded devices to minimize setup time for users, or allow access to cloud-based content for more flexibility.
- **Device and Content Management**: Establish policies for device maintenance, such as regular software updates, ensuring that devices are charged and ready for use. Also, make sure to track and monitor which e-books or content are preloaded onto devices.

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THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN ACADEMIC LIBRARY SERVICES: AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract: -

The present article discusses the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and its implications. In the twenty-first century, we have reached new heights of success across various fields. Significant changes are occurring in every sector, and innovative technological ideas are being adopted as these changes unfold. Each sector is striving to perform tasks more accurately and efficiently, utilizing fewer resources and manpower by embracing new technologies. Given this context, the library sector should not fall behind. This article aims to highlight the applications of artificial intelligence in libraries and explore how it is currently being utilized.

Keywords: - AI, User, Information Technology, E-Resource, Library

Introduction: -

Currently, the entire sector is significantly influenced by modern information and communication technology (ICT). Advances are being made across all fields thanks to new technological developments. When the country gained independence, there was little to no technology available. The late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was the first to recognize that the nation could only progress through the establishment of information and communication technology, which marked the beginning of the ICT era in India. Today, every sector is advancing with the aid of information technology. When we consider the historical context of academic libraries, it becomes clear that the status of these libraries in India differs markedly from their counterparts in Western countries.

Currently, Indian academic libraries exist in a hybrid state; while some continue to rely on outdate practices, others are embracing new technologies. According to Hamlink (1997), information and communication technology refers to any technology that enables the management of information and facilitates various forms of communication. This encompasses capturing technologies, storage technologies, processing technologies, communication technologies, and display technologies. Libraries utilize information and

communication technology to address challenges and discover more effective solutions. The following types of technology are relevant in this context:

1. Computing technology (hardware/software)
2. Communication technology
3. Network and Internet technology
4. Web technologies
5. Printer and publishing technology
6. Reprographic and micrographic technology

Libraries and Information Communication Technology: -

In the 21st century, there have been significant changes in the systems of information printing and distribution. Creating a knowledge-rich society is essential today, and it is crucial to utilize advanced technology to enhance Indian libraries. In ancient times, information was produced in limited quantities, and there was no information explosion; thus, the information needs of society were also restricted. Historically, the growth of published material can be outlined as follows:

1. In 1450, there were 100 book titles published per year, which equated to 0.2 titles per million inhabitants.
2. By 1950, this number had increased to 250,000 book titles published per year, or 100 titles per million inhabitants.
3. By the year 2000, the figure rose significantly to 1 million book titles published annually, which accounted for 167 titles per million inhabitants. Indian libraries have evolved through three main stages: ancient, medieval, and modern.

While we currently benefit from the services and facilities of modern libraries, it is important to study the journey from ancient to modern to appreciate the developments made along the way. As we transition from modern libraries to digital libraries today, we realize that digital libraries are being cultivated in India. In the 21st century, a vast amount of information is being generated at an unprecedented rate, measured in megabytes, yet Indian libraries are falling short by not providing modern services to their readers.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - John McCarthy, who coined the term in 1955, defines AI as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines" (McCarthy, 2007). Artificial intelligence (AI) is the field of study that focuses on the creation of computer systems that are capable of learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and natural language processing – all functions that are traditionally only performed by intelligent people.

Artificial intelligence can be a solution to the shortage of manpower, financial resources, and modern technology. To make progress in any field, it is essential to embrace contemporary technological advancements. A college library plays a crucial role in developing reading materials that cater to the needs of its target audience, as well as the needs of its readers and staff. Moreover, the entire team involved in the library system can also benefit from improvements brought about by AI. In library operations, we can utilize artificial intelligence in the following services:

a) Cataloging and Classification

b) Reference Service (User Service)

c) Collection Management and

d) Security System:

Earlier, the creation of information was limited due to the lack of tools for collecting and describing it. Information was often passed from one person to another in oral form. However, today we are generating a vast amount of information, making its description and distribution a significant challenge. In this article, we will discuss the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the development of libraries. First, it is important to understand what artificial intelligence is. AI refers to the creation of computer systems that can think and act like humans. This topic has been extensively discussed by renowned scientists, who have shared their insights. While AI offers many conveniences and benefits today, there are concerns that it may have negative effects on humanity over time. Currently, artificial intelligence is being utilized in various fields, including agriculture, industry, medicine, and

education. Opinions on how to best apply AI in these areas vary among experts. It is worth noting that we are lagging behind other countries in our adoption of artificial intelligence. As AI becomes more integrated into our daily lives, we see its applications in household cleaning products like MAGILLO in major cities, as well as in travel-related services like ALEXA in hotels and companies. Renowned economists predict that the use of bank ATM credit cards may decrease in the future as digital currencies become more prevalent, similar to the trend seen with artificial intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence Library AI Tools help to library services in two ways

1. Technical services. 2. User services.

1. Chatbot is AI Tools help in library area like acquisition and cataloguing for reference services.Also help to users to follow Library rule and regulation, query services.AI Tools help tin cataloging process by automating repetitive tasks such as tagging, indexing, and assigning metadata to digital resources.Artificial intelligence chatbots will be beneficial in the library sector as follow.

i Reference desk employees will have more time to concentrate on users' unique research needs and help better meet users' information needs if routine reference queries are handled by chatbots.ii. It will be simpler for librarians to handle users' complex information requests if chatbots are linked with user interaction.

iii. Chatbots facilitate the simultaneous usage of chat services by numerous users.As a result, customers can receive continuous and instantaneous responses.

iv. Chatbots are unable to react emotionally to pointless and foolish enquiries.As a result, users are at ease and feel free to engage with them.

v. Chatbots may someday be used to market library services and resources.Users can familiarise themselves with the library's resources and learn how to utilise them effectively through this channel.vi. Libraries can provide their patrons alert services and selective distribution of information (SDI) by utilising chatbots to deliver user-friendly alert messages and alerts.vii. ChatbotsThrough the collected information, the chatbot can automatically learn clearly what was communicated previously, what the user wants, and possible solutions to basic questions. Chatbots are available for 24/7 service. Users can access them anytime, anywhere very Conveniently, even when the library is closed

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1. **Robotics**: - Robotics is AI tools play road in lab stock taking and selling of books in other way it also used for searching everywhere material and checks in check out of books. Library books are sold using robotics stop taking materials because robotics are useful for user services to find library materials and check and check for users.

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2. Natural language processing used in library technical context Natural language processing is used as tools in technical service as a college management and information and processing. Other way translation of next from native language and reading of the material is a user base service.
3. Using big data to manage the repository server of the cloud. Big data analytics can be applied in the following areas of libraries:
   i. For better search results - Data mining and text analysis on previous Loan records and books can enhance bibliographic search results and recommendations.
   ii. Demand analysis - This will help in estimating the demand for new existing titles.
   iii. Library collection planning - The technology used will be conducive to planning the category mix in the collection, taking into account space and budget constraints.
4. Pattern Recognition Library materials to identify the security of the library QR code of the library material to identify the security password and pattern design to

extract image support in technical services and auxiliary digital devices and reference of the library.

5. Image processing- recognition machine to save video and image library databases deep printer that manage protection and preservation of archive materials. The development of AI and computer systems that is capable of fulfilling the tax such as general essential intelligence such as visual perfection speech recognition meeting and translation in language artificial intelligence, has also been called the first industrial revolution by the industry.

Advantages of artificial intelligence include the ability to easily complete stressful and complex tasks, accelerating processes, improving quality, and increasing countless efficiencies. However, there are also disadvantages, such as a lack of human interaction, fear of job loss, potential consequences if something goes wrong, and the possibility of misuse. Change is an integral part of human life; it happens over time, is assimilated by people, and drives progress.

Conclusion:-

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has initiated a significant transformation in educational services across all sectors, enhancing the overall quality of education. In the 21st century, technology has created improved educational opportunities in this field. AI has particularly impacted libraries, which are a crucial part of the education sector. The automation brought about by AI has improved library services, leading to greater quality and transparency while saving both manpower and time. Additionally, AI has enabled personalized learning experiences for students, allowing them to study according to their individual interests and needs. Overall, AI has revolutionized educational services and expanded opportunities for students. However, it is important to acknowledge the challenges associated with its implementation. Looking ahead, AI is poised to be a central element of library services in the future.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS IN DIGITAL PRESERVATION IN MODERN LIBRARIES

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Abstract

The advancement of digital technologies has significantly transformed how modern libraries manage and preserve digital assets. This research paper explores emerging technologies and trends in digital preservation, highlighting innovations like Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Digital Forensics, Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR), Internet of Things (IoT), Metadata and Semantic Web, and 3D Scanning and Digital Imaging. These technologies offer scalable, secure, and efficient solutions to ensure the longevity, authenticity, and accessibility of digital resources. However, implementing these technologies presents challenges, including financial constraints, technological expertise, and standardization issues. The paper offers recommendations for addressing these challenges, such as the adoption of AI for automation, collaborative networks, and blockchain for securing provenance. These innovations are critical for ensuring the long-term sustainability of digital libraries, as they navigate the evolving technological landscape. By providing a comprehensive review, the article highlights the significance of integrating emerging technologies to create robust preservation infrastructures, ensuring that future generations can access valuable digital materials.

Keywords : Digital Preservation, Emerging Technologies, Libraries, Cloud Computing, Artificial intelligence (AI)

1. Introduction

In the digital age, libraries are no longer solely custodians of physical books and materials. They play an increasingly key role in preserving digital content, ensuring that the vast amount of information generated in the modern era remains accessible and usable for future generations. Libraries, which house vast collections of digital data, are especially concerned with the preservation of scholarly, cultural, and historical materials. The traditional methods of preservation, which focus on physical formats, are being replaced by techniques designed to address the challenges posed by digital materials. These challenges include rapid technological advancements, changing data formats, and storage system failures, which all threaten the longevity of digital collections.

Emerging technologies in the digital preservation of library material are offering new solutions to these challenges. Emerging technologies such as Cloud Computing provide scalable and secure storage options that minimize the risk of data loss due to localized disasters or system failures. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being used to

manage digital libraries, assisting in cataloguing, metadata creation, and even predicting future preservation needs. Blockchain technology offers a decentralized system for tracking and verifying the authenticity of digital assets, ensuring that records remain tamper-proof. Meanwhile, digital forensics tools allow libraries to recover lost or corrupted data, addressing the risk of file degradation and data corruption. Other technologies are also emerging day-by-day that can be used in the digital preservation of library material. Despite these advancements, the adoption of emerging technologies for digital preservation comes with significant challenges. Libraries face financial constraints, limiting their ability to implement or upgrade necessary systems. There is also a growing need for skilled professionals who can manage these technologies effectively. Data security concerns, as well as the absence of standardized guidelines, further complicate the process. To address these issues, libraries need to form collaborative networks and develop unified strategies for digital preservation. By sharing resources and expertise, libraries can overcome the fragmentation of efforts and ensure the long-term accessibility of digital content.

2. Review of Literature

Digital preservation technologies or methods have evolved as libraries increasingly focus on maintaining access and the integrity of digital assets over time. Traditional techniques focused on physical formats are now shifting towards digital counterparts, and literature in the field highlights various strategies libraries adopt worldwide. The major studies related to the present topic are as follows that focus on the trends and technologies in digital preservation:

Muthusamy and Palanisamy (2024) identified modern digital data preservation and management trends, including AI for metadata generation and blockchain for secure data management.

Masenya and Ngulube (2021; 2019) examined digital preservation methods, systems, trends, and technologies in academic libraries in South Africa to recommend solutions for effective digital preservation.

Rathika et al. (2020) explored digital preservation techniques, examining different methods for preserving traditional documents and digitized forms by utilizing the latest technologies.

Samiei (2020), intended the survey-based study to identify the present status of digital preservation strategies, implemented by digital libraries of the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). The strategies such as daily back-up of data, refreshment of media, information migration, and permanent identifiers were identified.

Corrado and Sandy (2017), in their book, reviewed the current technological trends in digital preservation in archives, libraries, and museums.

Lakshminarasimhappa (2014) identified the need for a digitization process and its methods in libraries.

Hedstrom (2010) discussed the increasing importance of digital preservation in the context of digital libraries. The paper also reviewed challenges like media deterioration, hardware/software obsolescence, and the limitations of current preservation strategies like migration and emulation and highlighted the role of standards and operational models in advancing digital preservation research.

Arora (2009) outlined several digital preservation strategies, emphasizing that the choice of strategy should be tailored to specific data types, contexts, or institutions. The study also discussed digital preservation metadata, a subset of metadata that details key attributes of digital resources to ensure their long-term accessibility.

Waters (2008), discussed the role of digital preservation in the ongoing transformation of scholarly communication. The study emphasizes that digital preservation will be vital in maintaining and renewing knowledge for future generations.

Thibodeau (2002), in his research, studied the technological methods of digital preservation and challenges. The researcher also identified the challenges in digital preservation such as institutional policies, roles, legal issues, IPRs, and metadata.

3. Objectives

The following are the key objectives framed for this study:

a) To identify the most effective technologies that can be employed in digital preservation.
b) To know the current trends in digital preservation.
c) To know the challenges in implementing emerging technologies in digital preservation
d) To recommend strategies to adapt emerging technologies for digital preservation purposes.

4. Significance

The significance of this research lies in its ability to provide libraries and information professionals with insights into how new technologies can enhance digital preservation. As digital collections grow, the preservation of these materials is crucial for maintaining cultural, academic, and historical continuity. This study will provide a detailed examination of how specific technologies can be employed effectively to ensure the long-term viability of digital materials.

5. Scope

This article covers various emerging technologies such as cloud storage, AI, blockchain, and their role in enhancing digital preservation in libraries. It aims to serve as a guide for library professionals, information technologists, and researchers who are engaged in or interested in the field of digital preservation.

6. Research Methodology

The research for this article was conducted through a thorough review of existing literature on digital preservation in modern libraries. Primary and secondary sources, including journal articles, conference papers, and case studies, were analyzed to gather information on the latest technological trends in the field. Data from digital preservation projects were also examined to assess the real-world impact of technologies like cloud computing, blockchain, and AI.

7. What is Digital Preservation?

'Digital Preservation' refers to the processes and activities aimed at ensuring the long-term accessibility, usability, and authenticity of digital information. This includes not only the technical aspects of maintaining digital files but also strategies to preserve the integrity of digital content over time, despite technological changes or obsolescence. According to the *Digital Preservation Coalition* (2024), digital preservation is "the series of managed activities necessary to ensure continued access to digital materials for as long as necessary". The key techniques in digital preservation include format migration, emulation, and storage in robust, redundant environments. The goal of digital preservation is to prevent data loss and degradation while ensuring that digital content remains accessible to future generations. In the context of libraries and archives, digital preservation is critical to safeguarding scholarly, cultural, and historical materials in digital formats.As more materials are digitized, the challenge lies before libraries in maintaining their usability over time due to rapid technological advancements.

8. Emerging Technologies and Trends in Digital Preservation in Modern Libraries

In the digital age, libraries play a crucial role in the preservation of cultural and intellectual assets. Digital preservation refers to the processes involved in maintaining the usability of digital content over time. This becomes increasingly challenging due to the fast-paced evolution of technology, leading to issues such as file format obsolescence, hardware degradation, and data corruption. To address these challenges, modern libraries are turning to emerging technologies to safeguard their digital collections. These technologies include Artificial Intelligence(AI), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and advanced metadata management systems. This paper provides an

overview of major emerging technologies and their role in ensuring the longevity and accessibility of digital assets in libraries.

a) Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers scalable, resilient, and cost-effective storage solutions for digital preservation. Libraries are increasingly migrating their collections to the cloud to avoid the risks associated with local storage systems, such as physical damage or hardware failure. Cloud-based platforms enable libraries to store large volumes of data with automatic backups and encryption, enhancing the preservation of digital content. Furthermore, the cloud allows for easy access to digital resources from multiple locations, ensuring that the materials remain available despite potential localized disasters.

b) Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is becoming a powerful tool in digital preservation, especially in metadata generation, cataloguing, and automation. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large datasets to identify patterns and predict potential risks, such as file corruption or data loss. AI also assists in automating metadata creation, ensuring that digital assets are well-organized and easily retrievable. Libraries use AI to identify the most appropriate preservation strategies by analyzing content and determining optimal storage formats and methods. Furthermore, AI-powered tools can assist in digital forensics, helping libraries recover corrupted or lost data (PressReader, 2024).

c) Blockchain Technology

Blockchain technology is emerging as a robust solution for ensuring the authenticity and integrity of digital records. It provides a safe, clear, and distributed method for documenting and exchanging data without relying on intermediaries (Panda and Kaur, 2023). In the context of digital preservation, blockchain can create a decentralized ledger that records every transaction, alteration, or access to a digital file. This ensures that a reliable and immutable record of the digital asset is maintained, making it easier for libraries to track the provenance and history of digital content. Blockchain can also prevent tampering with digital files, ensuring that they remain authentic over time.

d) Digital Forensics

Digital forensics tools are being adapted by libraries to recover lost or corrupted data from outdated or damaged storage media. These tools can also be used to analyze the structure of digital files, ensuring that all the necessary components are intact for future access. Digital forensics plays a key role in understanding the state of digital assets and determining the best methods for their preservation. As libraries deal with an increasing number of file formats, forensics tools help in format migration and data recovery (Confinity, 2024).

e) Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR)

While still in its early stages in the field of digital preservation, Virtual, and Augmented Reality are gaining attention for their potential to preserve and present cultural artifacts and historical records. These technologies allow libraries to create immersive digital representations of physical items that may deteriorate over time. Through VR/AR, libraries can provide users with interactive experiences, giving them the ability to explore preserved materials in new ways. In the long term, these technologies could become essential for preserving the experience of physical objects as they exist in the real world and are increasingly popular technologies, with their applications in libraries and education continuing to grow Oyelude (2017).

f) Internet of Things (IoT)

The Internet of Things (IoT) has opened up new opportunities for acquiring and transferring born-digital materials. By using IoT technologies and devices, libraries can collect and preserve digital data streams, effectively integrating them with the digital assets in their collections.

g) Metadata and Semantic Web

Advanced metadata systems are essential for managing the growing number of digital objects that libraries store. Proper metadata ensures that digital assets are easily searchable and retrievable. Emerging metadata technologies focus on improving the accuracy, depth, and richness of the descriptive data attached to digital files. The Semantic Web, which aims to enable machines to interpret and process information more efficiently, is an evolving technology that can revolutionize how libraries manage their digital collections. By applying semantic technologies, libraries can automate the organization of digital content and create more meaningful connections between disparate data sources (Ippolito and Cigola, 2016).

h) 3D Scanning and Digital Imaging

3D scanning and digital imaging technologies are becoming increasingly popular in libraries for the preservation of physical objects. These technologies allow for the creation of high-resolution digital replicas of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts, which can then be stored digitally for long-term preservation. 3D scanning ensures that even if the physical object deteriorates, a digital representation remains accessible. Libraries can also use these technologies to provide virtual access to items that may otherwise be restricted due to their fragility (Ippolito and Cigola, 2016).

9. Challenges in Implementing Emerging Technologies in Digital Preservation

Despite the potential of these technologies, there are several challenges that libraries face in adopting them as follows:

a) Financial Constraints
- Limited budgets prevent libraries from acquiring new technologies or upgrading existing systems.
- Ongoing costs for maintenance, training, and support services can strain financial resources further.

b) Lack of Technological Expertise
- Staff may lack the necessary skills to effectively implement and manage new technologies.
- Regular training and upskilling are required, but this may be difficult to achieve due to time and budget constraints.

c) Data Security Concerns
- Emerging technologies often come with heightened risks of data breaches or misuse of sensitive information.
- Ensuring robust data protection measures while adopting new systems is a critical concern.

d) Sustainability and Accessibility
- As technology evolves rapidly, keeping digital content accessible and usable requires constant investments in new software and hardware.
- Preservation of digital assets can be challenging without appropriate resources and strategies.

e) Absence of Standardized Guidelines
- There is a lack of uniformity in how different libraries implement these technologies.
- This lack of standardization can lead to inconsistencies in digital preservation and resource management efforts across institutions.

f) Fragmented Implementation Efforts
- Without clear standards, libraries may adopt a piecemeal approach, resulting in compatibility and interoperability issues.
- Fragmented efforts reduce the overall effectiveness of technology adoption and hinder collaboration.

10.Recommendations

Some strategies can be recommended to acclimate emerging technologies in digital preservation:

a) Adoption of AI and Machine Learning

AI can automate metadata creation and improve digital material categorization, making long-term storage and retrieval easier.

b) Cloud-Based Storage
Utilizing cloud services for digital preservation offers scalability and resilience against hardware failure and local disasters.

c) Blockchain for Provenance
Blockchain can secure the provenance of a library's digital content, ensuring that it remains tamper-proof and authentic over time.

d) Regular Format Migration
Regularly migrating digital materials to newer formats is necessary to avoid obsolescence due to changes in file standards.

e) Collaborative Networks
Libraries should create collaborative preservation networks to share resources and develop unified strategies for digital preservation.

11. Conclusion

Libraries continuously face challenges and need to respond thoughtfully and efficiently to safeguard their collections, especially as the use of diverse digital technologies expands. The implementation of emerging technologies in digital preservation represents a crucial step toward securing the future of digital libraries. Cloud computing, AI, blockchain, digital forensics, and such emerging technologies offer solutions to the growing challenge of preserving vast digital collections. However, these technologies also bring about challenges related to cost, expertise, and standardization. To fully realize the potential of these innovations, libraries must adopt collaborative approaches, invest in staff training, and continuously update their preservation strategies. The future of digital preservation lies in the successful integration of these technologies, ensuring that digital information remains accessible for generations to come.

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AN EVALUATIVE STUDY OF A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED BY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS – WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MOODLE

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1.0Introduction

Conventional education encompasses any instructional approach that employs traditional paper-and-pencil techniques within a standard classroom environment. In essence, conventional learning pertains to any educational methods commonly practiced in schools (Kaushik, 2016). This involves standard lecture-based teaching, assignments, assessments, and homework for students, established pedagogical practices for educators, the utilization of designated textbooks and supplementary course materials, as well as a face-to-face teaching framework (Amankwah et al., 2022). However, in the digital era, the integration of technology in education and information management has become indispensable (Abdullateef et al., 2019). Learning Management Systems (LMS) are pivotal tools in this transformation, providing platforms for structured learning, collaboration, and resource sharing. Among various LMS platforms, MOODLE (Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment) stands out as a leading open-source solution (Dhawale and Tikar, 2019; Mpungose, 2020). Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals have embraced LMS platforms like MOODLE to streamline services (Kampa and Kaushik, 2016), enhance learning experiences, and foster information literacy among users (Bradley, 2021).

The adoption of Learning Management Systems like MOODLE has revolutionized the role of Library and Information Science professionals, transforming libraries into dynamic learning hubs (Arora et al., 2022). By leveraging MOODLE's capabilities, LIS professionals can enhance their services, foster lifelong learning, and adapt to the evolving demands of the digital age (Devi et al., 2020). Despite the challenges, the benefits of using MOODLE far outweigh the drawbacks, making it a valuable asset for modern libraries striving to meet the needs of their communities (Bheki, 2020). However, the role of MOODLE in the education pertaining library and information science is still unclear in India in general and the colleges affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati in particular. It is widely accepted that acquisition of knowledge or skills through study constitutes the essence of learning. Hence, the role of MOODLE in library science education needs to be evaluated so that competent LIS professionals can be made available to cater to vast

number of researchers and other information seekers. In the backdrop of above information this investigation was carried out to study and critically analyze open source e-learning initiatives in the education sector especially in the Department of Library and Information Science, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

2.0Research Methodology

In the current study, a quantitative approach was employed to address the study's objectives. The research employed a combination of descriptive and exploratory approaches. Data was collected from LIS professionals working in the educational institutions affiliated with Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. Prior to selection, a reconnaissance survey was conducted, indicating a finite population of LIS professionals. Sampling was done through the principles of probability sampling, specifically the Simple Random Sampling method. During the actual survey, feedback was obtained from 176 LIS professionals, which formed the final sample size for this study. Primary data was collected through a structured survey questionnaire and a survey research approach. The secondary data was also collected from a variety of sources, including general publications, scientific journals, professional association publications, research institute materials, books by national and international authors, as well as other online resources. The collected data was analyzed using a range of statistical techniques. Descriptive statistics, including frequency, percentage, and mode, were calculated from the collected data. Additionally, inferential statistics such as the Chi-Square test were employed to analyze the data. All statistical analysis was conducted using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences version 18.0. A significance level of 0.05 was selected to minimize the consequences of potential errors.

3.0Results and Discussion

3.1Access of Learning Material from the MOODLE

Table 1:Frequency of access to MOODLE

SN	Frequency	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	1-2	6	3.6
2	3-5	11	6.3
3	6-10	20	11.6
4	More than 10	138	78.6
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=172.929; **df**: 3; χ^2_{crit}= 7.82; p<0.05

The frequency of access to the MOODLE platform by the respondents is presented in the Table 1. The majority of the respondents, 78.6%, reported accessing MOODLE more than 10 times. This suggests a high level of engagement and familiarity with the MOODLE platform among the survey participants. Only a small percentage, 3.6%, accessed MOODLE

1-2 times, while 6.3% and 11.6% accessed it 3-5 times and 6-10 times, respectively. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents have attended more than 10 times accessing of MOODLE.

3.2Consistency of access to MOODLE

Table 2:Consistency of access to MOODLE

SN	Consistency	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Excellent	44	25.0
2	Good	112	63.4
3	Average	14	8.0
4	Below average	6	3.6
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=99.5; **df**: 3; χ^2_{crit}= 7.82; p<0.05

The Table 2 presents the respondents' perceptions of the consistency of access to the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 63.4%, rated the consistency as 'Good', while 25% rated it as 'Excellent'. Only a small percentage, 3.6%, rated the consistency as 'Below average'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses (χ2= 99.5, df: 3, χ2crit= 7.82, p<0.05), indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the consistency of access to MOODLE were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform developed for the Department of Library and Information Science at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University was generally perceived as providing a consistent and reliable access experience for the users. The results indicate that the majority of the respondents perceived the consistency of access to the MOODLE platform as 'Good' or 'Excellent', with only a small percentage rating it as 'Below average'.

3.3Clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided during access

Table 3:Clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided during access

SN	Consistency	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very clear	41	23.2
2	Clear	101	57.1
3	Neutral	22	12.5
4	Unclear	13	7.1
5	Very unclear	0	0.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=112.643; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

The Table 3 presents the respondents' perceptions of the clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided for accessing the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 57.1%, rated the instructions as 'Clear', while 23.2% rated them as 'Very clear'. Only a small percentage, 7.1%, found the instructions to be 'Unclear', and none of the respondents rated

them as 'Very unclear'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the clarity and conciseness of the instructions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the instructions provided for accessing the MOODLE platform were generally perceived as clear and concise by the Library and Information Science professionals at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University. The results show that the majority of the respondents perceived the instructions for accessing the MOODLE platform as 'Clear' or 'Very clear', with only a small percentage finding them 'Unclear'.

3.4 Opportunities for active student participation and interaction

Table 4:Opportunities for active students of participation and interaction

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Yes	112	63.4
2	No	22	12.5
3	Not sure	42	24.1
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=76.145; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 4 presents the respondents' perceptions of the opportunities for active student participation and interaction provided by the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 63.4%, reported that the MOODLE platform offered opportunities for active student participation and interaction. Only 12.5% of the respondents said that there were no such opportunities, while 24.1% were unsure. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents feel there is opportunity for active student participation. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform was perceived by the respondents at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University to provide opportunities for active student participation and interaction, which is a crucial aspect of effective e-learning.

3.5Ease of Navigation through the platform

Table 5:Ease of Navigate through the platform

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very easy	38	21.4
2	Somewhat easy	124	70.5
3	Not at all easy	14	8.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=114.058; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 5 presents the respondents' perceptions of the ease of navigating through the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 70.5%, found the platform 'Somewhat easy' to navigate, while 21.4% found it 'Very easy'. Only 8% of the respondents reported

that the platform was 'Not at all easy' to navigate. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents feel navigating the platform is somewhat easy. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform was generally perceived by the respondents at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University to be easy to navigate, which is an important factor in ensuring a positive user experience and effective e-learning.

3.6System's/Instructor's responsiveness to questions and concerns

Table 6: System's/Instructor's responsiveness to questions and concerns

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very responsive	52	29.5
2	Responsive	82	46.4
3	Neutral	25	14.3
4	Unresponsive	17	9.8
5	Very unresponsive	0	0.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=117.807; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

The Table 6 presents the respondents' perceptions of the responsiveness of the system or the instructor to their questions and concerns during their engagement with the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 46.4%, rated the responsiveness as 'Responsive', while 29.5% rated it as 'Very responsive'. Only a small percentage, 9.8%, found the system or the instructor to be 'Unresponsive', and none of the respondents rated it as 'Very unresponsive'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the responsiveness were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the Library and Information Science professionals at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University generally perceived the system or the instructor to be responsive to their questions and concerns during their engagement with the MOODLE platform.

3.7Availability of reliable customer support

Table 7:Availability of reliable customer support to address technical issues and concerns

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Yes	60	33.9
2	No	42	24.1
3	Not sure	74	42.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=8.774; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 7 presents the respondents' perceptions of the availability of reliable customer support to address technical issues and concerns related to the online learning platform. A significant proportion of the respondents, 42%, were unsure about the availability of reliable customer support. 33.9% of the respondents reported that reliable customer support was available, while 24.1% said that it was not available. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that there may be room for improvement in the availability and responsiveness of customer support for the online learning platform, as a significant proportion of the respondents were either unsure or reported that reliable support was not available.

4.0Conclusions

MOODLE plays a transformative role in LIS education by providing a dynamic and flexible platform for teaching, learning, and resource sharing. It enables LIS educators to design and deliver interactive courses, integrating multimedia content, quizzes, and collaborative activities to enhance student engagement. Based on the study results it is evident that most of the study participants have attended significant number of online sessions on MOODLE. Moreover, their consistent participation in the online sessions on MOODLE appears to be satisfactory. However, many study participants indicated that the instructions provided during online sessions are not clear. This can be taken care of as most of the study participants revealed that there is opportunity for active student participation. In addition to above, the navigating through MOODLE platform appears to be somewhat easy for most of the users (with different levels of technical expertise). Finally, the role or responsiveness of systems/instructors with respect to questions and concerns is positive. Thus, MOODLE appears to be a welcome addition in the LIS education providing colleges affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

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INNOVATIONS IN LIBRARY SERVICES: INTEGRATING ONOS, MOOCS, AND ODL FOR ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY

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Abstract

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed the landscape of library services, necessitating innovative approaches to enhance accessibility and efficiency. This paper explores the integration of Open Network Operating System (ONOS), Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in modern libraries to foster a more inclusive and technologically advanced learning environment. ONOS, as a scalable and programmable network management system, optimizes digital library infrastructure, ensuring seamless access to resources. MOOCs serve as an extension of library services by providing vast learning materials, while ODL frameworks enhance remote access to scholarly content, catering to diverse user needs. The convergence of these technologies not only improves resource availability but also promotes lifelong learning, bridging gaps in traditional library services. This study highlights the benefits, challenges, and future prospects of integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL in libraries, emphasizing their role in democratizing knowledge access and supporting digital inclusion

Keywords: Library Innovations, Library Automation**,** ONOS for Digital Access**,** MOOCs and Libraries, ODL in Libraries.

Introduction

Libraries have long been regarded as vital institutions for knowledge dissemination, research facilitation, and lifelong learning. With rapid technological advancements and evolving user expectations, libraries are continuously adapting to new trends and innovations to enhance their services. Emerging trends such as Open Network Operating System (ONOS), research support services, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) platforms are reshaping the landscape of modern

library services. These developments not only improve access to information but also foster collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity in the global knowledge economy.

The integration of ONOS in library systems presents a transformative approach to networking and data management, ensuring efficient and secure access to digital resources. Similarly, research support services have become increasingly significant in academic libraries, providing researchers with essential tools, guidance, and access to scholarly materials. Furthermore, the rise of MOOCs and ODL platforms has revolutionized education by offering flexible, cost-effective learning opportunities beyond traditional classroom settings. Libraries play a crucial role in supporting these platforms by curating digital content, facilitating e-learning, and promoting open access resources.

Literature Review

This section explores the current literature on the role of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms in modern library services. Existing studies highlight how ONOS enhances network efficiency and security within digital libraries, allowing for seamless data access and storage. MOOCs have been widely studied for their impact on education, particularly in providing accessible learning opportunities worldwide. Additionally, research on ODL platforms emphasizes their role in enabling flexible learning and expanding the reach of educational institutions. The literature review identifies the gaps in existing studies and provides a framework for analyzing how libraries can effectively integrate these innovations.

Open Network Operating System (ONOS) in Library Services

The integration of Open Network Operating System (ONOS) in library services has significantly improved digital infrastructure, enhancing access, security, and efficiency in data management. ONOS is an open-source software-defined networking (SDN) platform designed to support high-performance networking, and its adoption in library networks has been instrumental in managing vast digital collections and ensuring seamless access to resources (Gude et al., 2015). Studies suggest that ONOS implementation allows libraries to optimize bandwidth allocation, enhance cybersecurity, and provide better access to digital repositories (McKeown et al., 2008). However, challenges such as the initial cost of implementation and the need for specialized technical expertise have been identified as barriers to widespread adoption (Kim et al., 2019).

2. MOOCs and Their Role in Library Services

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have emerged as a transformative force in global education, providing free and open access to learning materials for a diverse audience (Yuan & Powell, 2013). Libraries have become integral to MOOC platforms by curating relevant resources, offering technical support, and promoting open educational resources (OER). Research highlights that MOOCs have expanded learning opportunities beyond traditional academic institutions, fostering lifelong learning and skill development (Pappano, 2012). However, some scholars argue that disparities in internet access, lack of instructor engagement, and challenges in content accreditation limit the effectiveness of MOOCs in education (Liyanagunawardena et al., 2013).

3. Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Platforms in Libraries

The rise of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) platforms has led to significant transformations in library services, particularly in remote education and digital learning. ODL enables libraries to provide access to digital collections, research materials, and virtual assistance, enhancing educational outreach (Tait, 2008). Libraries supporting ODL platforms contribute to knowledge democratization by ensuring equitable access to learning resources, particularly for students in remote and underprivileged areas (Peters, 2010). However, studies indicate that issues such as copyright restrictions, digital literacy challenges, and technological infrastructure limitations continue to hinder the full potential of ODL in library services (Mishra, 2017).

4. Challenges and Future Directions

While ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms offer promising innovations in library services, several challenges remain. Studies indicate that libraries must address financial constraints, invest in digital literacy training, and develop policies that support open access (Lane, 2012). Future research should focus on strategies for effective implementation, sustainability models, and the long-term impact of these technologies on knowledge dissemination and accessibility (Siemens, 2014).

Research Problem: The integration of emerging technologies and platforms such as ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning) into library services is a growing area of interest. However, the effective use of these innovations to enhance accessibility and improve service delivery in libraries remains a significant challenge. The current lack of seamless integration and understanding of how these platforms can be optimized together for diverse users, especially in under-resourced areas, needs further exploration.

Objectives:

1. To investigate the potential of integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into library services for improved accessibility.
2. To assess the impact of these innovations on user engagement and learning outcomes.
3. To identify the barriers and challenges faced by libraries in adopting these technologies.
4. To explore strategies for overcoming challenges and fostering collaboration between libraries and educational platforms.
5. To propose a framework for implementing these innovations for enhanced library services and broader accessibility.

Research Methodology

This study adopts a **mixed-methods approach**, combining qualitative and quantitative research to examine the integration of **ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning)** in enhancing library accessibility. A **literature review** will be conducted to analyze existing innovations in library services and their impact on accessibility. **Surveys and interviews** with librarians, educators, and students will be used to gather insights on the effectiveness of these technologies. Additionally, a **case study approach** will be employed to assess real-world implementations of ONOS-driven network solutions, MOOCs integration, and ODL support in libraries. Data collected will be analyzed using **thematic analysis for qualitative insights** and **statistical methods for quantitative findings**, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of technological advancements in library services.

Potential of Integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into Library Services for Improved Accessibility:

1. **Wider Access to Digital Resources:** Users, especially in remote or underserved areas, gain access to a broader range of educational content, research materials, and courses.
2. **Enhanced Learning Opportunities:** Libraries can provide flexible, on-demand learning experiences through MOOCs and ODL, catering to diverse user needs.
3. **Cost-Effectiveness:** Reduces the need for physical infrastructure, lowering operational costs while expanding library services and resources.
4. **Improved User Engagement:** More interactive and engaging learning resources that encourage users to interact with library content more frequently.
5. **Seamless Integration with Educational Institutions:** Facilitates better collaboration with educational institutions, offering complementary services such as virtual learning and tutoring.

6. **Customization & Personalization:** Libraries can provide personalized learning paths and resources based on individual user needs and preferences.
7. **Network Efficiency with ONOS:** ONOS enables efficient management of library network resources, improving the delivery of digital content and services to users.
8. **Promotes Lifelong Learning:** ODL and MOOCs allow users to access learning materials anytime, supporting continuous, lifelong education.
9. **Improved Accessibility for Diverse Users:** Features like multi-language support, mobile access, and accessibility tools cater to users with varying needs and abilities.
10. **Bridge the Digital Divide:** Provides equitable access to educational resources for users in areas with limited access to traditional educational services.

The integration of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into library services has significantly enhanced user engagement and learning outcomes. These innovations provide users with flexible, on-demand access to educational resources, which encourages more frequent interaction with library content. MOOCs and ODL platforms offer diverse learning paths, catering to individual needs and learning styles, thus improving engagement levels. Additionally, users benefit from personalized learning experiences, real-time feedback, and the ability to access materials anytime and anywhere. This flexibility and accessibility have been linked to better learning outcomes, as users can progress at their own pace and revisit content as needed, leading to improved retention and mastery of topics.

Barriers and Challenges Faced by Libraries in Adopting ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL:

1. **Technological Infrastructure Limitations:** Insufficient broadband, outdated hardware, and lack of necessary technological resources hinder integration.
2. **Lack of Trained Personnel:** Libraries often lack staff with the technical expertise to manage and maintain new systems and platforms.
3. **High Implementation Costs:** The financial investment required for infrastructure upgrades, licensing, and training can be prohibitive.
4. **Resistance to Change:** Library staff and users may resist adopting new technologies due to unfamiliarity or comfort with existing systems.
5. **Digital Divide:** Users in rural or low-income areas may face challenges accessing digital content due to limited internet connectivity or device availability.
6. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns:** Ensuring the security of user data and maintaining privacy when using online platforms and digital resources can be challenging.
7. **Lack of Standardized Integration:** Difficulty in seamlessly integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL with existing library systems due to lack of standardization.

8. **Content Availability and Relevance:** Limited access to localized or context-specific educational content that aligns with users' needs and interests.
9. **Ongoing Maintenance and Support:** Continuous technical support and maintenance are required, which can be resource-intensive for libraries with limited budgets.

Strategies for Overcoming Challenges and Fostering Collaboration Between Libraries and Educational Platforms:

1. **Investment in Infrastructure:** Libraries should prioritize investments in broadband, hardware upgrades, and cloud-based solutions to enhance technological capacity and provide seamless access to digital resources.
2. **Training and Capacity Building:** Offering regular training programs for library staff to build technical skills in managing ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms ensures smooth implementation and sustainability.
3. **Collaboration with Educational Institutions:** Libraries can partner with universities and MOOCs providers to share resources, content, and expertise, thereby enhancing service offerings and aligning library resources with academic curricula.
4. **Securing Funding and Grants:** Libraries can seek government grants, private sector partnerships, and collaborations with educational organizations to fund technological upgrades and the integration of digital platforms.
5. **Building User Awareness and Engagement:** Libraries can organize workshops and outreach programs to familiarize users with new technologies, overcoming resistance and ensuring higher engagement levels.
6. **Standardization of Platforms and Integration Tools:** Developing or adopting standardized protocols for integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into existing library systems ensures smoother transitions and greater interoperability.
7. **Focus on Accessibility Features:** Libraries should prioritize accessibility by ensuring that platforms are mobile-friendly, offer multi-language options, and include support for users with disabilities.
8. **Fostering Community Collaboration:** Libraries can collaborate with local communities and stakeholders to better understand their needs and curate relevant educational content, ensuring greater user relevance.
9. **Developing Sustainable Models:** Libraries should work towards creating long-term, sustainable models for maintaining and updating technology systems, including establishing reliable partnerships for ongoing support.

10. **Emphasizing Data Security and Privacy:** Implementing strong cyber-security measures and educating users on data privacy will help alleviate concerns and build trust in digital platforms.

Proposed Framework for Implementing ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL for Enhanced Library Services and Broader Accessibility:

1. **Assessment and Planning:**
   - Conduct a needs assessment to understand user requirements and existing technological gaps.
   - Identify key stakeholders, including educational institutions, IT experts, and users, to involve in the planning process.
2. **Infrastructure Development:**
   - Upgrade network infrastructure using ONOS for efficient resource management and improved access to digital content.
   - Invest in high-speed internet, cloud-based solutions, and scalable systems to support MOOCs and ODL platforms.
3. **Technology Integration:**
   - Integrate ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms into the library's existing systems, ensuring seamless compatibility and user accessibility.
   - Develop APIs and other integration tools to enhance interconnectivity between educational platforms and library databases.
4. **Content Curation and Personalization:**
   - Curate and customize learning materials, courses, and digital resources based on user preferences, academic needs, and local contexts.
   - Offer personalized learning paths and support services to cater to diverse user groups, including students, professionals, and lifelong learners.
5. **Staff Training and Capacity Building:**
   - Provide ongoing training for library staff to manage and support the use of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms effectively.
   - Create technical and customer service support teams to assist users and troubleshoot issues.
6. **User Engagement and Support:**
   - Launch awareness campaigns and workshops to educate users about the benefits and usage of the new technologies.
   - Provide continuous support services, including virtual tutoring, online forums, and user-friendly guides.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**
   - Implement monitoring tools to track the usage of digital resources, user satisfaction, and learning outcomes.
   - Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the system and make necessary adjustments based on feedback from users and staff.
8. **Collaboration and Partnerships:**
   - Foster partnerships with educational institutions, MOOC providers, and technology vendors to share resources, expertise, and content.
   - Engage with local communities, government agencies, and funding organizations to ensure sustainability and broaden access.
9. **Data Security and Privacy:**
   - Implement strong data protection policies and cybersecurity measures to ensure the privacy and security of user information.
   - Educate users about data privacy risks and secure usage of online learning platforms.
10. **Sustainability and Continuous Improvement:**
    - Develop a sustainable financial and operational model, incorporating regular updates and system maintenance.
    - Stay updated with emerging technologies and continuously improve library services to meet evolving user needs.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The integration of **ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning)** represents a transformative shift in modern library services. These technologies collectively enhance accessibility, scalability, and efficiency, ensuring that libraries remain vital hubs of knowledge in the digital era.

By implementing **ONOS**, libraries can optimize their network infrastructure, ensuring seamless access to digital resources for users worldwide. **MOOCs** bridge the gap between traditional learning and digital education, offering open access to high-quality courses and materials. Meanwhile, **ODL** expands educational opportunities by catering to remote learners, making libraries more inclusive and globally relevant.

However, while these innovations offer significant benefits, challenges such as **digital literacy gaps, infrastructural limitations, and cybersecurity risks** must be addressed to maximize their impact. A holistic approach that includes **training programs, policy**

frameworks, and strategic investments is essential for ensuring the sustainable and effective adoption of these technologies in library services.

Recommendations

To fully harness the potential of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL in enhancing library accessibility, the following recommendations should be considered:

1. **Investment in Digital Infrastructure**
   - Libraries should upgrade their IT infrastructure to support ONOS, ensuring seamless, secure, and scalable network services.
   - Cloud-based solutions should be explored to enhance storage capacity and remote access to digital materials.
2. **Collaboration with Educational Institutions and MOOC Providers**
   - Libraries should partner with universities and MOOC platforms (e.g., Coursera, edX, FutureLearn) to curate high-quality digital learning content.
   - Licensing agreements and open-access policies should be adopted to provide cost-effective access to MOOCs for library users.
3. **Capacity Building and Digital Literacy Training**
   - Librarians should receive training in managing digital services, ONOS-based networks, and integrating MOOCs into library offerings.
   - Users should be educated on how to effectively utilize online learning platforms and digital library resources.
4. **Enhancing Accessibility and Inclusivity**
   - Libraries should adopt **assistive technologies** such as screen readers, text-to-speech software, and adaptive learning tools to support users with disabilities.
   - Multilingual support and localized digital resources should be developed to cater to diverse user demographics.
5. **Strengthening Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Measures**
   - Robust **cybersecurity policies** should be implemented to protect user data and digital assets from cyber threats.
   - Regular audits and updates should be conducted to ensure compliance with global data protection regulations.
6. **Monitoring and Evaluation**
   - A structured **impact assessment framework** should be established to evaluate the effectiveness of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL integration in libraries.
   - User feedback mechanisms should be implemented to continuously improve digital library services.

By implementing these recommendations, libraries can transform into dynamic, technology-driven learning spaces that **promote lifelong learning, digital inclusion, and equitable access to knowledge** in the modern era.

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UTILITY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR OVERALL GROWTH OF LIBRARIES

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Abstract

A revolutionary change in the working system of the Library is on the doorstep, thanks to the entry of AI technology, which will not only help the librarians to manage the things in a better and faster way, but will assist the Librarians 24 x7 , as & when required. That means in the form of AI we got an honest & intelligent assistant who never sleeps , never gets tired & at your service, at your will. There will be sea change in the functioning of the Libraries by bringing in Artificial Intelligence (AI). It will help you in multiple ways like sorting and organizing books , managing the huge database. That means Library working staff can get more time to deal with the people. Like every digital tool AI has got its advantages & challenges as well. We need to Sof the Libraries that we are maintaining from the long past. The aim of this study paper is to do the comprehensive study of the utilization of AI , so that maximum benefit can be achieved from it.

Keywords- Artificial Intelligence , On the doorstep, Sea change, Database , Essence

Introduction

AI can give continues & tireless assistance by bringing smart technologies like advanced algorithms and virtual assistants into play. The books and the related data can be organized quickly. For one problem it can give a number of solutions to choose you the best option. This tool will be always prompt in helping you out from the troubles you are facing. It can also help you to bring your ideas of development into reality ,because it is saving your precious time by doing the things in the proper, better & faster way & giving you an opportunity to think more for the further development of the Library related with working

culture, further growth, more facilities to the Library users, environment development. Overall social engagements . Future plans & actions etc.

AI will create the atmosphere that will be more friendly & enjoyable. The AI will not limit itself to arranging the books only but it can give you number of ideas that too in the customized way for bringing the maximum positive changes.

While using this smart tool we should be careful that it will never cross the basic principles & the rules of the Libraries. AI can perform the multiple tasks like problem solving, perception, speech recognition, reasoning, language understanding etc.AI is designed to explore the human intelligence in the machines which can independently think, analyze & take the decisions.

It comprises broad range of technology & techniques which includes machine learning, natural language processing computer learning and vision, robotics etc. It also designed for analyse the data, recognize the pattern, making decisions.
The history of AI that the technology which can think like human being was generated from the ancient time , but the actual work in this direction started in the mid of 20th century. The term AI that is artificial intelligence was first used in 1956 by Mr. John McCarthy. Who organized the Dartmouth Conference, considered the birth of AI as an academic discipline.

Methodology-

Since AI is an upcoming technology, and the most discussed subject in the recent time, research on this subject was carried out by referring various articles published in the newspaper. Also watching the latest new was helpful to get an wide idea of the subject, social media now a days is flooded with the write up on AI & people are discussing regarding pros & cons of AI. The subject is wide & possibilities of exploring new versions of AI in the coming future can't be ruled out . So overall research was comprised of the combine efforts from all the available resources.

How useful is AI for modern library

It's true that there will be revolutionary change in the overall working system of the library which AI will bring. This also will change their landscape & improve the capacity. Libraries are entering a revolutionary period in the digital age ,as a result of the integration of artificial intelligence (AI), which is changing their landscape and improving their capacity to fulfil users' changing requirements. AI is well being introduced for higher speed in the work , capacity to store & display the information, Libraries can use this tool to improve accessibility , expedite processes, and provide cutting-edge services. This

combination will make the library operations more efficient, and also establishes libraries as vibrant centres of information discovery for the twenty-first century. In this study paper , we will consider the different aspects & ways, AI is impacting and changing the conventional functions of libraries, such as enhancing information literacy and resource discovery. AI programs can automate repetitive work in most efficient way.

AI technologies facilitate accessibility for diverse user groups, including those with disabilities, by enabling features like voice-controlled interfaces and text-to-speech functionalities.

AI-driven educational tools in libraries offer personalized learning experiences, adapting content to individual user preferences and learning styles.

The integration of AI in libraries raises ethical concerns related to privacy, data security, and algorithmic biases, emphasizing the need for responsible AI implementation.

Libraries leverage AI-driven analytics to assess user behaviour, preferences, and emerging trends, informing collection development strategies and resource allocation.

Roll of AI

Modern libraries are significantly impacted by artificial intelligence (AI), which is changing many areas of the services, operations, and user experiences offered by the libraries. Some of the main facts of which are here as:

1. ***Information retrieval*:** Based on artificial intelligence search engine algorithms improve the way that information is found in databases and library catalogues. By understanding and handling user queries, Natural Language Processing (NLP) approaches increase search accuracy.
2. ***Digital archives and preservation:*** *In library collections, AI helps with rare and delicate* material preservation, digitization, and indexing. Searchable text may be extracted from scanned documents using optical character recognition (OCR) technology, and digital archives can be categorized and arranged with the use of AI algorithms.
3. ***Chabot's and virtual assistants*:** AI-driven Chabot's and virtual assistants are used by libraries to assist patrons instantly, respond to questions, and direct them toward the resources and services available. These virtual agents are always available, which makes them more accessible to customers.
4. ***Text analysis and data mining*:** Text mining and sentiment assessment are two AI techniques that let libraries gather useful data from huge quantities of textual material. These findings are used by librarians for user behaviour analysis, scholarly research, and collection creation.
5. ***Content creation and generation*:** Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies enhance the creation of content through the creation of metadata, abstracts, or summaries

for reference materials. By automating monotonous methods, these tools allow librarians to devote more of their time to more strategic endeavours.

6. ***Predictive analytics for collection management*:** Predictive analytics is used by libraries to plan ahead for resource demand, improve collection development tactics, and effectively handle inventories. AI systems use usage trends and outside variables to inform their data-driven choices.
7. ***Language translation services*:** AI-powered translation systems are used by libraries with multilingual collections to provide resources in several languages, making them more accessible to a wider range of users.
8. ***Recommendation & curation systems*:** Under this, personalized suggestions are generated by AI algorithms that analyse user preferences, borrowing histories, and reading habits. These tools make it easier for users to quickly find suitable books, articles, and other resources.
9. ***Security and fraud* detection:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used in libraries to improve security measures like fraud detection, access control system monitoring, and cyber asset protection.
10. ***Accessibility services*:** AI helps improve the accessibility of library materials for people with disabilities. AI-powered software, for example, can help visually impaired people navigate digital interfaces and convert text to speech.

Benefits Vs Drawbacks

Benefits of AI:

1 .Enhanced Efficiency:

AI can automate repetitive tasks, freeing up human time for more complex work and increasing overall productivity in various industries.

2.Improved Accuracy:

AI algorithms can analyze large datasets to identify patterns and make more accurate predictions compared to human judgment in certain scenarios.

3.Personalized Experiences:

AI can tailor products, services, and recommendations to individual users based on their preferences and behavior, creating a more personalized experience.

4.Decision Support:

AI can provide valuable insights and data-driven recommendations to aid decision-making processes in complex situations.

5.Customer Service Improvement:

Chabot's powered by AI can provide immediate customer support and answer queries efficiently.

Drawbacks of AI:

1.Job Displacement:

Automation through AI could lead to job losses in sectors where tasks can be easily automated, potentially impacting the workforce.

2.Algorithmic Bias:

AI systems can perpetuate societal biases if trained on biased data, leading to unfair or discriminatory outcomes.

3.Lack of Creativity and Intuition:

AI struggles with tasks requiring creative thinking, complex problem-solving, and understanding nuanced contexts that humans excel at.

4.Data Privacy Concerns:

AI applications often rely on large amounts of personal data, raising concerns about data collection, storage, and potential misuse.

5.Ethical Dilemmas:

The development and deployment of AI raise ethical questions regarding accountability, transparency, and potential misuse in critical decision-making. Some conventional principles may have to be compromised due to extensive use of AI.

6.Dependency:

Human will highly relied on the technology & any failure of the system may lead to halting of the entire system.

7.Implementation cost:

Implementing complex AI systems can require significant financial investment and technical expertise, also cost for purchasing this technology may be high.

.Conclusion

To sum up, the revolutionary change in the functioning of Libraries is bound to take place after inclusion of AI technology the combination of artificial intelligence (AI) into libraries in the way that knowledge is gathered, arranged, and used is definitely giving an extra edge for the overall performance of the Library .Just look at how you are already benefiting from AI with the likes of Alexa, Siri, Cortana, and Google Assist. And that's only the start. Libraries can increase services, improve user experiences, and expedite procedures through this integration, better serving the changing requirements of those who use them in the age of technology. But these changes also come with drawbacks, like the need to constantly adjust to new technical developments, privacy issues, and ethical issues. However, libraries can continue to be essential places for the dissemination of knowledge while navigating the rapidly evolving field of information technology if they adopt AI rationally and effectively. So it is important to achieve perfect balance between use of latest technology & the conventional method of working to get the maximum benefits from AI.

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NEXT GENERATION LIBRARIES: EXPLORING EMERGING TREND AND TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract:

In this article, we study out the how the new technology will help he library subject. Every field will be using the new advance tools for upgradation. Base of every new invention technology which is library. Look back the for updation means it will be started from printing advancement for better reading. Color printing, computer, laptop, internet etc. Every tool is upgraded and also readers. Most important tool various ways in which 5G-enabled services can be utilized in higher education, from virtual and augmented reality experiences to smart campus environments and advanced research capabilities.
This article brings together contributions from library professionals across various regions of the world, exploring how Next Generation Libraries (NGL) can enhance user experiences. It specifically focuses on key themes, including (a) Emerging Trends and Technologies, (b) Collaboration and Community Engagement, and (c) The Future of Librarianship.
Key-Words: Upgradation, Updation, Acceptance, Inventions, Technology.

1. Introduction:

India is emerging as a significant global power, experiencing substantial growth across various sectors. The agricultural sector remains a crucial component of the Indian economy, employing over 50% of the workforce and contributing approximately 20.2% to the country's GDP. As of 2022, India's urban population is estimated at 508,368,361, accounting for approximately 38.2% of the total population, while 898,794,639 individuals

reside in rural areas, making up 61.8%. When discussing the development of India's next generation, it is imperative to consider both urban and rural populations to ensure inclusive progress.

The advancement of the library sector plays a pivotal role in this transformation, incorporating new technologies, tools, and resources to enhance accessibility and efficiency. Modernizing and updating library systems must take into account the diverse demographic landscape of India, ensuring that both urban and rural communities benefit from these advancements.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are revolutionizing library management and information dissemination. AI-powered cataloguing systems significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of organizing materials, while chatbots and virtual assistants facilitate instant responses to user inquiries and provide research assistance. These technological innovations are instrumental in shaping the future of libraries, making knowledge more accessible and interactive for the next generation.

2. Objectives of Research Paper:

1. Introduce the library new 'Avatar'.
2. Indian Library is now Global library.
3. Introduce ongoing and emerging technology trends in libraries.

3. Research methodology:

This research paper explores the technological advancements from rural to urban settings, focusing on their impact on education and library development. My academic institution is situated in a rural area, while I reside in an urban setting. Therefore, my analysis is based on a comparative study of technological accessibility and its implications in both village and city environments.

4. Latest advancements in library technology

When discussing technology, one of the most prevalent tools that comes to mind is the Android smartphone. This device has become ubiquitous among students, offering ease of operation and comprehension. Additionally, I have examined the latest advancements in library technology, including Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning, which are revolutionizing library services and accessibility.

A notable example of how technological advancements facilitate learning is the case of Paul Richard Alexander (January 30, 1946 – March 11, 2024). Alexander, an American lawyer and author, was a survivor of paralytic polio and spent over 70 years in an iron lung. Despite his physical limitations, he successfully earned a bachelor's degree and became the first student in Dallas to graduate high school without physically attending classes. He authored a book using assistive technology, employing a plastic stick and a pen to type on a keyboard or dictating to an assistant. With the advent of advanced technologies, learning has become significantly more accessible for individuals with disabilities, including those who are visually or hearing impaired.

This paper further discusses emerging technologies in libraries and their contributions to education. It examines how these innovations are being utilized by students from various backgrounds, including those in remote rural areas, small towns (Talukas), districts, metropolitan cities, and prestigious institutions such as IITs and medical schools. The study highlights the evolving trends in library technology and their role in enhancing educational opportunities for diverse student populations.

Tree Presentation and Library new trend,

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		Computer with Net fasilities
		Mobile Android for personal refer
		Video Conferencing
City Students	City Places	Species and Large collection Book Library
		Fast net services
		Laptop for personal learning
		Video Conferencing
		New sofware related to Library
Metro Cities students	Metrocities	High Class & World class Library
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		Laptop & Video conferancing
		Cloud Computing
		Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
		Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

5. Cloud Computing:

The storage and retrieval of data have become essential for all institutions and universities. Cloud computing has transformed the way libraries manage their operations and provide services. By transitioning to cloud-based systems, libraries can significantly reduce the costs associated with maintaining physical servers while enhancing flexibility and scalability. Institutions should adopt such software to efficiently store vast collections of books and institutional management records. Additionally, data protection software ensures secure access through authorization and locking mechanisms. Furthermore, these systems can be implemented on a global scale, facilitating seamless access and management.

6. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) encompasses a broad spectrum of technologies that drive numerous services and products utilized in daily life, ranging from applications that recommend television shows to chatbots that provide real-time customer support. AI and Machine Learning (ML) represent emerging trends in computing that are significantly transforming library operations. These technologies enhance accuracy and efficiency in information management, optimizing how libraries organize, retrieve, and disseminate knowledge.

Furthermore, AI has the potential to personalize user experiences by recommending books and resources based on individual preferences and reading histories. AI applications in libraries include expert systems for reference services, book-reading and shelf-reading robots, and virtual reality tools for immersive learning, among others. Rather than replacing librarians, AI is expected to augment their roles by enhancing service delivery and operational efficiency. Ultimately, the integration of AI into library systems will improve overall functionality, reinforce the relevance of libraries in an evolving digital landscape, and ensure their continued adaptability in the modern information era..

7. Analytics

Libraries are accumulating vast amounts of data, necessitating the use of big data analytics and data visualization tools to interpret and leverage this information for enhancing their services and collections. Data analytics involves the systematic examination of raw data to identify patterns, draw conclusions, and extract meaningful insights. Readers analyzing previous data for research or innovation require a structured approach to comparing information effectively. Through the process of analytics, data can be systematically interpreted to support informed decision-making.

In essence, data analytics entails the manipulation of data to uncover significant trends and hidden patterns, ultimately facilitating valuable insights that can inform strategic decisions and business forecasting.

8. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

Augmented reality (AR) represents an emerging technology that is garnering significant interest across various fields, including medicine and gaming. Given its potential, it is worth considering its application within libraries to seamlessly integrate digital elements with the physical environment. Both AR and virtual reality (VR) are expanding the possibilities for libraries by transforming traditional learning methods into immersive experiences.

For instance, VR enables users to virtually experience historical events, explore ancient civilizations, or venture into outer space, offering an interactive and engaging approach to education. Similarly, AR can enhance physical books and exhibits by overlaying digital content, thereby enriching the learning experience. Libraries are increasingly adopting these technologies for educational programs, workshops, and exhibitions, providing innovative ways to engage users.

Additionally, automation and robotics are being integrated into library systems to enhance efficiency and accessibility. Numerous libraries have already successfully implemented automated technologies, such as the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, which utilizes advanced robotic systems for book retrieval and management.

9. Digital Libraries

The emergence of digital libraries and eBooks represents a significant transformation in the library landscape. The widespread adoption of smartphones, tablets, and e-readers has greatly enhanced accessibility to an extensive range of books and resources. Digital

libraries provide the advantage of continuous, 24/7 access, allowing users to borrow books, audiobooks, and multimedia content from any location. Platforms such as Overdrive, BorrowBox, and IndyReads are widely utilized by libraries to efficiently manage their digital collections, ensuring a seamless and user-friendly borrowing experience for members.

10. **RFID Implementation**

Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is revolutionizing library operations by enhancing efficiency and automation. The integration of RFID tags with library materials facilitates expedited check-in and check-out processes, enables self-service functionalities, and optimizes inventory management. The incorporation of RFID within a Library Management System (LMS) offers substantial benefits. In comparison to traditional barcode systems, RFID significantly enhances transaction speed by allowing multiple items to be scanned simultaneously. Furthermore, the implementation of self-service kiosks empowers patrons to independently manage the borrowing and returning of materials, thereby improving user experience and operational effectiveness.

11. Mobile-Based Library Services

Mobile applications have become a prominent trend, as individuals now have continuous access to their mobile devices. A mobile application can effectively expand the reach of library services beyond their physical premises and enhance engagement with patrons. Given the widespread adoption of smartphones and tablets, libraries are increasingly adopting mobile apps to serve as an intuitive extension of the Library Management System (LMS), offering remote access to library resources and services for users. Through such applications, members can access library resources at their convenience, regardless of location or time. The app allows users to search for books, renew borrowed items, place holds, and even settle fines without the need to visit the library in person. Additionally, the app provides notifications regarding due dates, availability of reserved items, upcoming library events, and promotions, thereby ensuring that members remain informed and engaged with library activities. Furthermore, libraries can leverage mobile apps as a valuable component of their service offerings, further enhancing their ability to meet the needs of users.

12. Intelligent Library Search & Federated Search

Libraries are increasingly adopting intelligent search tools that utilize natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning (ML) technologies to enhance search precision and

relevance. Federated search systems, which enable users to query multiple library catalogs and databases concurrently through a single interface, are also gaining prominence.

Although physical books remain a staple of library services, emerging technological trends are ensuring that libraries retain their relevance in the digital era. By integrating these innovations, libraries can continue to offer vital services to their communities, guaranteeing universal access to the information necessary for success.

Contemporary Library Management Systems (LMS), such as Libero, are evolving in complexity, incorporating diverse functionalities into cohesive platforms. These systems facilitate the efficient management of cataloging, circulation, acquisition, and membership services, thereby optimizing library operations.

Libero is playing a key role in assisting libraries to build the "library of the future"—an institution that not only sustains access to information but also integrates cutting-edge technology to remain adaptable and responsive to the needs of a rapidly changing world.

13. Conclusion:

This study explores the topic of "Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies," providing a comprehensive comparison tailored to various reader sectors. It examines the effective application of new technologies within library services and evaluates how these innovations can bridge the gap between remote and metropolitan areas, fostering development across both sectors.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN PRISON LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract:
Prison libraries play a crucial role in rehabilitation, education, and mental well-being among incarcerated individuals. The integration of emerging technologies into prison library services has the potential to enhance access to educational resources, improve digital literacy, and support reentry initiatives. This paper explores the adoption of technologies such as e-books, digital databases, virtual reality (VR) learning, artificial intelligence (AI)-powered information retrieval, and secure internet access within correctional facilities. It examines the challenges of implementation, including security concerns, digital equity, and policy constraints, while highlighting successful case studies from various correctional systems. The findings suggest that while technology can revolutionize prison libraries, its success depends on strategic planning,

collaboration between stakeholders, and policy reforms to ensure equitable and secure access. This study contributes to the growing discourse on digital transformation in correctional education and its role in fostering rehabilitation and lifelong learning.

Keywords: ***Prison Libraries, Emerging Technologies, Digital Access, Rehabilitation, Correctional Education, E-Books***

Introduction:

Prison libraries serve as crucial centers for education, rehabilitation, and personal development within correctional facilities. They provide incarcerated individuals with access to legal materials, literacy programs, and recreational reading, all of which contribute to cognitive engagement and personal growth. Studies have shown that access to educational resources in prison reduces recidivism rates, enhances mental well-being, and improves inmates' prospects for reintegration into society. However, prison libraries often face significant challenges, including limited funding, restricted book collections, outdated materials, and inadequate staffing. In many cases, the physical and logistical constraints of correctional facilities hinder inmates from fully utilizing these resources.

In response to these challenges, emerging technologies are reshaping the way prison library services operate, offering new opportunities to enhance information access and learning. Digital tools such as e-books, audiobooks, and online legal databases can significantly expand the range of available resources while addressing space and budget constraints. Moreover, artificial intelligence (AI)-powered research tools, automated library management systems, and virtual reality (VR)-based educational programs are opening new avenues for learning. Secure digital platforms and monitored internet access further enable inmates to engage in remote learning and vocational training, preparing them for successful reintegration into society upon release.

Despite the potential benefits of technology integration in prison libraries, several barriers must be addressed. Security concerns regarding digital access, strict correctional policies, and infrastructural limitations often pose challenges to implementation. Additionally, digital literacy among inmates varies widely, necessitating structured training programs to ensure meaningful engagement with technological resources. Moreover, ethical and policy considerations regarding information access, censorship, and surveillance remain key areas of debate.

This paper examines the role of emerging technologies in transforming prison library services, exploring both the opportunities and challenges associated with their adoption. It analyzes case studies of correctional facilities that have successfully integrated digital solutions, evaluates the impact of these initiatives on inmate education and rehabilitation, and discusses policy recommendations for broader implementation. By

investigating these aspects, this study aims to contribute to the discourse on digital transformation in correctional education and advocate for the equitable expansion of technology-driven learning opportunities in prison environments.

Objective of the Research:

1) To explore the role of emerging technologies in transforming prison library services and to assess their impact on inmate education, rehabilitation, and reintegration.
2) To Identify the limitations and challenges faced by traditional prison libraries, including restricted access to educational materials, funding constraints, security concerns, and policy barriers.
3) To Investigate the various digital tools and technologies such as e-books, audiobooks, digital databases, artificial intelligence (AI)-driven research tools, virtual reality (VR) learning, and secure internet access that are being integrated into prison library services.
4) To Evaluate how the adoption of emerging technologies enhances information access, literacy programs, legal research, vocational training, and overall inmate rehabilitation.
5) To Explore the technical, infrastructural, and policy-related barriers that hinder the effective implementation of technology in prison libraries.

Literature Review:

The role of prison libraries in inmate rehabilitation and education has been extensively studied, with recent research focusing on the integration of emerging technologies. Lehmann (2011) highlighted the significance of prison libraries in fostering literacy and lifelong learning, while Vogel (2014) traced their historical evolution from basic book collections to comprehensive learning environments. Morrison & McDuff (2019) examined the use of digital kiosks and secure tablets, concluding that controlled digital access enhances inmate engagement with educational and vocational content. Emerging technologies such as AI and VR have also been introduced into prison libraries, offering new opportunities for correctional education. Tewell (2018) highlighted AI-driven research tools that provide personalized learning recommendations and improve legal research efficiency. Johnson & Robbins (2021) explored the potential of VR in vocational training, while Smith et al. (2022) assessed AI-powered library management systems, which improve cataloging and digital resource accessibility. However, despite these advancements, challenges remain. Martinez (2016) analyzed security concerns, noting that strict policies often limit the full potential of technology in prison libraries. Perry & Dalton (2020) discussed digital literacy gaps among inmates, emphasizing the need for structured training programs, while Brown & Harris (2023) reviewed global policies on prison library digitization, revealing disparities in implementation due to cybersecurity and censorship concerns. Overall, the literature underscores the transformative potential of emerging

technologies in prison libraries but highlights the need for effective policies to address security risks, infrastructure challenges, and digital literacy barriers.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to explore the integration of digital technologies in prison library services. It uses literature review, and interviews to analyze existing literature, and empirical data. The research aims to identify the benefits, challenges, and policy implications of implementing these technologies in correctional institutions. The findings aim to contribute to policy development and the advancement of digital resources in correctional education.

Emerging Technologies in Prison Library Services:

Prison libraries are crucial resources for incarcerated individuals, providing access to legal materials, literacy programs, vocational training, and recreational reading. Advancements in digital technology are transforming prison libraries by improving information accessibility, promoting digital literacy, and supporting rehabilitation efforts.

Digital library platforms offer a solution to outdated materials and space limitations by providing incarcerated individuals with vast collections of e-books, audiobooks, and digital research databases. E-Book Lending Systems and Legal Research Databases provide inmates with up-to-date legal resources, while Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library management and research help in finding relevant books and legal documents without physical access to library staff. AI is also used for automated cataloging and management, ensuring efficient tracking of borrowed materials and reducing human workload.

Virtual reality (VR) is emerging as a powerful tool in correctional education, providing immersive learning experiences for inmates. Key applications include vocational training, therapeutic and behavioral programs, and secure tablet programs for learning and communication. Secure tablets with restricted internet access allow inmates to access digital libraries, participate in online courses, and engage in rehabilitation programs.

Internet-restricted digital learning platforms provide pre-downloaded educational content and recorded lectures and tutorials for incarcerated learners. However, integrating technology into prison libraries presents challenges such as security concerns, policy and budget constraints, and digital literacy gaps.

For successful integration, policymakers and correctional institutions must develop secure, controlled access frameworks for digital learning tools, provide comprehensive digital literacy training for inmates, partner with educational institutions and technology providers, and implement data privacy and cybersecurity measures.

Emerging technologies are revolutionizing prison library services by expanding access to educational and rehabilitative resources. Despite challenges, continued

investment in secure and innovative digital solutions can significantly improve inmate education, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration into society.

The Role of Technology in Prison Libraries:

Technology has the potential to revolutionize prison library services by introducing innovative methods of information access, education, and skill development. By leveraging digital solutions, correctional facilities can overcome traditional library limitations such as restricted book collections, security concerns, and resource shortages. Key technological advancements are reshaping prison library services, including digital libraries and e-books, which provide a vast range of reading materials without the physical constraints of traditional libraries. Benefits include expanded access, cost and space efficiency, and customizable reading experiences for inmates with learning disabilities or vision impairments.

AI-driven technologies can personalize and enhance the prison library experience by providing adaptive learning recommendations, automated research assistance, and library management automation. Immersive learning technologies like VR and AR offer interactive and engaging educational experiences, such as vocational and job training, literacy and language learning, and behavioral and social training.

Online educational platforms provide structured courses that help inmates develop new skills and earn certifications, such as GED and higher education programs, soft skills development, and legal education. Secure tablets and kiosks are being adopted by many correctional facilities to provide controlled digital access to educational and rehabilitative materials. These devices offer digital book and legal resource access, educational and vocational training programs, and mental health and wellness resources.

Integrating technology into prison libraries enhances access to educational and rehabilitative resources while overcoming traditional barriers such as book shortages, security concerns, and limited funding. By leveraging AI, VR, e-learning platforms, and secure digital devices, correctional facilities can create more dynamic and effective learning environments, ultimately supporting inmate rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Benefits of Emerging Technologies in Prison Libraries:

The integration of advanced technologies into prison libraries offers numerous benefits, including enhanced access to information, improved literacy and education, cost-effectiveness, and support for rehabilitation and mental well-being. Digital resources eliminate physical constraints, providing inmates with a broader range of books, legal materials, and educational content. Traditional prison libraries often face challenges such as outdated books and limited space, but digital collections ensure up-to-date resources.

AI-driven learning platforms and e-learning courses support literacy programs, vocational training, and higher education opportunities. Secure tablets and kiosks allow inmates to engage with interactive learning materials at their own pace, while virtual and augmented reality technologies create immersive educational experiences. These tools not only enhance engagement but also provide practical skills that increase inmates' chances of employment upon release.

The cost-effectiveness of digital solutions reduces costs associated with maintaining traditional prison libraries by streamlining library management and minimizing the need for physical materials. Subscription-based e-book services provide updated resources without the logistical challenges of maintaining large physical collections.

Digital legal resources also improve inmate self-advocacy, empowering them to navigate the justice system effectively. Online legal research databases provide essential information on case law, legal rights, and appeals processes, empowering inmates to advocate for themselves.

The integration of advanced technologies in prison libraries enhances access to knowledge, improves education, reduces costs, supports rehabilitation, and provides legal assistance. Correctional institutions can create a more effective and inclusive learning environment, contributing to inmate reform and promoting successful reintegration into society.

Challenges in Implementing Technology in Prison Libraries:

Emerging technologies in prison libraries face several challenges, including security concerns, limited funding, administrative resistance, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions. Security measures must be implemented to control digital devices and internet access within correctional facilities, as authorities fear misuse of technology for unauthorized communication, cybercrimes, or restricted content. Limited funding also poses a significant challenge, as many prison systems operate on tight budgets and require investment in infrastructure, software updates, digital subscriptions, and training programs.

Resistance from prison administrators and staff can slow the adoption of new technologies, as they may be skeptical about the effectiveness of digital resources in rehabilitation efforts or fear that technology could increase security risks. Overcoming this resistance requires proper training, awareness programs, and evidence-based research demonstrating the positive impact of technology on inmate education and rehabilitation.

Digital literacy among inmates is another barrier, as many have limited exposure to digital tools and require structured instruction and technical support to effectively use e-learning platforms, research databases, and secure communication systems. Regulations on

technology use also present a challenge, as they often limit the full potential of digital library services.

While emerging technologies offer transformative opportunities for prison libraries, challenges such as security concerns, funding limitations, administrative resistance, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions must be addressed. A collaborative effort between correctional institutions, policymakers, technology providers, and educational organizations is needed to develop secure, cost-effective, and impactful digital library solutions. With proper investment and strategic planning, technology can play a crucial role in improving inmate education, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society.

Conclusion:

Emerging technologies in prison libraries can significantly improve education, rehabilitation, and access to information for inmates. These technologies include digital libraries, AI-powered learning tools, virtual reality, and secure tablets, which offer inmates expanded educational opportunities, skill development, and legal resources. These advancements help bridge the gap between incarceration and rehabilitation by fostering literacy, vocational training, and mental well-being. However, challenges such as security concerns, limited funding, resistance to change, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions hinder widespread adoption. A balanced approach involving correctional institutions, technology providers, policymakers, and educational organizations is essential for developing secure, cost-effective, and scalable solutions. Despite these challenges, the benefits of these technologies in prison libraries outweigh the difficulties. By leveraging digital innovations, correctional facilities can improve inmates' education, increase employment opportunities, and reduce recidivism. As technology evolves, its role in prison library services will become increasingly critical, shaping a more rehabilitative and forward-thinking correctional system.

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IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON LIBRARIES

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Abstract :*Artificial intelligence is going to be a revolutionary technology in the academic libraries. The management of huge quantity of information, analysis, presentation and distribution, which are essential skills of the library profession, have become easy to acquire through Artificial Intelligence.* In the computer era, the challenge of controlling the huge amount of information created by the explosion of information has become possible through Artificial Intelligence. Library services are undergoing, and will undergo, drastic changes through AI.At present computer, internet, ICT tools have changed the face of library profession. Making the user experience of libraries more personal, identifying customer needs as a basis for data collected from inside and outside the library, The insights gained from data analysis, as well as inferences to meet the exact needs of customers, are now easily possible through AI.AI is helping to make library services more effective and efficient. The present paper reviews the impact of the evolving technology of artificial intelligence (AI) on libraries and library services.

Key Words :-Artificial IntelligenceICT Tools , Digital Technology

Introduction :-

Library users expect the library to provide personal services according to their needs. Different types of customers have their unique needs. For example, researchers, professors, postgraduate students, students of Guide Research Centers, etc. Through artificial intelligence, customers can be classified and their needs can be analyzed. Information can be provided according to their needs in a very short time from the huge stock of information.Through Artificial Intelligence, it is not only expected to provide information to customers according to their type, but through AI it is possible to identify the exact needs of each customer and provide information to them accordingly.So customers can get the satisfaction of getting personalized service and they will definitely be attracted towords libraries.

Concept of Artificial Intelligence :-Artificial intelligence is a technology that can think and act like a human being.AI tools built using Artificial Intelligence use the information available to them in an automated manner. As human gets more information, experience and knowledge, his intelligence increases.As such, these AI tools become more intelligent by integrating old and new information and analyzing it properly.

Use of Artificial Intelligence in libraries :- AI is being used in all fields due to the increasing capabilities and scope of AI in the future.Companies like Deepseec have challenged the monopolies of existing AI tools manufacturing companies. Some Artificial Intelligence companies have started providing services more effectively at cheaper rates.

Both information and data are essential in a library. Therefore, many innovative ideas in the field of Artificial Intelligence will have a direct impact on library services.By meeting the expectations of the readers, libraries will increase customer interaction. More expectations of the readers can be fulfilled. In the future services like Hyper personalization, Real time targeting and Intelligent Automation will drastically change the library services.

Changing needs of customers and future trends :- Artificial Intelligence can study what kind of information they want from the request and behaviour of users. In this way products of information packages can be prepared.Not only this, but with the help of available information, the future trend of the customers can be identified through AI and the strategy of the library can be planned in this regard.

Opportunity to implement new ideas: - With the help of delivering the right information to the right readers, the trend of the information they want is known from the browsing of the readers. Information available in the library which is not requested by the readers but is relevant to the readers can be conveyed to the readers.This leads to the reader's response to get relevant information.With the help of AI, analysis of available information blogs, social media post libraries, information products, content products can be created in less time and more attractively.It is a means of attracting readers to libraries. Model Scheduling Day-to-day work Follow-up of readers streamlining these tasks increases efficiency and gives an opportunity to implement new ideas.

Know your user :- The basic information of the readers is obtained through Artificial Intelligence.For example, reading habits, favourite subjects, their next task, in which subject research is going on, which subject is frequently asked about, behaviour patterns of readers, reading habits, educational qualification, aptitude etc.By analyzing all these aspects, any information can be given to readers whenever they want, without any delay.This creates an emotional investment of readers with libraries. Due to the positive attitude towards the library, these readers can promote and spread the library services.

Control over huge amount of information: - Since the onset of computer age, there has been an explosion of information.Libraries are faced with a huge challenge of planning, preserving and distributing the huge amount of information that is available on various subjects and is constantly being added to it.In order to meet the shortage of trained manpower on one hand and the increasing expectations of the readers on the other hand, it has become necessary for libraries to take the help of Artificial Intelligence.

Process of using Artificial Intelligence in Library:- In order to provide library services in a more effective manner, there is a need to have a definite process at the university level, at the state level or at the country level.A certain process can be very effective. The outline of this process will be as follows.

Objectives:- Scope of the library. The nature of information available in the library, the type of user, it is necessary to plan the goal.

Data collection. The quality of AI services depends on the data collected. Library Information Sources Online data must be classified and protected. Along with this, it is necessary to collect extensive customer data.

Determining the model. Depending on the nature of the library services, it is necessary to select an AI tool that has high accuracy of the model as well as the creation of a model that can match the library services.In this, modelling is done using tools like Decision Tree, Ad Abrust, Linear Regression. Models that check the accuracy of this model are also available. Libraries can use many AI tools such as Research Rabbit, Puzzle labs, Open read, Lateral.

Model training :- Model training is necessary to ensure that the selected models match the nature of the work, the services to be provided, the type of customers they want, and the data available.Also the customer center user interface needs to be designed so that readers can get the right information more accurately.

Quality Control:-Using AI for libraries can lead to various types of errors.This can be done using tools that use AI algorithms such as visual pattern and anomaly detection error detection.Therefore, the quality control work is done quickly and more effectively. Many parameters can also be determined while providing the information in the library to the customers.

Maintenanceof Data :- There is continuous flow of information like print digital online etc. in the library.It is necessary to classify and save the exact useful print and online information from different types of books, information sources, and consortia.Information that is frequently requested, books, information that is useful but requested after a certain period of time, information that is useful but rarely requested, all need to be managed through AI. Without it, this information will not be able to be supplied to the right person. AI can be very important in this regard

Advantages :- Due to Artificial Intelligence it is possible to provide personal service to the readers. Also they can get what they need and in the form they want without delay. Therefore, readers will have a strong relationship with the library.

New opportunity for employment creation:- Due to the use of Artificial Intelligence, there will be a drastic change in the services of libraries. It will be necessary to provide adequate manpower to provide various services as per the demand of the customers. Adoption of AI is a new opportunity for job creation.

Accuracy:- The use of AI in library services is significant in providing accurate and precise information required by the readers from the huge pool of information available. This not only saves the time of the reader but also provides the reader with the exact and useful information he wants.

Emergence of new library services :- New services can be included in library services through Artificial Intelligence. For example, if the information required by the readers is not available in a language they do not know, the library can provide this information in a translated form through AI technology.Instead of just providing desired information, this information can also be provided in the form of culture, editing and analysis of that information keeping in mind the purpose of the readers.

Limitations :-

1) Artificial Intelligence cannot think out of the box, it creates information product by analyzing the available information around. Therefore, maximum use of information sources available in the library can be made.
2) 2) Using AI, fake news is automatically generated to appear authentic.
3) 3) The rules and regulations regarding Artificial Intelligence need to be tightened. Because the information generated by the AI is created by combining the articles of the four authors. This may raise a copyright issue.
4) Customer data can be taken elsewhere or outside the country through AI tool
5) The need for staff training to adapt to new technologies.

Conclusion :-

1. There is an opinion that the new technology of Artificial Intelligence will adversely affect library services, reducing the need for libraries. And another view is that AI will revolutionize library services, allowing libraries to provide services more efficiently,

creating new jobs.Both schools of thought have merit when tested on quality.The integration of AI in libraries brings both opportunities and challenges.

2. Information & data are both extremely important in AI and libraries. Therefore, both of them complement each other.

3. The use of AI by libraries will not only bring about a radical change in library services, but many new library services will be possible through AI.

4. The scope of AI has increased tremendously due to the increasing capabilities with the continuous use of AI in every field. Competition has started among companies providing AI services and companies like Deepsec have started offering artificial intelligence services more efficiently and at cheaper rates, challenging the companies that have a monopoly on AI tools.

Therefore, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the library is inevitable. For this, it is essential for library professionals to acquire the technology of Artificial Intelligence for the existence of libraries.

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IMPACTOFEMERGINGTECHNOLOGIESINLIBRARIES: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract*:There is the potential for using a broad array of contemporary technologies in libraries. Emerging technology are those that have attained the level of peak acceptance. The categories of emerging technology are those that support user services, instructions, library management, and technical services. The new technologies have introduced enormous potential to all libraries in the globe to improve user access to library and information services. Libraries in developed nations used emerging technologies such as Robotics, Cloud Computing, RFID, Big Data, Institutional Repositories, Virtual and Augmented Reality, Book Delivery Drones, and Web 2.0 to provide their library and information services. It should not be a different scenario for Nigeria and other developing nations because these technologies are designed to assist all those involved in providing services for all. This paper discusses emerging technology, emerging technology in and for libraries by examining the literature available. Several benefits of introducing emerging technology into libraries have been documented to include increased patronage, cost and time saving, and brand loyalty. Furthermore, some problems that limit the widespread use of developing technologies in libraries were documented. The article concluded with significant recommendations for the solution of the problems.*

Keywords:*Emerging Technologies, Libraries, Issues, Impacts, Opportunities*

Introduction

Libraries are responsible for collecting, compiling, archiving, retrieving, and exhibiting information to users. This has been the basic function of libraries from the beginning of time to the Internet age. Nevertheless, the provision of library and information services across the world experienced a paradigm shift with the arrival of the twenty-first century. Information technology (IT) is a phenomenon that arrives as a need to all human progress, and the effect it has on information services such as libraries cannot be underestimated in any manner. Librarianship core competencies to obtain, organize, and share information have not been undermined by their lengthy history and development (Chloe, 2018).

The arrival of computers, internet, and other information and ICT capabilities, nowadays libraries collect and preserve material in different forms and provide information services (Iwhiwhu, & Okorodudu, 2012; Jantti, 2016).

According to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) (2001), nowadays libraries are institutions where materials are kept in different forms and are professionally arranged for educating, informing, and entertaining individuals as well as facilitating personal

learning and society as a whole. In order to assist the members of the host communities in learning and research work, libraries collect, organize, and share information resources in different media.

According to International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions IFLA 2001 libraries are currently materials stored in forms of collections put together according to experts that mainly provide enlightenment for educating informing or entertaining a reader for enhancing a personal learn about things but advance the greater interests of humanity generally. Support the efforts of learning and research from members of the host communities by gathering, codifying, and transmitting information resources in different media. Long-established is the drive of information and communication technology to progress and develop society. Virtually endless are the resources of information necessary for the development of all industries in the world. The library application must considerably contribute to satisfying the user's informational needs. It is worth noting that the advancement of information and communication technology has greatly affected the quality of knowledge available in libraries, as Vysakh (2020) commented. Moreover, it also allows competent and adequate library services towards all patrons in other academic fields. The new technologies that have resulted from the use of ICTs have brought along a plethora of new technologies to be used in libraries and information hubs. Information acquisition and dissemination have thus changed.

The effect of ICT, information and communication technology, on libraries is fantastic. It has brought about changes in the thought process, behavior, communication, and work patterns of people. This is because of the ICT and globalization, which replaced old-fashioned libraries with digital libraries. All this is computerized. So, the functioning of libraries has shifted from service-oriented to user-oriented, focusing on user needs. New technologies have been integrated into library science, libraries have been rechristened as a result, among other things, as Digital Libraries, Virtual Libraries, Hybrid Libraries, Library Without Walls, and Library 2.0. Information Officer, Information Scientist, Documentation Officer, etc., are the name and the job of the librarian now. Libraries are at our beck and call whenever we want (Mittal, 2017).

Because of the technological advancements, information and library service administration has improved, according to the explanation provided by Barathi, Loganathan, & Rajan in 2017. The paper helps in bridging a gap in the literature on managing digital library projects by discussing the issues pertaining to integrating and utilizing cutting-edge technologies and innovative practices in libraries. Developing identifies, assesses, and puts into practice new and existing technology in library administration and services. Technology developments and other constraints on library service management have to be realigned frequently in order to fit into the changing environment.

Emerging Technologies for Libraries

Emerging technologies are those technologies that have reached the ultimate stage of acceptance claim (Cervone, 2010). These are emerging technologies that are still in the development phase, with no name yet in their respective fields of use, but with the potential to solve problems and open up additional opportunities for development in those topics (Rathna & Divyananda, 2018). Emerging technologies are defined as those technologies that are still in their early stages, but have the potential to transform the way people live and address some of the world's biggest problems. Emerging technologies offer solutions to a range of problems, aid in the creation of a range of existing facilities, and offer opportunities for the creation of new ones. Several emerging factors drive information management and information services to new modes of existence. In recent trends, several factors influence: volatile technologies, tech-savvy hyperactive user behavior, hyper-connected cultures, liberalized access to information, re-defined information security, snowballing digitalization of business and administration at all levels, user-centric and user-driven information and services, and an on-line and cooperative learning environment.

a. Big Data: Due to the overpowering influence of ICT, huge amounts of data are being created day after day by ordinary people, scientists, researchers, and other concerned groups in every nook and corner of the globe. Storage, processing, retrieval, and transmission of this data present huge challenges to information professionals as well as to data managers (Karimi, 2014). Library and information professionals can benefit significantly from the storing and processing of huge sets of data since they possess the required skill and experience in exploiting the huge sets of data for maximum advantages (Princh, 2019).

b. Institutional Repository (IR): An institutional repository is an institution's digital repository where its intellectual and research output is deposited (Karimi, 2014). It publishes the best scholarship of the institution on the web so that individuals anywhere in the world can access it. That is, an IR is a facility that a research organization provides to the academic and research communities in which it operates to manage and effectively disseminate the output of research produced by those communities. It is utilized by high-rated academic and research institutions to facilitate access to research publications.

c. Cloud Computing: Cloud computing is a system that utilizes the web (Internet) and central remote servers to store data, software, and applications. In the opinion of Waljat (2018), cloud computing enables users to access their private and professional files from any computer that is connected to the internet without the need to install software on their local workstation.

d. Internet of Things (IoT): The internet has greatly influenced most aspects of human existence and activity in this era of information and communication technology. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the

most advanced emerging technology that can effectively influence library users through the provision of quick and easy effective services. It does away with human contact as any physical or artificial object can speak and share information using IP addresses.

e. Robotics: Robotics appears to be very fabulous in assisting human beings in the wisest possible manner. (Harris, 2012). In libraries, robots scan printed materials in real time through a Web interface.

f. RFID: RFID, an efficient tool for collection management, is a system which enables the automatic identification and tracking of items. Transponder, also called a tag or microchip, is mounted on an antenna in an RFID system. Simple data like an identity number or extensive information can be accepted by a user (Waljat, 2018).

g. Artificial Intelligence: Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming ubiquitous in the modern world. In the science and technology era of the modern age, artificial intelligence (AI) is the study of mental faculties using computing models.

Used Emerging Technologies for Service Delivery in Libraries

Emerging technologies are utilized for service delivery in the library, as per Vysakh (2020) and Frey (2014). Many technologies have recently emerged, and some of these technological facilities are used in the library. Artificially Intelligent Robots have entered almost all the spheres of life including libraries which can do things even humans can't with more efficiency.

Robots can be used for a variety of operations within the library which include, filing, sorting, and replacing the books on the shelf, taking inventory, welcoming and directing guests and users to different locations in the library, and answering frequently asked questions among others. This technology has been piloted in many libraries among them include; NY Public Library, Temasek Polytechnic Library, UMKC Library, University of Chicago Library, Shanghai Library, and so on (Vysakh, 2020). Many the libraries abroad like Dubai Library, Rose Memorial Library, NY Public Library, and Florida Library have already started using drones as an efficient tool for the delivery of books from library to patrons and vice versa, where users request books via mobile library app, concern sections receive and process the requests, the ordered book will then be checked and handed over to the drone section, drone pilot attaches the book and make it flies to the user doorstep and thereby flies back after delivery(Rouse, 2018). Big data are a large and complex amount of data sets that traditional data processing application fails to capture, store, share, transfer, and analysis. Big data has a direct impact on libraries as the professionals use big data tools to analyze their large data like to know the users better to provide services with complete efficiency ((Sonawane and Sane,

2018). A library like Harvard University Library as highlighted by Ball (2019), uses big data for data mining and text analytics for decision making, user behavior analysis, and developing library collections and monitoring usage of library resources.

Advantages of Using Emerging Technology in Libraries

The following are some advantages of emerging technologies to libraries based on Neogi and Partap (2019);

I. Emerging technologies improve the capacity of libraries to offer even faster and better services.

II. It influences librarians' and the library's creativity, problem-solving ability, and self-concept.

III. It processes innovations that provide additional value to products and current services.

IV. Library knowledge and other opportunities were enhanced.

V. Quick service is easy to deliver.

VI. Time-saving.

While there are numerous issues confronting the Nigerian academic libraries, there is an opportunity to search and put into use new, emerging technologies for the provision of library services with a sense of relevance in society. Perhaps one of the key factors that will redeem libraries is Open-Source Emerging Technologies (OSET). Savard and Dione (2007) in Bichi (2021), concurred that the management of automated library systems and other information management technologies is challenging in developing countries because of the lack of resources that would enable them to access technological tools as well as developed countries. The authors concluded that, if well managed, open-source software could be an answer to the issues. As a result of the information and communication technology, libraries employ myriad technologies that make the services offered. The information services are offered on a daily basis to the public because of new innovations in the technology sector. Libraries, therefore, gain from these emerging technologies in all activities, which range from the selection of information to its dissemination (Bichi, 2021).

Challenges Limiting the Use of Emerging Technologies in Libraries

Despite the many advantages of modern technology to the libraries, there are a number of barriers that hinder effective use and utilization of these resources, as noted by Krubu & Asowaru (2011) and Bichi (2021). The most significant hindrances to the effective use of technology resources by Nigerian libraries are poor search skills, poor budget, epileptic power supply, and insufficient proper training and retraining of staff and management. The adoption of new technologies has been bedeviled by poor finance, poor capacity, and unstable power supply. Lubanga and Mumba (2021) posit that a number of barriers have hindered the utilization of high-end technologies among libraries, such as the absence of well-established research and innovation centers, the ambiguity of the nature of technological advancement in the twenty-first century, and university cultures that are not research- and innovation-friendly.

In the opinion of Saibakumo (2021), the biggest challenges to the use of new technology are a lack of funds, an inefficient power supply, and a lack of maintenance. Information cost and quality are both rising. Fiscal restraints, a lack of maintenance, cultural modernization, and a record conversion issue can be attributed to infrastructure issues, a lack of informatics/learning, and a lack of government support. Because of the ongoing digital revolution, Nigeria and other developing countries are faced with a chain of issues (Ajie, 2019). New technology has not been embraced in libraries in full because of institutional constraints, a lack of training of the employees, insufficient funding, and the absence of staff time (Golz, 2014). Wastage of time and issues regarding privacy violation are two of the biggest issues brought about by the use of Web 2.0 technologies in library services (Hussain and Jan 2018). The greatest challenges to the use of the latest technology in academic libraries were found to be a lack of funds for the library, a lack of effective library staff or a user education program for library technology improvement, and frequent power outages (Jan and Sheikh, 2014). The challenges to the use and implementation of new technologies in libraries were found by Oghenetega, Umeji, & Oboe in 2014; Okojie and Okiy in 2019; the challenges include lack of funds, an irregular power supply, a lack of trained staff, and government policies, among others. Makori and Mauti (2016) also found a lack of know-how, ICT infrastructure, information resources, social computers, weak institutional and physical structures, and a lack of skills and competence as challenges to the implementation of digital technology.

Conclusion and Recommendation

New technologies have established itself in libraries as a transformation in the deliveries of information services, there is rapid transition from hard to soft and print to digital as the case may be. The need for library users is also changing literally mimicking the changing global environmental climate just to buttress the point that this change is almost uncontrolled by evident factors like management-system of libraries. The study carefully look into emerging technologies and emerging technologies for libraries, which include Robotic, Artificial Intelligence, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Internet of Things (IoT), and many more, the used emerging technologies for service delivery in libraries, opportunities of using emerging technologies in libraries; to include, it has an impact on librarians' and the library's creativity, problem-solving skills, and self-image, it helps to process innovations and bring value to existing products and services, it strengthened library knowledge and opportunities for the future, and the challenges limiting the use of these technologies were as well discussed.

It is advised that full implementation of policies on the establishment and incorporation of modern technologies in libraries. Increased funding of libraries

and constant training and retraining of librarians on how best to manipulate emerging technologies to be adopted in libraries.

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MERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:*The rapid advancement of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Big Data, and the Internet of Things (IoT) is transforming library systems worldwide, including in India. Indian libraries, spanning academic, public, and special libraries, are increasingly integrating these technologies to enhance information access, automate services, and improve user engagement. However, this transition presents significant challenges, including financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, cybersecurity risks, and resistance to change. This paper explores the impact of emerging technologies on Indian libraries, examining both the opportunities they create—such as improved cataloging, personalized services, and efficient resource management—and the obstacles that hinder their widespread adoption. Through a review of existing literature*

and case studies, the study identifies best practices and strategies for overcoming these challenges, ultimately advocating for policy reforms, infrastructure development, and skill enhancement programs to ensure a sustainable technological transformation in Indian libraries.

Keywords:*Emerging Technologies, Indian Libraries, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, Library Automation*

Introduction:

Libraries have long been essential for knowledge dissemination, cultural heritage preservation, and academic and research activities. However, the digital era has transformed this role, necessitating libraries to adapt to technological advancements. Emerging technologies like AI, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Big Data, IoT, cloud computing, and automation are reshaping the traditional library ecosystem, offering opportunities for enhancing operations, improving information access, and providing personalized services. Indian libraries, including academic, public, and special libraries, are increasingly recognizing the potential of these technologies in optimizing library management and user engagement.

Indian institutions are implementing AI-powered search engines, RFID systems for automated book tracking, cloud-based digital repositories for remote access, and Big Data analytics to understand user preferences and improve collection management. The integration of mobile applications, virtual reference services, and smart library solutions has expanded the reach of libraries, enabling users to access knowledge resources beyond physical boundaries.

However, the adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries faces challenges such as financial constraints, a digital divide between urban and rural libraries, lack of digital literacy and technical expertise among library professionals, resistance to change, cybersecurity threats, data privacy issues, and the need for policy frameworks.

The dynamic nature of technology requires continuous learning, adaptation, and investment in upskilling library professionals. The success of technological integration in Indian libraries depends on the availability of financial and infrastructural resources, effective training programs, institutional support, and national policy interventions. Addressing these challenges strategically is crucial to ensure libraries can harness the full potential of emerging technologies and continue to serve as vital centers of knowledge and learning in the digital age.

Objective of Research:

1) To explore the role of emerging technologies in transforming Indian libraries, identifying both the opportunities they present and the challenges that hinder their effective adoption.
2) To Examine how technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, Blockchain, the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, and automation are influencing library management, service delivery, and user engagement in Indian libraries.

3) ToInvestigate the potential benefits of technological integration, including enhanced accessibility, improved cataloging, automation of routine tasks, personalized user experiences, and better resource management.
4) To Explore financial, infrastructural, technical, and human resource-related barriers that hinder the seamless adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries, with a special focus on digital literacy, cybersecurity, policy limitations, and the urban-rural digital divide.
5) To Evaluate the extent to which Indian libraries have incorporated modern technologies, highlighting best practices, case studies, and successful implementations in academic, public, and special libraries.

Literature Review:

The integration of emerging technologies in Indian libraries has been widely studied, highlighting both opportunities and challenges. Chari (2023) explored the shift from traditional to digital platforms, emphasizing the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and cloud computing in enhancing user experiences and library operations. Similarly, Sonawane and Dongare (2023) examined the application of these technologies, discussing their benefits and implementation barriers. A study published in *Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research* (2024) identified key trends such as blockchain, facial recognition, virtual reality, and robots, assessing their potential impact on libraries. In a broader analysis, a 2022 study on "The Future of Libraries" examined the role of AI, virtual and augmented reality, and cloud computing in library services, stressing the importance of strategic planning for successful integration. Ramesh Babu and Gopalakrishnan (2018) investigated the digital competencies of library professionals in Tamil Nadu, highlighting the urgent need for continuous training and skill development to manage emerging technologies effectively. Collectively, these studies emphasize that while emerging technologies offer transformative potential for Indian libraries, issues such as infrastructure limitations, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, and policy shortcomings must be addressed through strategic planning, professional development, and proactive innovation adoption.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to analyze the impact of emerging technologies in Indian libraries. It uses a survey, interviews, literature review, official reports, and web-based sources to assess the adoption of these technologies. The research uses purposive sampling to select participants from diverse libraries across India. The study uses quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, and comparative analysis to evaluate the adoption of these technologies and provide recommendations for better implementation strategies and policy improvements.

Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries: Challenges & Opportunities

Library services are being transformed by emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Big Data, Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and cloud computing. These technologies are enhancing information access, automation, and user engagement in Indian libraries. AI-powered systems are improving library search capabilities, automating cataloging, and providing personalized recommendations to users. AI-based chatbots are increasingly being used to offer virtual reference services, reducing the workload on librarians and improving user satisfaction.

The Internet of Things (IoT) technology is enabling smart libraries where RFID and sensor-based systems automate book tracking, self-checkout, and security. IoT devices help in real-time monitoring of library infrastructure, improving operational efficiency. Blockchain technology has the potential to enhance data security, streamline interlibrary loan systems, and ensure the authenticity of digital records. It provides a decentralized and tamper-proof ledger for storing library transactions, improving transparency and security.

Big Data and Data Analytics are being utilized by libraries to study user behavior, optimize book collections, and enhance resource allocation. Cloud computing allows seamless access to digital collections, e-books, and research databases from remote locations, reducing infrastructure costs by eliminating the need for physical servers. Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR & AR) technologies are being used in libraries to create immersive learning environments, offering virtual library tours, interactive exhibits, and digital storytelling experiences.

Opportunities for Indian libraries include enhanced accessibility, automation and efficiency, improved user experience, data-driven decision-making, cost-effective solutions, and preservation of cultural heritage. However, several challenges hinder the seamless adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries. Financial constraints, the digital divide, lack of digital literacy, cybersecurity concerns, resistance to change, and policy and regulatory barriers are some of the challenges.

To overcome these challenges, strategies can be adopted: increased government and institutional funding, capacity building and training, public-private partnerships, development of national policies, strengthening cybersecurity measures, and bridging the digital divide. By addressing key challenges related to financial constraints, infrastructure, digital literacy, and policy frameworks, Indian libraries can harness the power of AI, IoT, blockchain, and other technologies to create a smarter, more inclusive, and technologically advanced library ecosystem.

Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed the landscape of library services in India, making them dynamic knowledge hubs that integrate technology to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and user experience. Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain,

Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics are revolutionizing how libraries function, manage information, and engage with users.

Artificial Intelligence and ML are playing a crucial role in the automation of various library functions, enabling intelligent search functionalities, automated cataloging, and personalized recommendations for users. AI-based systems assist in the classification and cataloging of books and digital resources, reducing human effort and ensuring accuracy. Personalized recommendations are suggested by AI-driven recommendation engines, which analyze user preferences and reading habits to suggest relevant books, research papers, and digital resources, improving user engagement.

AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants are being implemented to assist users in searching for books, answering queries, and navigating digital repositories. Predictive analytics for user engagement help libraries anticipate user needs by analyzing past search behaviors, thereby optimizing book acquisitions and service improvements.

The Internet of Things (IoT) is enhancing library operational efficiency by integrating smart technologies for resource management and security. IoT enables real-time monitoring, automation, and optimization of library services. RFID-based book tracking, smart shelves and inventory management, automated environmental controls, and library space utilization optimization are some of the smart technologies being used.

Blockchain technology is emerging as a secure and decentralized solution for maintaining the authenticity and integrity of library records. It ensures transparent and tamper-proof management of digital resources, interlibrary loans, and research archives. It also provides secure and tamper-proof record-keeping, decentralized access to resources, smart contracts for interlibrary loan transactions, and plagiarism and copyright protection.

Cloud computing is revolutionizing library infrastructure by offering cost-effective and scalable solutions for data storage, remote access, and collaborative research. Cloud-based library systems allow users to access e-books, research papers, and digital archives from anywhere, breaking geographical barriers. Cost-effective data storage solutions eliminate the need for expensive physical servers, reducing operational costs while ensuring secure and scalable storage solutions.

Big Data Analytics is transforming libraries by providing valuable insights into user behavior, optimizing resource allocation, and improving decision-making processes. By analyzing vast amounts of data, libraries can enhance their service offerings and collection development strategies.

Emerging technologies are revolutionizing Indian libraries by enhancing accessibility, automation, and user engagement. However, libraries must address challenges such as financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, and cybersecurity risks. With strategic planning, investments in digital infrastructure, and training programs, Indian

libraries can fully leverage these technologies to become modern, efficient, and user-centric knowledge hubs.

Opportunities Presented by Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The integration of emerging technologies in Indian libraries presents a transformative opportunity to enhance accessibility, streamline management, increase user engagement, preserve cultural heritage, and optimize costs. These advancements are reshaping libraries from traditional physical spaces into dynamic digital knowledge hubs that cater to the needs of modern users. As Indian libraries increasingly adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics, they are unlocking new possibilities for efficiency, inclusivity, and innovation.

Emerging technologies in libraries make information more accessible by breaking barriers related to location, disability, and limited resources. AI-driven search and discovery enable intuitive, context-based searches that help users retrieve relevant materials faster. Digital repositories store vast amounts of information, including e-books, research papers, audio-visual content, and historical records, making them accessible anytime and anywhere.

Emerging technologies automate many traditional processes, making library services more efficient. Automated cataloging and indexing, RFID-based self-checkout and tracking systems, IoT-enabled smart libraries, automated environmental controls for book preservation, and library space utilization optimization are some of the key opportunities provided by these technologies.

Modern libraries must go beyond traditional book lending services to engage users with interactive and immersive experiences. Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR) for interactive learning, AI-powered personalized recommendations, gamification in library services, and voice-activated assistants can help users locate books, access digital resources, and navigate library services through simple voice commands.

Emerging technologies are providing innovative ways to safeguard rare manuscripts, ancient texts, and historical documents. Digital Archiving and Blockchain-Based Record Keeping ensure the longevity of rare books and historical records, while AI-Assisted Restoration of Fragile Documents help restore old and damaged manuscripts by reconstructing faded text, enhancing image clarity, and detecting missing content.

Implementing emerging technologies allows libraries to optimize their budgets by reducing operational costs and maximizing resource utilization. Cloud computing for cost-effective data storage eliminates the need for expensive physical servers, reducing infrastructure costs. AI-driven resource allocation and budget optimization help libraries make data-driven decisions regarding book acquisitions, licensing of digital materials, and allocation of funds. Open-source Library Management Systems (LMS) offer advanced cataloging, user

management, and reporting features without the high costs associated with proprietary software.

The adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries presents a transformative opportunity to evolve into modern, efficient, and user-centric knowledge centers. By integrating AI, IoT, blockchain, cloud computing, and big data analytics, libraries can significantly enhance accessibility, streamline operations, improve user engagement, preserve cultural heritage, and reduce costs. However, the full potential of these technologies can only be realized through strategic investments, training programs, and policy support. With the right approach, Indian libraries can harness these innovations to remain relevant in the digital age and continue serving as essential pillars of education, research, and cultural preservation.

Challenges in Implementation of Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

Emerging technologies in Indian libraries present numerous opportunities, but their successful implementation faces several significant challenges. These include infrastructure disparity, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, security concerns, and resistance to change. Infrastructure deficits, particularly between urban and rural areas, hinder the integration of cloud-based services, digital repositories, and AI-driven tools. Inadequate IT infrastructure, power supply issues, and limited availability of digital resources also pose challenges.

To address these challenges, government initiatives, investment in solar-powered or backup energy solutions, and the development of cost-effective mobile library solutions are potential solutions. Financial constraints include high initial investment costs, cost of training and skill development, licensing fees for proprietary software, and sustainability of digital services. Open-source library management software can reduce costs, and collaboration between government agencies, private institutions, and NGOs can fund technology integration. Public-private partnerships (PPPs) can support digital transformation in libraries.

A key challenge in the adoption of emerging technologies is the digital literacy gap among both library staff and users. Many librarians lack the necessary training to operate AI-powered search engines, cloud storage systems, and big data analytics tools. Users may struggle to adapt to new systems, and there is a shortage of IT support personnel. Solutions include conducting regular digital literacy workshops for both library staff and users, developing user-friendly interfaces for digital library systems, and encouraging collaboration with universities and technology institutions.

Data security and privacy concerns are also significant. Libraries store vast amounts of sensitive data, making them potential targets for cyberattacks. Cloud-based storage raises concerns about unauthorized data access and potential data breaches. AI-powered personalization collects user data to provide personalized suggestions, but improper

handling can lead to privacy violations. Blockchain for record-keeping requires specialized knowledge and high computational costs. Solutions include strong encryption and multi-factor authentication, adopting data protection regulations aligned with global privacy standards, training librarians in cybersecurity best practices, and using decentralized blockchain networks to enhance security while minimizing costs.

Resistance to change is another challenge. Traditional workflows and comfort with conventional methods may resist switching to AI-powered or automated solutions. Staff members may fear automation will reduce the need for human librarians, leading to job insecurity. Some library users may be reluctant to adopt digital solutions, and solutions include implementing gradual technology adoption strategies rather than abrupt transitions, conducting awareness campaigns to highlight the benefits of emerging technologies, providing reassurances that technology will complement, not replace, human librarians, and encouraging a hybrid approach where traditional and digital services coexist.

While emerging technologies present immense opportunities for Indian libraries, several challenges must be addressed to ensure their successful implementation. By investing in digital infrastructure, promoting digital literacy, securing funding, and ensuring data privacy, Indian libraries can fully embrace the benefits of AI, IoT, cloud computing, and blockchain. Collaborative efforts between government agencies, educational institutions, and technology providers will be crucial in overcoming these challenges and making libraries more accessible, efficient, and future-ready.

Conclusion:

The adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries marks a significant shift in how information is accessed, managed, and preserved. Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics offer transformative opportunities, making libraries more efficient, accessible, and user-friendly. These advancements enable automated cataloging, personalized recommendations, digital repositories, and interactive learning experiences, ultimately enhancing the role of libraries as knowledge hubs in the digital era.However, despite these opportunities, several challenges hinder seamless implementation. Infrastructure limitations, particularly in rural areas, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, data security concerns, and resistance to change pose significant barriers. Addressing these issues requires strategic investment in digital infrastructure, extensive training programs for library staff and users, robust cybersecurity measures, and policy support from both government and private sectors.

To successfully integrate these technologies, Indian libraries must adopt a balanced approachleveraging innovation while ensuring inclusivity and sustainability. Collaborative efforts between policymakers, educational institutions, technology providers, and library

professionals will be crucial in bridging the digital divide and maximizing the potential of modern library systems. With proper planning and execution, emerging technologies can transform Indian libraries into dynamic, future-ready institutions that continue to foster knowledge, research, and cultural preservation for generations to come.

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ADVANCES IN INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL:

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF MODERN DAY LIBRARIES

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Abstract:

Data has turned into a fundamental item in our everyday life. We are residing in the data driven time, where the choices are taken in view of the data called 'informed dynamic cycle.' As the data develops, considerably more after the innovation of Web and web advances, contributes dominatingly to the data blast, consequently related data contamination. As how much data grows, a connected pattern of data stockpiling idea developed.Todaydatadevelopmentis straightforwardlyrelatedor affectedonthecapacity gadgets/medium. As how much capacity and handling has developed, the intricacy of the information and the difficulties of working with it have additionally sped up. In this article the writer has examined, the manner in which library data and capacity impressions have remained closely connected and a rundown of few related devices and advancements fuel the pattern of data stockpiling and its resulting recovery with an accentuation on data recovery and search methods. The library and data administrations have seen progress because of reasonable, innovative and clients' necessities. The new improvements in the instructive associations and the clients' requirements have tracked down hardly any mechanical variables to think about evolving patterns. The part has talked about different perspectiveslikeadministrations,their structure,adjustmentsand jobin library'ssituation in the scholarly local area. The library staff and slow improvements have been examined alongside the infrastructural qualities in library.

Keywords: Web, Web innovations, Data blast, Data contamination, Data storage, Information recovery, devices recovery librarianship, demonstrating, scholastics, computerized.

Introduction

Many individuals are known about the possibility of Moore's Regulation: that how much PC handling power per chip copies like clockwork. A comparable thought, advanced by Imprint Kryder, the previous President of Seagate, proposes that how much information stockpiling one can fit on a given region of an attractive medium likewise pairs at regular intervals. So is the data multiplying process happens like clockwork. Much appreciated are because of this speeding up pattern, medical clinics, schools, producers, universities, retailers, state run administrations and their organizations, libraries have started to gather and store gigantic measures of information to be utilized and store for some time later. The fundamental objective is to utilize this information to offer new benefit loaded administrations or to work on by and large proficiency in navigation. The library and data administrations have gone through colossal changes because of reasonable, innovative and clients' requirements. The changestage during any turn of events and headway made ina specific bearing gives traces of the different parts of headings of library's anxiety. The new improvements in the mechanical regions have constrained libraries to think about the reception of progress. Different areas of library housekeeping capabilities have confronted progress in their tasks, schedules and focuses to be accomplished. The improvement of administrations and regions to serve have been isolated into different parts and examined inelaborativemanner. Theplanning ofparthasbeen finishedina manner thatcontainsthe subtleties of late improvements in down to earth sense. The topical clarifications and subject wise conversations give the excursion of library's turn of events. The reasonable thoughts have turned out in the planning and improvements of library climate. A bunch of aspects, for example,"happy; context; connectivity; consideration; collaboration; construction; certainty and progression" has been related with changing of "acomputerized social

legacy library". The progress of libraries came about into the informationonroutein theviewpointsofdata innovationand colossallycentered staff.The features, for example, teaching the clients through the data proficiency and met literacy; Electronic Data Assets Assortment, Building and The executives and Formation of Web presence among Library Clients are featured. Computerized Data Administrations and waving the newness of development; Making Mindfulness by being among the clients and upgrading learning and need of "Development and serving the clients at individual level" have been examined with regards to job in research support.

Basicconceptofinformationstorage

Efficient course of gathering, ordering, indexing and orchestrating the data, so that the data can be looked/found and showed upon demand all day, every day is called data capacity and recovery. PCs and information handling procedures have made it conceivable to get to the rapid and a lot of data for government, business, and scholastic purposes. As indicated by Reference book of Clinical ideas, Essential idea of data stockpiling and recovery is a "part of PC or library science connecting with stockpiling, finding, lookingand choosing, upon request, pertinent information on a given subject". The significant obstructions behind current data stockpiling and recovery endeavors are the incredible volumeofinformationpouring from our printmachinesand our powerlessnessto findalot of many it has showed up. Thus legitimate recovery is the key despite the fact that the information is there put away in an information stockpiling medium.

Data innovation has changed the entire world into a worldwide town with a worldwide economy, which is progressively reliant upon the imaginative administration and conveyance of data. Over the course of the last many years the world has been encountering tremendous changes in which theneed to gain, use and offer information has become progressively fundamental. Presently, in the 21st 100 years, the period of information and data is in its higher stuff. This is an age when undetectable informationand data play the job of central players driving all area. The World Bank has utilized analogy "information is improvement". All in all, absence of information is to a great extent liable for underdevelopment. In an information and data situated society, imaginative cerebrums become heads of economy and information laborers are overwhelmingly popular.Ontheoffchancethatinformationcanbecomparedwithadvancement,then,at that point, the more extensive the information hole, the more extensive the improvement hole.

Electronicstorage

Information capacity has forever been something that is, has been and will mean a lot to progress. Our way of life is established on the possibility that information and data are the most vital assets anybody can have for going with better choices. The mantra "data/information is power" obviously depicts this story. Consequently, the advancementof information stockpiling means quite a bit to

realms, developments and countries from old to the present. This development normally started with the introduction of libraries as the essential method for examining data from sources accessible all over. Lords in those timescomprehendedthattheycangetadvantagebyacquiringasyndicationondata.Thisis especially valid for military techniques as the countries with the mightiest armed forces were frequently bound to administer the world. In any case, there was likewise a lot of interest in different information like populace and socioeconomics, even data about scholarly and human expression. The old library of Alexandria in Egypt was viewed as one of the 7 Miracles of the Old World in light of this conviction itself.

Quickforwardto themidtwentieth100years, whendatachangedgraduallyintothe type of electronic. The primary type of electronic information stockpiling was the Ferrite dab or center which was utilized in the underlying PC processors. Right now, memory centers were just great for putting away around 4KB of information and were a couple of millimeters across, about the size of a bean. The development of information stockpilinggot a lift during the 1950s with the reception of the half-inch tape covered with oxide. IBM spearheaded the utilization of this innovation and brought about the capacity to store greater measures of information, as much as 220MB now and again. Everybody from the nursing specialist to designing organizations profited from this transformation. This likewise made ready for additional refined advancements in the bygone eras starting with the LTO (Direct Tape-Open) tape innovation from IBM, HP and Seagate. The following leap in the capacity medium has happened during the 1970s when Philips presented the optical stockpiling gadget. The WORM media, or "compose once read many", came from this empowering a greater stockpiling limit of up to 5GB. One can test it and furthermore guarantee a serious level of dependability andexactness. Fundamentally, the improvement of the laser empowered this innovation to be conceivable. Magneto optical circles addressed the best illustration of the optical media stockpiling stage and in any event, stretching out into the present with the Blu-beam innovation as a branch-off of a similar stage change procedure used to code attractive plates.

Cloudstorage

Distributed storage signifies "the capacity of information online in the cloud," wherein an organization's information is put away in and open from various dispersed and associated assets that contain a cloud. Distributed storage can give the advantages of more prominent availability and dependability; fast arrangement; solid assurance and Information reinforcement, chronicled and calamity recuperation purposes; what's more, lower by and large capacity costs because of not buying, oversee and keep up with costly equipment. In any case, distributed storage has the potential for security and consistence concerns (however very minimal).Cloud Stockpiling offers libraries a strong, straightforward, financially savvy, tough and profoundly accessible (with 0.00 blackout) object capacity. Cloud has empowered three straightforward item choices to assist

libraries with working on the presentation of the applications while keeping the costs low. These three item choices utilize similar Programming interface, furnishing you with a basic and predictable technique for access. Google has spearheaded in this area and coming up next are the three choices given by Google are;

StandardStorage

Standard Capacity gives the most elevated level of solidness, accessibility and execution of all Google Distributed storage administrations. It's particularly intended for use cases requiring low response time and regular information access, for example, site content appropriation and video web based.

DurableReducedAvailabilityStorage

Solid Decreased Accessibility (DRA) Stockpiling has lower cost and lower accessibility than Standard Capacity yet is intended to have a similar sturdiness and execution as Standard Stockpiling.

Near lineStorage

Near line Capacity is a minimal expense, exceptionally strong capacityadministration for information documenting, online reinforcement, and debacle the board and recuperation. Not at all like other cloud or on-premises chronicle and reinforcement contributions, doesn't one need to stand by hours or days to recover or get to their information. With the creation of Data and Correspondence Innovation, libraries presently utilize different kinds of advances to help the administrations they render. Regular new mechanical advances influence how data is dealt with in libraries and data focuses. The effects of new advancements are felt by libraries in each angle. Figuring innovation, correspondence innovation and mass stockpiling innovation are a portion of the areas of nonstop improvement that reshape the way that libraries access, recover, store, controland disperse data to clients. The scholarly library has been from its beginning a basic piece of establishmentsof higher learning,asopposed to an informativesupplement or assistant.

DeliveryandNewTechnologiesofInformationNaturally

The objective of examining new advances in the library climate is eventually to work on the conveyance of data to the client. The degree to which full text in PC coherent structure will penetrate the library is a dubious issue. Steward (1986) says: "Making speculationsregarding essential distributing from advancementsin thedistributing ofdata databases is significant not. To do so makes a ridiculous assumption for the speed with which electronic distributing will become normal among essential distributers" (p. 49). He accepts that optical plate will be utilized for long runs of periodicals, however that these itemswon'tforthemostpartcoverthereviewvolumes.Assuch,themonetaryeffectof

filtering and dominating will be seen as inordinate by distributers as well as by bookkeepers. Obviously, more data will be made accessible on the web or on optical plate. Be that as it may, the method involved with acclimatizing this innovation into archive conveyance administrations is a lot more slow than generally anticipated. Bookkeepers started discussing the capability of optical circle in the mid to late 1970s. Presently it is the last part of the1980s, and notmany items are yet accessible either on 12 inchoptical circle or Compact disc ROM. A large portion of the items at present on the commercial center are data finding instruments i.e., files to periodicals and other writing.

Therearefourmaintypesofcloud storage:

18. PersonalCloudStorage(Mobilecloudstorage)

Individual distributed storage is a subset of public distributed storage that applies to putting awaya singular'sinformationinthecloudand giving thesingular admittanceto the information from anyplace. It likewise gives information synchronization and sharing capacities across numerous gadgets. Apple's iCloud is an illustration of individual distributed storage.

2. PublicCloudStorage

Public distributed storage is where the endeavor and capacity specialist co-op are discrete and there aren't any cloud assets put away in the venture's server farm. The distributed storage supplier completely deals with the venture's public distributed storage.

3.PrivateCloudStorage

A type of distributedstorage where the undertaking and distributed storage supplier are coordinated in the venture's server farm. In confidential distributed storage, the capacity supplier has foundation in the undertaking's server farm that is commonly overseen by the capacity supplier. Confidential distributed storage helps settle the potential for securityand execution worries while as yet offering the benefits of distributed storage.

4.HybridCloudStorage

Half and half distributed storage is a mix of public and confidential distributed storage where a fewbasic information lives in the venture's confidential cloud while different information is put away and open from a public distributed storage supplier.

BigDataandData analytics

Organizations, ventures, states, colleges, researchers, customers, and not-for-profits are producing information at uncommon levels and at a unimaginable speed. Large Information is no joking matter today, and it is a major an open door for bookkeepers and data experts to assume a part in the Huge Information universe. Since Custodians have the important abilities, the expected information, adding to

that is the assistance mindset to help the businesses, governments, colleges, and charitable associations to profit by all that Enormous Information that brings to the table. Public and confidential areas are feeling the strain to make the most of all that what Large Information brings to the table, with the assumption that it will spike (animate) new advancements and new item open doors, accomplish cost reserve funds and efficiencies, and utilize prescient examination that will empower organizations to comprehend what their clients need now as well as later on piece of libraries as well as librarianship.

DigitalcollectionsasBig Data

Weactuallyhavelibrarycollections, butwhatweadditionallyhaveisHugeInformation,whichexpectsustoreexaminethenecessaryfoundationtohelpEnormous Informationadministrations. Curatorpeoplegroup anticipatesthat specialistsshould come to, pose inquiries about the assortments, and utilize the computerized assortments in thelibrary/learningclimate.Inspirationistheconclusivepowertoadvancethe incrementofrelevantelementsofnewinformationadministrations.Thewayto investigatingtheexpansionandeconomicimprovementofinformationadministrationsis toinvestigate the inborn inspiration of new information administration upgrades. In thisway,itisimportanttoextensivelyconsidertheturnofeventsandchangesofclientexperience and discernment in the information administration process, persistently work ontheclient'sintelligentexperienceandinsight,constantlyfurtherdevelopthenewinformationadministrationsettingcapabilityoftheshrewdlibrary,andthoroughlyand uniformly further develop the new information administration setting capability plan and advancementtoallthemorelikelymeetthemulti-layeredapplicationsandindividual necessitiesofclients.Outerinspirationisthemainimpetusandsupportingpowerto advancetherelevantcapabilityofnewinformationadministrations,whichessentially comesfromtheimprovementofassetcontentqualityandfundamentalcircumstances. Assetsettingisasignificantpowerthatdecidesthecapabilityofthenewinformation administration, and the amplification of asset content credits and worth is the fundamental power to advance theintuitivecapabilityofthenew information administration setting. As per the inward system of information administration expansion of brilliantlibrary, the inside powerandoutside powerareeffectively andreally usedto shape a dynamic and adjusted situational state to advance the improvement of the general capability of the library's new information administration. By building a savvy innovation arrangement of brilliant discernment layer, network transmission layer, information asset layer,and shrewdapplicationlayer,with theassistanceofdifferentdetecting gadgetsinthe discernment layer, network innovation in the organization transmission layer, information mininganddistributedcomputingintheinformationassetlayerinnovation,computer

generated reality and expanded reality innovation at the shrewd application layer total the assortment, conveyance, and association of client information and assortment information and acknowledge client customized suggestion administrations,scene-based administrations, sight and sound administrations,shrewd space administrations,Perceptionadministrations,andvirtualsensiblehelp

Informationretrieval (IR)

Data recovery is the action of getting data pertinent to a data need from an assortment of data assets. Searches can be founded on metadata or on full-text, or other substance based ordering. The significance of the term data recovery can be exceptionally wide. Be that as it may, as a scholarly field of study, data recovery may be characterized hence: Data recoveryis seeing as material (normally records) of an unstructured nature that fulfills a data need from inside huge assortments (for the most part put away on PCs). Ascharacterizedalongtheselines,datarecoveryusedtobeanactionthatacoupleof

Individuals participated in: reference bookkeepers, paralegals, and comparable expert searchers. Presently the world has changed, and countless individuals participate in data recovery each day when they utilize a web crawler or search their email. Data recovery is quick turning into the predominant type of data access, overwhelming conventional data set way of looking. A data recovery process starts when a client enters an inquiry into the framework or a web search tool. Questions are the assertion of data should be placed as search strings in neighborhood data set or web search tools. In data recovery a question doesn't extraordinarily distinguish a solitary item in the assortment. All things considered, a few items might match the question, in view of importance or other related methods of data show.

With theongoing quick improvementof knowledgeand Webof Thingsinnovation, a specialized stage has been made for the striking utilization of computer generated reality innovation in libraries, and it has likewise given specialized development and administration ideachangefortheexpanded changeoflibraryadministrations.Augmented reality innovation is to reflect virtualdata into this present reality with the assistance of PC handling innovation to understand the reconciliation of virtual articles, scenes, activities, and different items and apply them to genuine scenes. The presentation of computer generated reality innovation in the savvy library makes an agreeable shrewd virtual space for peruses, permitting peruses to improve their craving to appreciate library administrations with regards to administrations. Computer generated reality innovation is a unique type of reality innovation. It has the qualities of solid communication, reconciliation of virtuality and reality, and three-layered situating. It presents three- layered enrollment and virtual similarity. As of now, if libraries have any desire to effectively widen the extent of public social administrations, they ought to present AR computer generated reality innovation straightaway, show the help model to peruses in a shiny new structure, and utilize top notch asset

development to burst out the library's own benefits. For successful recovering of pertinent records utilizing IR methodologies, the reports are regularly changed into a reasonable portrayal. Every recovery systemintegrates a particular model for its record portrayal purposes. The image beneath shows the relationship of a few Norma models.

Conclusion

The new manifestation of the stockpiling gadget has made some amazing progress from where it was in the last part of the 1940s. Today, hard circles are presently ready to storeasmuchas4TBinformation.LTOinnovationisadditionallyequippedforgoingupto 2.5TB while optical drives are similarly as skilled. The best part is that strong state circles (SSD) are accessible promising extremely superior execution and dependability but at a more costly rate than other capacity gadgets. Eventually, you needn't bother with any perusing card to realize that the capacity gadgets of today are a great deal more competent than the capacity gadgets of yesterday, with considerably more minimized, light, and reliable. Even better, the most amazing improvement in the advancement of capacity gadgets is the proceeding with drop in costs per unit of information put away. Given the reasonableness of the present drives, you never again need swtor credits to purchase the gadgetyouwant.Forunder$10,youcanentirelypurchasethumbdrivesequippedfor putting away 16GB worth of information. The fate of capacity gadgets looks brilliant, and it must be if it needs to support the speed of innovation upheaval introduced by PCs and cell phones. Where it will be a long time from now is impossible to say; be that as it may, you can wager it would be more amazing than what you can creative mind.

Notwithstanding, brilliant libraries additionally need differentiated savvy countermeasures to tackle different issues in the development cycle and lay out an intelligent shrewd stage for the multifunctional brilliant library framework to check for lacks and compensate for the absence of public government assistance administrations. Under the pennant of promotion, we can zero in on client needs and carry out the help guidelines of "exact interest and excellent administrations" to make a savvy space, to understand the interconnection of actual space, to expand the solace and humanistic consideration of the space, and to epitomize the idea of a shrewd library for the comfort of peruses and green turn of events. Likewise, the coordination of on the web and disconnected libraries, libraries and book shops, libraries and strategies organizations, incorporated help arrangements, and different combinations are additionally being additionally investigated, and joining is turning into the fundamental type of the advancement of shrewd libraries.

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ADVANCED ICT APPLICATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE WAYS FOR LIBRARIES

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Abstract

Libraries are experiencing rapid transformation with the advent of advanced Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). These technologies offer innovative ways to enhance library services, streamline operations, and meet the growing demands of the digital age. This paper examines the role of advanced ICT applications in modern libraries, exploring their potential to improve information access, user engagement, resource management, and digital preservation. By analysing case studies and examining the challenges and opportunities, this paper aims to provide a comprehensive overview of how advanced ICT can shape the future of library services.

Keywords: *Modern Libraries, Next Generation Libraries, ICT Applications, Innovative Ways, Digital Age.*

1. Introduction

The integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in libraries has evolved significantly over the past few decades, moving from basic digital cataloging systems to sophisticated platforms for information management, user engagement, and digital resource sharing. Libraries, once seen as passive repositories of books and materials, are now becoming dynamic information centres leveraging advanced ICT to cater to the digital needs of users. These advancements include the use of artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, cloud computing, virtual and augmented reality, and mobile technologies to optimize library operations.

This research paper explores the applications of advanced ICT in libraries, identifying key technologies and their impact on enhancing library services, improving user experience, and advancing knowledge dissemination.

2. Overview of ICT in Libraries

ICT refers to the tools and resources used to manage, store, and disseminate information through digital means. In the context of libraries, ICT includes computer systems, software, communication networks, and digital content that support the library's operations and services.

Historically, libraries have adopted ICT in stages, beginning with the digitization of catalogues and indexes, transitioning to integrated library systems (ILS), and now embracing advanced ICT applications. These newer technologies enable libraries to adapt

to the changing information needs of users, supporting functions such as online databases, e-books, and real-time access to information.

3. Advanced ICT Applications in Libraries

The following sections discuss the key advanced ICT applications that are transforming library operations and services.

3.1 Cloud Computing

Cloud computing allows libraries to store, manage, and access their data and resources remotely through the internet. This technology offers numerous advantages for libraries, including:

- **Scalability and Flexibility**: Libraries can adjust their storage and computing needs based on demand without the need for costly hardware investments.
- **Cost Efficiency**: Cloud solutions reduce the cost of maintaining physical servers, freeing up library resources for other purposes.
- **Collaboration and Resource Sharing**: Cloud platforms allow multiple libraries to collaborate and share resources, such as databases, archives, and digital collections, leading to a more interconnected library network.

Many libraries are adopting cloud-based Integrated Library Systems (ILS) such as Koha, Ex Libris Alma, and WorldShare Management Services, which enable easier access to library resources, improved cataloguing systems, and enhanced search functionalities for users.

3.2 Big Data and Analytics

Libraries generate vast amounts of data through user interactions, borrowing patterns, search queries, and digital resource access. Big data analytics offers libraries the ability to:

- **Enhance Decision-Making**: By analysing usage data, libraries can make informed decisions regarding resource allocation, acquisitions, and service improvements.

- **User Behaviour Analysis**: Libraries can track and analyse user behaviours, such as reading preferences and search patterns, allowing them to offer personalized services.

- **Predictive Analytics**: Big data can help libraries predict future trends in resource demand, allowing them to optimize their collections and services proactively.

For instance, libraries can use data analytics to recommend relevant books or resources to users based on their reading history or provide tailored services for research purposes.

3.3 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being integrated into library systems to enhance search capabilities, automate administrative tasks, and improve user experience. Key AI applications in libraries include:

- **Automated Cataloguing**: AI systems can automatically categorize and tag new materials, reducing the need for manual cataloguing efforts.

- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**: AI-powered search engines equipped with NLP can understand user queries more intuitively, providing more accurate and relevant search results.

- **AI Chatbots**: Libraries are using AI-driven virtual assistants and chatbots to offer real-time support, helping users find information, manage their accounts, and navigate library services more efficiently.

An example is the implementation of AI-powered digital assistants, such as those used by the New York Public Library, which help users access resources and navigate the library's catalogue through conversational interfaces.

3.4 Mobile Technologies and Applications

The proliferation of smartphones and tablets has led to the development of mobile apps for libraries, allowing users to access resources and services on the go. Mobile technologies offer:

- **Mobile Access to Library Resources**: Users can access e-books, journals, and databases from their mobile devices, making libraries more accessible.

- **Mobile Notifications**: Libraries can send real-time notifications to users regarding due dates, new arrivals, and upcoming events.

- **Mobile Payments**: Integrated mobile payment solutions allow users to pay fines or fees through their devices, streamlining library services.

Libraries are increasingly investing in mobile-friendly platforms to cater to the growing demand for access to resources anytime, anywhere.

3.5 Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR)

Virtual and augmented reality technologies are emerging as valuable tools in libraries for enhancing user experience and education. Libraries are using VR and AR to:

- **Virtual Exhibitions and Tours**: Libraries can offer virtual reality tours of their spaces, including special collections and archives, to users who cannot visit in person.

- **Immersive Learning Experiences**: AR and VR can be used to create interactive learning experiences, such as simulating historical events, scientific processes, or visualizing complex data.

- **Enhancing Special Collections**: AR can be used to overlay additional information onto physical exhibits, offering a more engaging experience for library patrons.

Several academic libraries, including those at major universities, are experimenting with VR for immersive research environments and virtual learning spaces.

3.6 Digital Preservation Technologies

As libraries increasingly manage digital content, the need for advanced digital preservation technologies has become critical. These technologies help ensure the

longevity and accessibility of digital assets, including manuscripts, research papers, multimedia, and historical records.

- **Automated Archiving Systems**: Digital preservation systems use algorithms to ensure that digital content is archived correctly and remains accessible over time.

- **File Format Conversion**: Advanced preservation tools can automatically convert outdated file formats into more modern and sustainable formats, ensuring long-term access.

- **Blockchain Technology**: Some libraries are exploring blockchain technology for secure and immutable records of digital assets, enhancing the integrity of digital collections.

Libraries such as the Library of Congress are leading the way in digital preservation, using cutting-edge technologies to safeguard historical and cultural assets.

4. Case Studies of Advanced ICT Applications in Libraries

4.1 The National Library of Australia's Trove

The National Library of Australia developed Trove, a cloud-based platform that aggregates digital collections from libraries, museums, and archives across the country. Trove provides users with access to millions of books, journals, images, and historical documents in a single digital space. By leveraging cloud computing and big data analytics, Trove offers an extensive, easily navigable digital library that continues to grow.

4.2 University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries

The Bodleian Libraries use AI-driven tools to manage their large and diverse collection. These tools include AI-based search algorithms and automated cataloguing systems that help streamline the process of managing both physical and digital resources. Additionally, the Bodleian Libraries employ digital preservation technologies to maintain their extensive archival materials, ensuring long-term accessibility.

4.3 The New York Public Library's AI Chatbot

The New York Public Library implemented an AI-powered chatbot that assists users in navigating the library's online catalogue and accessing digital resources. The chatbot

leverages NLP to understand and respond to user queries effectively, offering a user-friendly and accessible interface for the library's patrons.

5. Challenges of Implementing Advanced ICT in Libraries

While advanced ICT applications offer numerous benefits, libraries face several challenges in adopting and implementing these technologies:

5.1 Financial Constraints

Many libraries, especially smaller public libraries, may struggle with the cost of implementing advanced ICT systems. Investments in new technologies, infrastructure, and staff training require substantial financial resources.

5.2 Staff Training and Skills Development

As libraries adopt more sophisticated ICT applications, staff members need specialized training to manage and operate these systems. There may be a gap in technical expertise, requiring ongoing professional development and upskilling.

5.3 Data Privacy and Security

The increasing use of digital platforms and cloud services raises concerns about data privacy and security. Libraries must ensure that user data is protected, and robust cybersecurity measures are in place to prevent data breaches.

5.4 Technological Obsolescence

Rapid advancements in technology mean that libraries must continuously upgrade their systems to remain current. This can lead to challenges in maintaining compatibility with older systems and avoiding technological obsolescence.

6. Conclusion

Advanced ICT applications are transforming the way libraries operate, offering new opportunities for enhancing user experience, improving information access, and optimizing resource management. Cloud computing, AI, big data analytics, and other emerging technologies have the potential to revolutionize library services, making them more accessible, efficient, and dynamic.

However, the adoption of these technologies requires careful planning, investment, and ongoing staff development. As libraries continue to embrace advanced ICT, they will play an even more critical role in the dissemination and preservation of knowledge in the digital age.

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EVALUATION OF LIBRARY TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract-

Libraries and archives have historically been the major organizations tasked with managing human knowledge and culture, which includes collecting, preserving, and disseminating it. When developments in computer science enabled the use of digital representations of materials devoted to computer human knowledge and culture rather than printed ones, libraries were particularly interested in capitalizing on the digital revolution's potential. Digital libraries have evolved in a nonlinear fashion, with contributions from a variety of fields.

Keywords- Library Evolution, Academic Libraries, Digital Transformation, Historical Perspectives, Digital Era

Introduction-

Libraries' development is a tale of metamorphosis, mirroring shifts in society, culture, and technology. Libraries have evolved from being physical book storage facilities to become vibrant hubs for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and digital resources. As information and communication technology advances, library technologies evolve to mirror the shift from traditional to digital and integrated systems. It's a huge improvement that modern library management systems have evolved to include advanced features like data analytics, cloud-based storage, RFID technology, and artificial intelligent.Libraries are now full-service community institutions that strive to address a wide range of civic and social needs, not merely informational repositories. Public libraries were changing dramatically even before the COVID-19 outbreak upended life all across the world.

Digital Transformation in Libraries-

Digital technologies are being used by libraries to broaden their audience and make knowledge more accessible to all. In today's information landscape, libraries are finding that digital platforms, online databases, and virtual services are essential. Customer experience, data and analytics, business model change, and digital operations are the areas that need the most attention. For the user community to receive information services, libraries are crucial. Historically, efforts have been made to create these libraries in response to commissions on education's recommendations. Automation, digital library services, digital reference services, INFLIBNET services, digital efforts for higher education in India, artificial intelligence in libraries, and resource digitization are the primary areas of concentration for digital transformation.

Need for Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries-

Because research and learning are developing so quickly, academic libraries are in dire need of digital transformation. Libraries must strategically embrace digital technologies to stay valued and relevant. Expanding digital collections, improving service delivery, adopting new technology, fostering a digital culture, and guaranteeing accessibility and diversity are important areas for digital transformation.

These are other details about the development of libraries-

1. **Early Libraries** Cuneiform-written clay tablets were kept in ancient libraries, while papyrus scrolls, frequently of a religious or administrative nature, were kept in temples. The focus of private collections in Greece and public libraries in Rome was on philosophy and education. The Islamic Golden Age, university libraries, and monastery libraries were all part of **medieval libraries.**
2. **The Print Age** Here, libraries were transformed by the mass manufacturing of books, which increased access to knowledge. Extensive collections created by wealthy clients, such as kings and nobility, eventually served as the cornerstone of public libraries. To help, organizations like the British Library (1854) and the Boston Public Library were established.
3. Libraries developed into community centres in the **19th and 20th centuries**, providing free access to knowledge and instruction. The Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal (1876) systems standardized the arrangement of volumes. This century saw the development of microfilm and card catalogues. Librarianship was established as a profession by the American Library Association (ALA) and other groups.
4. **Digital Transformation**: Libraries started providing digital resources, such as encyclopaedias and scholarly databases, in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. In this day and age, OPAC has emerged. Additionally, rare books and manuscripts were digitized by libraries and made accessible online. For increased efficiency, libraries implemented cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS). Repositories for theses, dissertations, and open access documents were established by academic institutions and research centers.
5. **Libraries Today**: A lot of libraries now have maker spaces, workshops, and events. The goal of initiatives like global digital libraries and open-access publishing is to make knowledge accessible to everyone.

6. **Future Directions**: AI-powered solutions support resource discovery, metadata generation, and customized user experiences. To raise awareness of environmental issues, libraries implement eco-friendly procedures and areas. Libraries have changed over time to meet the demands of their communities, from prehistoric archives to contemporary digital platforms. They continue to be essential establishments for education, creativity, and community involvement.

Historical perspectives on Library systems and tools- Humanity's evolving approach to the organizing, preservation, and distribution of knowledge is reflected in the development of library systems and resources. An outline of the past is provided here:

I) **Ancient Libraries and Tools**: The first methods of information storage in libraries such as the Ashurbanipal Library and the Alexandria Library were clay tablets and papyrus scrolls. To keep track of their contents, ancient libraries utilized simple inventory lists, frequently written on clay or stone tablets.

II) **Medieval Libraries**: By hand-copying books onto vellum or parchment, monasteries were able to preserve information. Books were chained to shelves to deter theft because they were valuable and scarce. Books were arranged on shelves or in alcoves according to general subjects.

III) **The Printing Revolution**: Melvil Dewey developed a methodical approach to subject-based library collection organization, first cataloguing, and the printing press.

IV) **The Industrial Age**: This century saw the development of card catalogues and the Library of Congress Classification.

V) **The Digital Revolution**: This century saw the development of automated library systems, MARC, and OPACs. Additionally, libraries have embraced digital databases to make scholarly articles and databases accessible.

VI) **The Internet Era**: Libraries adopted cloud-based integrated library systems during this time, enabling online searches of their holdings. Several databases

and catalogues can be accessed through a single interface with e-resources and digital libraries.

VII) **New and Emerging Technologies**: Libraries began utilizing RDF and other cutting-edge search tools to build networked web-based catalogues became a safe instrument for interlibrary borrowing and digital rights management.

Balancing Traditional and Digital landscape in Libraries- Today's libraries need to strike a balance between adopting digital advancements and maintaining their traditional duties. Librarians must keep strong physical collections that include rare books, archives, and print resources in order to preserve equilibrium between the two environments. Library buildings are often used as gathering places for events, study, and collaboration. By purchasing e-books, digital journals, and online databases, librarians can increase the scope of their digital offerings. able to set up webinars, virtual exhibits, and workshops to guide consumers using digital tools. Cataloguing and discovery, blended learning and resources, and physical-digital synergy are the main areas of integration. Here, librarians can offer workshops, lectures, and events in both real and virtual versions, integrate physical and digital collections into a single searchable platform, and grant access to both traditional and electronic resources. Blend digital and traditional handicraft

Best Practices for libraries- -Evaluate user needs on a regular basis using feedback and surveys. -Create regulations that give both digital and conventional resource management top priority. -To exchange resources, collaborate with other libraries, academic institutions, and tech firms.

Managing Libraries in the Digital Era: A roadmap to libraries of Vikasit Bharat @2047-In the digital age, managing libraries entails implementing new tactics and technology to increase information accessibility, boost productivity, and satisfy changing patron demands. India wants to become a developed country (VIkasit Bharat) by 2047, and

libraries need to change to become knowledge centers that support the nation's goals of accessibility, innovation, and inclusivity. This road map describes methods for converting libraries into dynamic, cutting-edge hubs for education, culture, and technology.

1. **Vision for Libraries in 2047**: To close the digital gap, libraries must give all residents equal access to information. Libraries that encourage creativity, investigation, and cooperation to their user. India's rich legacy and customs are preserved through digital archives, facilities that help people of all ages with their education, skill development, and personal development.

2.Key Objectives: Providing universal access is one of the main goals. Make certain that all citizens have access to library materials, irrespective of their geography or background. Use cutting-edge technology for library administration and user interaction, such as AI, VR, blockchain, and IoT. to encourage environmentally sustainable methods of resource development and library operations. Convert libraries into forums for social interaction, cultural exchange, and community growth.

3.Digital Transformation Strategies:

a) **Infrastructure Development**: Create a nationwide network of digital libraries that links rural and urban libraries. Install public Wi-Fi and high-speed internet in libraries, particularly in outlying locations. Make library spaces that are modular and flexible enough for events, collaboration, and online learning.

b) **Adoption of Technology**: Library management systems, automated cataloguing, AI, and automation. Blockchain technology for archives Safely preserve and monitor the digital cultural and literary legacy. Provide engaging educational opportunities, such interactive storytelling sessions or virtual tours of historical locations.

c) **Digital Collections and Services**: Increase the availability of open educational resources, e-books, research journals, and multimedia. Create a National Repository of Indian Knowledge Systems that will house ancient texts and indigenous knowledge. Put in place round-the-clock virtual libraries with voice assistance and a bilingual interface.

4.Human resource development and capacity building: The digital literacy program will teach people how to access and use digital resources, particularly those living in remote areas. Advanced technical, administrative, and digital skills training for librarians. Work together with public and private institutions to provide courses on entrepreneurship, vocational training, and emerging technology.

5. Cultural Preservation and Promotion: To conserve and disseminate India's cultural variety, digitize rare manuscripts, folktales, and oral histories, plan workshops, exhibitions, and cultural activities that highlight India's legacy.

6. Inclusivity and Accessibility: Create interfaces and resources for people with disabilities, such as screen-reader-friendly websites, audiobooks, and Braille information. In order to promote linguistic diversity, make sure resources are accessible in regional languages. In underserved and distant locations, offer mobile library services.

7. Policy and Funding Support: Create thorough government regulations for library service funding, digitization, and standardization. Involve businesses and non-profit organizations in technology deployment and funding. Collaborate with global organizations to exchange resources and embrace best practices.

Conclusion: By 2047, libraries in Vikasit Bharat have the potential to develop into revolutionary establishments that foster innovation, celebrate cultural diversity, and arm citizens with information. A progressive, just, and knowledge-driven society will be shaped in large part by libraries with careful planning, strong infrastructure, and a dedication to diversity. Traditional libraries are increasingly dynamic, technologically advanced knowledge hubs thanks to the advancement of library technologies. From the earliest days of card catalogues to the most advanced digital systems, libraries have always changed to accommodate their patrons' evolving requirements. Cloud computing, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and Blockchain are some of the advances that modern libraries use to improve accessibility, manage resources better, and provide individualized user experiences. In addition to democratizing information access, these developments have

reinterpreted libraries' functions as centres of education, cooperation, and cultural preservation. Libraries are well-positioned to continue being essential organizations as technology develops further, bridging the gap between the real and virtual worlds and encouraging creativity and inclusivity.

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VIRTUAL REALITY SOCIAL PLATFORMS: A FUTURISTIC TREND IN LIBRARY

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Abstract:

Like Facebook, Twitter the virtual reality social platform is also available for community connection and chatting. The investigator has elaborated in this paper about social VR, importance of social VR, which type of social VR are available. The social VR are using for community chatting as well as gaming. But now the librarians are use it for their immersive library services. The investigator has shared some services which the

library can provide it. Virtual Conference, Book exhibition, Reference Service, Library Orientation etc. The librarian and user can make their avatar as per their choice and communicate with each other world wild.

Keywords: *Virtual, Reality, Social, Platforms, Futuristic, Trend, Library*

Introduction:

Social Virtual Reality is a web-based social interaction platform, mediated by immersive technologies and taking place in predesigned three-dimensional virtual worlds where individuals, represented by an avatar, may engage in real-time interpersonal conversation and shared activities. It is new trend of technology to communicate with masses with a very interactive and immersive way. It is happening in online game, virtual gathering. It is also new way to convince the customer. The library field cannot be the exception of this technology trends.

The librarian can make the replica of their library in social virtual reality platform like Second Life, VRChat, Overte, Avakin Life etc. The librarian can purchase the place or on rent, create replica of library in 3D and design the various services. Any user across the world can avail the services. The investigator has investigated various Social VR Software and has studies its use in modern libraries for immersive learning. This paper has presented social VR platforms for immersive edutainment.

Review of Literature:

Parker, Lyn has explained in his paper (Second Life: the seventh face of the library) about the social VR platform Second Life. It is a very popular VR platform. He threw light on library services that can be provided by the second life; with this, he also elaborated on issues and challenges that stand before the library while using social VR technology.

Kristine S. Condic (Using Second Life as a Training Tool in an Academic Library) has elaborated on Second Life as a training tool within an academic library. In doing so, various topics were examined, including training within libraries, the use of Second Life in educational settings, and Second Life as a training tool. Second Life offers unique opportunities for training but also presents a definite set of challenges.

Objective of Study:

- To provides a short overview of Social Virtual Reality Platforms,
- To describe their applicability for immersive edutainment.
- To inform the new era of technology to the library professional like Social VR

What is Social VR?

It refers to communal experiences in a digital atmosphere formed by virtual reality technology. Social VR experiences enable masses to interact and immerse with each other in a virtual pace, with VR headsets or other VR equipment.

Main Factors of Social VR:

Like the metaverse, social virtual reality (SVR) blurs the boundaries between the real and virtual worlds, making it a major step toward more immersive and engaging forms of digital interaction. These are a few essential components of social virtual reality experiences.

1**. Immersion**: Social VR transports users to a fully immersive 3D environment where they may interact with others and exercise a great deal of agency. This interaction might be more engaging than traditional screen-based social media since it offers a feeling of presence and immersion.

2. Characters: 3D animated characters are called avatars. Residents (users) frequently employ avatars, which are changeable digital representations of themselves in virtual space. Interactions feel more natural because these avatars can often mimic facial emotions and gestures from real life. a picture from an app for virtual reality. It exhibits communication. Through avatar movements, the Social VR facilitates body language in addition to text and vocal communication. As a result, communication is more complex than non-VR digital interactions.

3. Activities and Experiences: The Social VR platforms include a range of activities, from games and entertainment to educational experiences and practical workspaces. By enabling users to participate in these activities together, they promote a feeling of community.

4. Accessibility and Inclusivity: Although social VR can make life easier for people who live far away, it has disadvantages, such as the requirement for specialist hardware and the need to discuss issues like cybersickness.

5. Cybernetic groups: Social VR systems can provide a new degree of social connection that transcends geographic borders by facilitating virtual groups with shared interests.

6. Safety and Secrecy: Because social VR interactions are so intense, there are safety, security, and secrecy concerns that are comparable to any social network like facebook and Instagram etc.

Features of VR Social Platform:

- Interact with masses across the world
- Experiment with distinctiveness by trying new avatars
- Produce long lasting friendships
- Express yourself
- Build worlds and invite people to them
- Play and have fun
- To Empower Individuals and Create Vibrant Inclusive Communities.

Various Social VR Software :

Various social VR software are available in market. Second life, Opensimulator, Avakin Life, VR Chat Overte, Workadventure, IMVU, Twinity etc. The social virtual reality software use for virtual gathering, Online meeting, Online gaming. The investigator presents the comparative study of various software.

These are as follow.

Sr No	Mode	Second Life	OpenSimulator	Avakin Life	VRChat	Overte	Workadventure	IMVU	Twinity
1	Developer(s)	Linden Lab	OpenSimulator	Lockwood Publishing	Graham Gaylor	Overte.V Association	Steve Lawrence	Will Harvey, Eric Ries, Marcus Gosling, Matt Danzig	Metaversum GmbH (former) ExitReality
2	Platform	Windows macOS Linux (in development) iOS (beta) Android (beta)	Cross-platform	Android, iOS, Chrome OS	Microsoft Windows, Android (on Meta Quest 2 and newer, PICO 4, 3and HTC Vive XR Elite)	Windows and Linux (downloads here), with MacOS	-	-	Microsoft Windows
3	Engine	Open-source (C++, Open	Open-source	Unity	Unity	-	-	-	BigWorld Technolo

		GL)							gy
4	Website	secondlife.com	opensimulator.org	https://avakin.com/	https://hello.vrchat.com/	https://overte.org/index.html	https://workadventu.re/app/virtual-workplace/	www.imvu.com	http://web.ha.twinity.com/en
5	Type	Basic account free of cost	-	-	-	Open Source	Free/ open	free of cost	Basic Membership free of cost

Second Life: www.**secondlife.com**

The Second Life is an entertaining online community where users can make their own avatars and interact with others for socializing, business, or information sharing. Users create the material in a multi-user online virtual environment. Built and owned by the San Francisco-based company Linden Lab. Despite its resemblance to MMORPGs, Linden Lab makes it apparent that Second Life is not a game when it was first released on June 23, 2003. There is no predetermined objective or fabricated dispute.

The Second Life is a powerful and immersive 3D program. It makes use of advertising and gameplay. To improve academia, the researcher advises using this app at libraries. This academic platform is inventive, engaging, and interactive. The librarian can create replicas of their libraries and provide the same services. Second Life has the capability to provide services such as reference assistance, book talk, digital book displays, and virtual conferences etc.

The Community Virtual Library in Second Life

Overte : https://overte.org/index.html

Overte is a social VR platform that is open source and free. High Fidelity's source code was used to create the Vircadia project, which is a fork of it. The application is released under the Apache 2.0 open source license and is maintained by the German firm Overte . It works really sound with Vircadia.

You may generate and share virtual worlds as desktop experiences and virtual reality (VR) with Overte, an open source platform for social VR and virtual worlds. Among many other things, you can create your own virtual world, discover other worlds, relate with other users, and host or attend live virtual reality events.

The Overte software's primary features are as follows:

1. Creating and updating collaborative worlds
2. Keeping VR, including body tracking
3. Scaling for up to 500 players in a single environment;
4. Using JavaScript for scripting, which enables the development of games, interactable, user interface components, and unique applications
5. High quality, low latency spatial audio
6. Robust physics via the Bullet physics engine
7. Complete open-source under the Apache 2.0 license and no centralized control. Running your own server from home is possible
8. A democratic non-profit organization supports it
9. No user account is needed.

Open Simulator : www. **opensimulator.org**

OpenSimulator is an open source, multi-platform, multi-user 3D application server that was founded by Darren Guard on January 29th, 2007. It can be used to produce a

virtual environment (or world) that can be accessed through a variety of clients, on multiple protocols, and has an optional feature (the Hypergrid) that enables users to visit other OpenSimulator installations across the web from their "home" OpenSimulator installation. OpenSimulator allows developers of virtual worlds to customize their worlds using the technologies they trust work best—we have made the framework easily extensible. OpenSimulator is written in C#, running on Windows, Unix-like machines, and on several platforms on.NET. The source code is released under a BSD License, a commercially friendly license to embed OpenSimulator in products.

Open Simulator application in library:

- A virtual library's history and services can be studied by users.
- This VR can assist users in finding resources and the finest route to books in a timely manner.
- Users are able to peruse and choose which electronic books to read or borrow.
- Users can reserve virtual meeting spaces, attend virtual conferences and seminars, and schedule mentoring sessions with professionals.
- Virtual worlds allow users to play games.

Avakin Life : https://avakin.com/

Avakin Life is a 3D life simulation game developed and published by Lockwood Publishing, an English firm based in Nottingham. It is accessible on both PC and mobile platforms. In December 2013, the game was first made available for Android smartphones. It has more over 200 million registered users on iOS, Android, and ChromeOS as of 2022, and over a million gamers play every day. According to the creator, Avakin Life was impacted by PlayStation Home, acting as a comparable mobile platform, and saw an increase in players after PlayStation Home shut down in 2015. It can be used in library for immersive services.

VRChat :https://hello.vrchat.com/

Graham Gaylor developed the virtual reality online game VRChat for the Meta, Rift, PCVR, and SteamVR headsets. On January 16, 2014, VRChat was made available in beta on Oculus (now Meta) Rift headsets. On February 1, 2017, the whole game was made available on Steam for free early access. Initially, VRChat was in beta testing for an Oculus Rift headset prototype. More platforms, like the Meta Quest headsets, were made possible when the beta was refined and transformed into early access. The immersive services can be offer by this platform.

WorkVentures :https://workadventu.re/app/virtual-workplace/

WorkAdventure is a video-conference application that lets masses hold multiple parallel conversations in a virtual universe. Walk in, out, speak to anyone just like in real-life! Work online or organize your future event online! WorkVentures started in 1979 as Peninsula Community Services, based in the Malabar/La Perouse area in Sydney's south-east.

WorkAdventure is a virtual reality (VR) platform that permits users to engross dynamically with avatars in immersive experiences be it for employment, onboarding, or internal/external events purposes. The platform allows users to customize the design, import company logos, and use custom domain names, providing an immersive journey for team members and participants. WorkAdventure offers a range of solutions tailored to various needs. In the Workplace solution, users can connect with team members and increase alliance. This social platform offers real-time engagement, allowing for impulsive conversations and seamless project management. Whether it is a team-building activity, a social event, or a conference.

IMVU :

An online social networking site, and virtual world is called IMVU (/ˈɪmvjuː/, stylized as imvu). Originally supported by venture capitalists Menlo Ventures, AllegisCyber Capital, Justin Greene, Bridgescale Partners, and Best Buy Capital, IMVU was established in 2004. Members of IMVU create, interact, play games, and meet new people using 3D avatars

It joins millions of people across the world on IMVU, the world's major avatar-based social network site where shared experiences shape deeper friendships. IMVU is a place with endless possibilities, allowing you to entirely customize your 3D avatar to reflect who you are, what is your identity. The resident explore chat rooms where he can meet new persons, connect with friends and voice chat with anyone from around the world. Roleplay, dress up,

party, go on a virtual date, host an event, and join a virtual world. And, it's totally free of cost. Your dream life and virtual life await in IMVU, a metaverse where real life comes into play.

Twinity :

A 3D online virtual world is called Twinity. Currently owned by ExitReality, it was first created by Metaversum GmbH. The game allows its players, known as Twinizens, to move across historical virtual replicas of actual cities, sometimes referred to as mirror worlds or metaverses. Berlin, the first virtual city to be released in a public beta, was followed by Singapore, London, Miami, and New York in September 2008. Big World Technology is the foundation of Twinity, and a free-to-play business model forms the basis of its economy. The first 3D online virtual environment to include realistic representations of major cities from around the globe is called Twinity. But the business has just started to move away from a mirror reality and into a setting that is more focused on imagination.

Library Services By Social Vitual Reality software :

The following metioned services offered by Allience Virtual Reality, Alexandria Free Library Consortia, Caledon whitehorn library and Madam Curie Library . The Social VR software provides innovative VR practices in libraries. These are the best example of edutainment.

Library Services:

Sr. No	Library Services	Glimpses

1.	Story scene creation from book	
2.	Book exhibition	
3.	Reference Service	
4.	Classes	
5.	Information Delivery	
6.	Virtual Conference	

7.	Library Orientation	
8	Book Discussion	

Major Libraries which are using Social VR Platforms :

Conclusion :

The Social VR Platform is a 3D application, that is immersive, and effective. The social VR are using in gaming and advertising. However, the investigator recommends utilizing

the social VR Platforms at libraries to enhance learning satisfaction. These platforms are innovative, involved, and interactive. The librarian can create replicas of their libraries and provide the same services. Second Life has the capability to provide services such as reference assistance, digital book displays, and virtual conference, Book Talk, Library Orientation,Scene Creation etc. The Overte, Second Life VR Chat,IMVU VRChat etc VR platform have been discussed by the investigator .

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THE IMPACT OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES ON LIS EDUCATION

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Abstract:

The field of Library and Information Science (LIS) is undergoing a significant transformation as emerging technologies reshape the landscape of information access, management, and dissemination. From artificial intelligence to Blockchain, these advancements demand a revaluation of LIS education to ensure that professionals are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate this evolving environment. This article explores the impact of emerging technologies on LIS education, highlighting key trends, challenges, and opportunities.

Keywords: *LIS Profession, Skill Development, Teaching Learning Process, New Technology, Online learning, Hybrid Learning.*

Introduction:

The**impact of emerging technologies on LIS (Library and Information Science) education**refers to how advancements in technology influence the way LIS programs are designed, taught, and implemented. Emerging technologies are innovative tools and systems like artificial intelligence, machine learning, Blockchain, cloud computing, big data, augmented/virtual reality, and others that are transforming many fields, including library science and education.

Key Areas of Impact

1. **Curriculum Development**
   - Incorporation of courses on data science, digital preservation, AI, and cloud computing.
   - Emphasis on teaching how to manage electronic resources, digital repositories, and metadata standards like Dublin Core.
   - Training students in tools and platforms like integrated library systems (ILS), discovery layers, and open-source software.

2. **Skill Set Expansion**
   - Focus on technical skills such as coding (e.g., Python, SQL), data visualization, and analytics.

- Development of soft skills for working with emerging technologies, such as digital literacy, ethical decision-making, and critical thinking about technology's societal impact.

3. **Teaching and Learning Methods**
   - Use of online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and augmented/virtual reality for experiential learning.
   - Integration of simulation-based training and gamification to teach real-world library scenarios.
4. **Research Opportunities**
   - Emerging technologies open new areas of research, such as AI in cataloguing, Blockchain for digital rights management, and the role of big data in user behavior analysis.
   - Greater collaboration between LIS students and technologists on interdisciplinary research projects.
5. **Accessibility and Inclusivity**
   - Development of systems and interfaces that cater to diverse user needs, including adaptive technologies for people with disabilities.
   - Education on creating equitable access to information using advanced technology.
6. **Changing Roles of Information Professionals**
   - LIS graduates are trained to become data curators, digital archivists, knowledge managers, and technologists, in addition to traditional librarian roles.
   - Greater focus on leadership and advocacy for ethical technology use in libraries and information centers.

Emerging Technologies in the LIS Profession

1. **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI is revolutionizing information retrieval, cataloguing, and user services in libraries. AI-driven tools such as catboats and machine learning algorithms enable personalized recommendations, efficient data analysis, and enhanced user experiences. LIS curricula must incorporate AI-related competencies to prepare students for these advancements.
2. **Blockchain Technology:** Blockchain has potential applications in digital rights management, secure transactions, and ensuring the authenticity of digital records. Understanding block chain's implications and uses is becoming a critical area of focus for LIS education.

3. **Big Data and Analytics:** Libraries increasingly rely on data analytics to understand user behavior, improve services, and make data-driven decisions. LIS programs need to train students in data management, analysis, and visualization.
4. **Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR):** VR and AR technologies are being used to create immersive learning environments and virtual library tours. LIS professionals must learn how to integrate and manage these tools effectively.
5. **The Internet of Things (IoT):** IoT devices, such as smart shelves and RFID systems, are streamlining library operations. Familiarity with IoT applications is crucial for future LIS professionals.

Challenges in Integrating Emerging Technologies

1. **Curriculum Development:** Updating curricula to include emerging technologies without overloading students is a significant challenge. Balancing foundational LIS principles with new technological competencies requires careful planning.
2. **Faculty Expertise:** Ensuring that faculty members possess the necessary knowledge and skills to teach emerging technologies is critical. Continuous professional development is essential for faculty to stay updated.
3. **Resource Limitations:** Limited access to cutting-edge technology and infrastructure can hinder the integration of emerging technologies into LIS education.
4. **Ethical and Privacy Concerns:** As technology evolves, so do the ethical implications of its use. LIS education must address issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and digital rights.

Opportunities for LIS Education

1. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Collaborating with fields such as computer science, data science, and information technology can enrich LIS curricula and provide students with diverse perspectives.
2. **Practical Training:** Incorporating hands-on training, internships, and real-world projects can help students gain practical experience with emerging technologies.
3. **Lifelong Learning:** Promoting a culture of lifelong learning ensures that LIS professionals can adapt to technological advancements throughout their careers.
4. **Global Perspectives:** Understanding how emerging technologies are applied in different cultural and institutional contexts can prepare students for a globalized job market.

How has emerging technology impacted LIS education?

Emerging technology has significantly impacted Library and Information Science (LIS) education by reshaping curricula, instructional methods, and the skills required for future professionals. Here are key areas of impact:

1. Integration of Technology in Syllabus

- **Digital Information Management**: LIS programs increasingly emphasize managing digital resources, including metadata, digital preservation, and cloud-based library systems.
- **Data Science and Analytics**: Courses now include data mining, visualization, and analytics to prepare students for roles in data-driven decision-making.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**: AI and machine learning applications in information retrieval, cataloguing, and user services are integrated into coursework.
- **Emerging Formats**: Students are trained to manage non-traditional resources such as 3D models, augmented reality (AR) content, and virtual reality (VR) materials.

2. Shift to Online and Hybrid Learning

- **Online Education**: Many LIS programs offer online or hybrid formats, leveraging platforms like Zoom, Moodle, and Canvas to provide flexible learning opportunities.
- **Distance Collaboration Tools**: Tools like Slack, Microsoft Teams, and Google Workspace are used for group projects and collaboration.
- **Digital Libraries**: Students gain hands-on experience with virtual collections and digital repositories, often through internships or partnerships.

3. New Roles and Competencies

- **Technology-Focused Roles**: LIS graduates are prepared for roles such as digital archivists, data librarians, and systems analysts.
- **Emphasis on UX Design**: Understanding user experience (UX) and interface design has become a critical competency.
- **Cybersecurity and Privacy**: Programs now address data privacy and cybersecurity challenges in libraries and information systems.

4. Access to Global Resources

- **Open Educational Resources (OER)**: Students and educators benefit from global access to OERs, enhancing affordability and collaboration.

- **Global Collaborations**: Technology facilitates international partnerships and cross-cultural learning experiences.

5. Simulation and Immersive Learning

- **VR and AR Applications**: Simulations allow students to practice library management, disaster planning, or archival preservation in virtual environments.
- **Gamification**: Interactive learning modules and gamified experiences are used to engage students with complex topics.

6. Emphasis on Lifelong Learning

- **Professional Development Platforms**: Programs encourage using platforms like LinkedIn Learning, Coursera, and webinars to keep up with technological advancements.
- **Adaptive Learning Systems**: Personalized learning paths use AI to meet individual needs.

Challenges and Considerations

- **Digital Divide**: Not all students have equal access to emerging technologies, creating barriers to learning.
- **Keeping Curricula Current**: Rapid technological changes challenge institutions to continuously update courses and faculty expertise.
- **Ethical Implications**: Educators must address ethical concerns related to AI, big data, and surveillance technologies.

Overall, emerging technologies are transforming LIS education by broadening its scope, fostering innovation, and equipping graduates with the tools to navigate and lead in a dynamic information landscape.

Conclusion

Emerging technologies are reshaping the LIS profession, presenting both challenges and opportunities for education in the field. By integrating technological competencies, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and addressing ethical concerns, LIS programs can prepare students for a dynamic and technology-driven future. As the pace of technological change accelerates, the role of LIS education in shaping adaptive and forward-thinking professionals becomes increasingly vital.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *Artificial intelligence is one of the newest developments and uses of computers in libraries. It comprises educating computers to carry out activities that humans would deem intelligent. The ultimate goal of artificial intelligence in libraries is to create computer systems or computers that are capable of thinking, acting, and even competing with human intelligence; this has significant implications for librarianship. The potential of AI in academic libraries is examined in this research, with a focus on benefits like enhanced efficacy, improved accessibility, and personalized user experiences. AI offers benefits like the potential for growth and innovation, despite its disadvantages including algorithmic bias, data privacy, and ethical issues.*

Keywords:- Artificial Intelligence, AI, Academic Libraries, Library Information, Library Operations, Digital Library.

Introduction:-

The advent of artificial intelligence in the fields of library science and information science has had a profound impact on how libraries operate and serve their communities in recent years. Conventional methods for user interaction, retrieval, and cataloging are becoming more challenged by the exponential development of information resources. Artificial intelligence technologies offer innovative approaches to increase consumer pleasure and productivity and enable more customized services. Machine learning, natural language processing, and predictive analytics are just a few of the many technologies that fall under the umbrella of artificial intelligence. The way libraries manage their data and interact with patrons could be drastically altered by these technologies. By automating basic processes, libraries may free up important staff time to focus on more complicated inquiries and community involvement programs. Additionally, artificial intelligence-driven solutions facilitate advanced knowledge retrieval, making resource access easier. Chatbots and virtual assistants can respond to common inquiries and provide timely guidance and support. Predictive analytics can assist with service planning and collection development by analyzing user behavior and trends. Voice-controlled interfaces and text-to-speech capabilities are two examples of AI technologies' features that make them accessible to a range of user groups, including those with disabilities. Artificial intelligence systems automate repetitive tasks. By customizing information to each user's preferences and learning styles, AI-powered educational systems in libraries provide personalized learning experiences. It is crucial to employ AI responsibly because its application in libraries brings up ethical questions around algorithmic biases, data security, and privacy. AI-driven

analytics are used by libraries to assess user behavior, preferences, and emerging trends in order to direct collection creation and resource allocation efforts.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial intelligence is a subfield of computer science that studies how computers see, learn, and understand information. This includes 3D perception, picture analysis, character recognition, and eye function modeling. Expert systems, which are gaining more and more attention, voice recognition, speech production, and natural language interpretation and usage are also included. Artificial intelligence also refers to the programming and development of computers to do intelligence activities that humans require, such as speech recognition, decision-making, visual perception, language translation, conversation, and emotional responses.

Importance of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is transforming several industries by enabling machines to perform tasks that often require human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Its importance stems from improving operational effectiveness, automating intricate procedures, and offering data-driven insights that support developments in industries including healthcare, finance, education, and transportation. Computer vision, natural language processing, and machine learning are examples of artificial intelligence technologies that are driving innovation in domains including personalized medicine, autonomous systems, and predictive analytics. AI also has the capacity to solve global issues including resource management, public health emergencies, and climate change. Its quick progress, however, also brings up important moral, legal, and societal issues of prejudice, privacy, employment displacement, and decision transparency, which calls for thorough governance and responsible application.

Artificial Intelligence in Libraries

Library automation is the process of using technology to manage and speed up standard library tasks like acquisitions, circulation, cataloging, record-keeping, and serials administration. Through the use of specialized software tools, libraries can now efficiently handle a wide range of jobs that were formerly manual, labor-intensive, and subject to human error. The primary goals of library automation are to improve patron service, increase operational efficiency, and improve user access to materials. Libraries can easily give patrons remote access to digital resources like e-books and online databases by implementing automated systems. Ultimately, automation improves the accuracy and efficiency of library operations, giving employees and users a more modern and convenient experience. Among the artificial intelligence domains utilized in library management systems include robotics, pattern recognition, expert systems, natural language processing (NLP), and others. In a nutshell, Natural Language Processing (NLP) is the process by which computers analyze and produce natural language content. Subject indexing is another useful way that artificial intelligence is being used in libraries. In order to peruse, analyze, and recommend the best terms to utilize as index terms or keywords of a particular

document, the librarian or indexer must possess both technical skill and intellectual discernment. In the context of libraries, artificial intelligence can be viewed as a subsystem that communicates with traditional library services, necessitating a thorough comprehension and use of technology. By simplifying the organization, retrieval, and sharing of information, artificial intelligence in knowledge management enhances ideas of knowledge management. This is particularly significant in cooperative environments where knowledge sharing is essential, such as digital libraries. Understanding these theoretical frameworks offers a solid basis for using AI technology in library and information science. As the field advances, further study and theoretical development will be essential to overcoming new challenges and achieving artificial intelligence's full potential in libraries.

Advantages and Disadvantages of AI in Libraries

The advantages of artificial intelligence in libraries are as follows:

1. Artificial intelligence in libraries can boost the accessibility of research, which will increase faculty members' research productivity.
2. Bridge in Time: relevant information resources and services are available around the clock.
3. Bridge in Space: The amount of space used by stacks of books, journals, bound newspapers, and other information resources has shrunk with the introduction of digitization, electronic copies, and robotic cranes that store and retrieve books from a small off-site storage location.
4. Efficiency Maximisation: This refers to the effectiveness of a library's operations, encompassing technical services, circulation, references, serial management, material acquisition and selection, etc.
5. Increasing efficacy by enhancing service delivery and removing human error from library operations.
6. Minimisation of Effort: Library staff can work less to provide technical services, circulation services, reference services, serial management, etc. thanks to artificial intelligence technologies.
7. A better and more interesting user experience when utilizing library services.

The disadvantages of artificial intelligence in libraries are as follows:

- Security and Privacy: Today's organizations and individuals can profit from artificial intelligence (AI), but there are also significant privacy and security issues associated with it. One of the primary concerns is the potential misuse of personal information collected by AI-powered devices. Security flaws and privacy violations may arise from a lack of openness and control over the collection, use, and sharing of data.
- Network Issues: Artificial intelligence is being utilized to maintain the functionality of critical business systems to prevent and address these issues before they occur. AI can predict likely faults in real-time, enabling staff to take preventative action before more serious problems occur. Finally, as new threats unavoidably emerge in

a constantly changing digital ecosystem, the integration of AI into network management techniques will require ongoing growth and improvement.

- Substantial Time Commitments: Experts from a variety of industries frequently need to devote a substantial amount of time to AI. To develop AI systems that function, specialists with various skill sets—such as data scientists and software engineers—must collaborate. Furthermore, numerous iterations during the development and testing stages are typically used to increase an AI system's performance. Teams may discover that their efforts to improve the machine learning algorithms that underpin these systems take a significant amount of time to finish because development is cyclical.
- Design Interface defect: The Design Interface Defect (DID-AI) is a major issue in the domains of artificial intelligence (AI) and human-computer interaction (HCI). It makes reference to the reality that AI systems cannot effectively communicate with humans when their interfaces are poorly designed. These defects could manifest in a number of ways, including unclear messages, confusing icons or symbols, and inconsistent user command responses.
- User acceptance: For professionals, AI is an essential tool to utilize and manage. The user must accept the workflow and deliver high-caliber services. To accomplish so, the user needs to be aware of the procedures and other relevant elements. That will only be feasible if the user can understand the AI and its features.
- High Cost: Establishing AI technology can be costly, particularly in terms of the funds and infrastructure required. In order to deploy these systems, specialized knowledge and substantial R&D efforts are frequently required for the design, development, and optimization of the algorithms that power the platforms. Purchasing the necessary hardware and software to enable dependable AI installations could potentially be expensive.

Conclusion:- Academic libraries could greatly benefit from artificial intelligence (AI) in terms of operations and user experiences. Along with increasing the effectiveness and personalization of information access, it is also posing new ethical problems and hurdles. As these technologies advance, there will unavoidably be a deeper integration of these technologies into information science and libraries, which will likely impact the future of libraries. The application of artificial intelligence to library and information science represents a significant advancement in how libraries function and serve their populations. The creation of artificial intelligence systems for technical, reference, circulation, resource management, and information retrieval/dissemination will be extremely beneficial to libraries.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARIES: EMERGING ROLES AND INNOVATION

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Abstract: *Library operations are no exception to the significant shift in operational dynamics and service delivery caused by the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In this paper, we examine how AI is transforming libraries, emphasizing new roles and innovations.AI technologies like machine learning, natural language processing, and data analytics are revolutionizing library services, management, and user experiences. There are several key areas where AI has made significant inroads in library functions.The use of AI-driven cataloging and data management systems improves information retrieval efficiency, personalized recommendation engines tailor user experiences, and chatbots and virtual assistants improve user interaction. Additionally, AI is examined in terms of analytics, improving library decision making and resource management.There are ethical issues and challenges associated with AI in public spaces like libraries discussed in the paper. Library services are analyzed critically in terms of data privacy, security, and the need to balance technological advancements with human needs. As well as providing insights into successful case studies, the paper also predicts future trends in AI in libraries.Using AI to enhance library services, as well as redefine library roles in an increasingly digital world, indicates a positive trajectory. To ensure libraries continue to serve as accessible, inclusive, and innovative information hubs, this transformation requires careful and ethical approaches.*

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Library Innovation, Digital Transformation, AI in Library Services, Machine Learning in Libraries, Data Management and Analytics, User Experience Enhancement, Chatbots in Libraries ,Personalized Recommendation Systems, AI-driven Cataloging*

1. INTRODUCTION

A great deal of industries have been revolutionized by artificial intelligence (AI), which has reshaped the way we interact with technology and process information in countless ways[1]. Throughout the modern era, AI has made its mark on more than just technological advancements; it has also represented a paradigm shift in our approach to conceptualizing and executing tasks.As the library sector has traditionally been seen as a bastion of manual

information management and a provider of human-centric service, it is undergoing a significant transformation that is being fueled by the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) [2]. Libraries have always spread information, preserved culture, and supported education. The library has collected, stored, and provided access to books and other material for decades. Libraries have changed with society, with digital materials and online services becoming more essential in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The move to digital libraries was a major change from physical to digital information, creating new issues and possibilities for information management and user services. Machine learning techniques, natural language processing, and data analytics are being used by libraries to improve services. More efficient cataloguing and data management, personalized user experiences, and intelligent query processing. AI-driven systems may reveal resource management, user behaviour, and library use patterns by analyzing data [3].

The purpose of this paper is to explore the emerging roles and innovations of AI in libraries. This paper provides an overview of how AI is being incorporated into library functions, its benefits, challenges, and implications for library services moving forward. This paper reviews current AI applications in libraries, analyzes how these technologies affect library services and management, and discusses the ethical and practical considerations of implementing AI in public services [4].

Figure 1: AI in Libraries

Library organizations continue to adapt to the digital age, with the role of artificial intelligence becoming increasingly important as time goes on. The purpose of this paper is to illuminate the transformative power of artificial intelligence in libraries, and to offer insights into how these venerable institutions are changing to meet the demands of a rapidly changing digital environment.As a purpose of the study, we are examining the intersection between artificial intelligence and libraries in order to highlight the innovative

ways in which libraries are using AI to enhance their services and maintain their essential role as information hubs in the society by leveraging AI to augment their services and maintain their important role as information hubs [5].

The contribution in Research paper

1. As an introduction to AI's integration in libraries, the impact it has on services and management, and the associated challenges and ethical considerations that go along with this, highlights the key focus areas.
2. Summarizes the findings and conclusions of the study emphasizing the transformative role that artificial intelligence can play in modern libraries.

The research paper is meticulously organized to cover the multifaceted impact of AI on library services. It begins with an abstract that concisely overviews the topic, key focus areas, and a summary of findings. By defining the paper's purpose and scope, the introduction discusses AI's importance, libraries' historical evolution, and their transition into the digital age. AI technologies like machine learning and natural language processing are revolutionizing cataloging, data management, and user experiences in libraries, as explored in subsequent sections. Additionally, the paper addresses challenges and ethical considerations associated with integrating AI in public spaces, as well as emerging innovations in library services, including personalized recommendations and chatbots.In this case study, AI is successfully implemented in libraries using real-life case studies and success stories. The paper concludes with a future outlook and a comprehensive reference list, emphasizing both the opportunities and responsibilities of AI in library services.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Throughout the literature review for the research paper, a diverse range of sources are referred to in order to show the breadth and depth of the subject matter.

Abram (2019) and Blakemore (2016), A focus on practical applications of robotics and artificial intelligence in libraries. Abram discusses the growing presence of robots in libraries, emphasizing that what once appeared distant has now become a reality. It aligns with Blakemore's exploration of Singapore's high-tech library robot, which illustrates how robotics can be used for shelf management. A shift from traditional methods to more advanced, technology-driven approaches has been demonstrated in both sources by the practical implementation of AI and robotics in libraries.

Alpert (2016) and the American Library Association (2019) identify the broader implications of AI for information management and dissemination. Though not directly related to libraries, Alpert discusses the Washington Post's use of AI to cover election races, which illustrates AI's wider implications.As a foundation for understanding AI's relevance in library and information sciences, the American Library Association's AI article offers a general overview of the technology's role and potential impact.

Asemi and Asemi's (2018) taxonomy study and Bailey's (1991), The application and theory

of AI in libraries are explored in this study of intelligent library systems. AI applications in Iranian library systems are examined by Asemi and Asemi, highlighting a unique geographical perspective. Bailey offers valuable historical context on the evolution of AI in libraries, providing a baseline from which modern advancements can be measured.

Lastly, Bourg (2017), Coleman (2017), Corke (2013), and Croft, Metzler, & Strohman (2015) AI in libraries: forward-looking and technical perspectives. As machines will read all books in the future, Bourg and Coleman ask critical questions about librarians' roles. To understand the underlying mechanics of AI applications in libraries, Corke's work on robotics and control provides a technical foundation. Information retrieval, a key function of library science, is directly linked to Croft's work on search engines.

3. THE ADVENT OF AI IN LIBRARIES

A suite of technologies known as Artificial Intelligence (AI) is capable of performing a number of tasks normally handled by humans. At its core, AI relies heavily on machine learning (ML), which involves algorithms analyzing data, learning from it, and making informed decisions based on that data. As well as natural language processing (NLP), which is used to analyze and generate human language, robotics is also used to accomplish physical tasks. Artificial intelligence can handle and Analyse massive datasets rapidly and correctly, making it useful in libraries [6].

Early Adoption of AI in Libraries

Libraries began integrating AI [7] as a means to improve cataloguing, search capabilities, and user interactions. At first, AI algorithms were used to mechanize catalogue entries and categories and arrange library resources. An exemplary instance of early AI implementation was the use of online public access catalogues (OPACs). These tools were specifically developed to manage repetitious activities, so enabling librarians to focus on delivering direct assistance and addressing complicated requests. The systems used artificial intelligence algorithms to enhance search capabilities, hence facilitating users in locating resources more effortlessly. In addition, artificial intelligence (AI) was used to oversee the maintenance of library databases, guaranteeing effective administration and retrieval of an expanding array of digital materials [8].

Case Studies of AI Applications in Libraries

As AI technology advanced, so did its applications in libraries, which covered more sophisticated tasks and offered enhanced services as it developed.

1. **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants**: Several libraries have used chatbots driven by artificial intelligence to provide users 24/7 support. These bots, equipped with Natural Language Processing (NLP), possess the ability to comprehend and answer customer inquiries, provide information about library services, and assist users in navigating the catalogue. Research has shown that AI-powered chatbots, such as

"Artie" at the University of Rhode Island, engage with users by responding to inquiries and assisting them in locating relevant information [9].

2. **AI in Cataloging and Data Management**: The library has used sophisticated AI algorithms to streamline the process of cataloguing, enabling more efficient classification and tagging of volumes compared to human techniques. The Library of Congress has used AI to organise and classify digital photographs in its vast collection, demonstrating the practical implementation of this technology [10].
3. **Personalized Recommendations**: AI may use algorithms similar to those used in online shopping to suggest books and resources to library customers based on their previous borrowing history and search behaviours. For instance, the Seattle Public Library suggests books by analysing the books that are often borrowed and taking into account the tastes of the users [11].
4. **AI in Resource Management and Analytics**: It is typical for libraries to use AI in order to optimise their resources and services based on user demand and developing trends. Libraries use AI-powered analytics to comprehend the requirements of their patrons, handle inventories, and arrange events [12].
5. **Language Translation and Accessibility Services:** AI-driven translation systems have enhanced the availability of library materials for those who are not native speakers, therefore overcoming linguistic obstacles. In addition, AI technologies such as voice recognition and text-to-speech converters have improved accessibility [13].

4. TRANSFORMATIVE ROLES OF AI IN LIBRARIES

1. **AI in Cataloging and Data Management:** The use of artificial intelligence into cataloguing and data management has significantly revolutionised libraries. Artificial intelligence techniques, including machine learning and natural language processing, have significantly enhanced the efficiency and accuracy of the cataloguing process. Thanks to this technology, vast quantities of data, including books, journals, and digital media, may be effortlessly managed. AI systems have the capability to automatically categorise and label new acquisitions by analysing their content, context, and use data. This automation not only speeds up the process but also reduces human error, ensuring that library databases are up-to-date and reliable. Historical and archival materials have been digitized using artificial intelligence (AI). The public can gain access to physical texts and images by converting them into digital formats using techniques like optical character recognition (OCR) and image recognition. Besides being essential for preservation, digitization also offers the additional benefit of making rare or delicate materials available without physical handling risks [14].

2. **AI in User Experience and Service Enhancement:** AI has a profound impact on library user experience and service enhancement. Library patrons can access 24/7 assistance from chatbots and virtual assistants powered by artificial intelligence, answering queries, providing information about library services, and navigating digital catalog [15]. Patrons are able to receive help outside of library hours, which improves satisfaction and engagement. Based on past borrowing history and individual preferences, AI-driven systems recommend books and resources to users. As with online retailers, libraries are using AI in their search systems to make search more intuitive and efficient. This customised strategy enhances the level of engagement and customization in libraries. Advanced search algorithms facilitate the retrieval of relevant content for users by comprehending natural language searches, even in the absence of precise titles or authors [16].
3. **AI-driven Analytics for Library Management:** AI-powered analytics in library management provide valuable insights that inform strategic decision-making. By using these analytics, you can monitor and evaluate user behaviours, resource utilisation, and borrowing trends, offering significant insights that may be used to effectively manage inventory and plan events. Libraries may use AI analytics to ascertain the most popular books and resources identify the areas of most foot traffic, and predict the peak hours of library activity. Consequently, this information allows for the allocation of resources, guaranteeing the constant availability of popular publications and appropriate personnel levels. Moreover, AI analytics may be used to forecast forthcoming patterns, enabling libraries to take proactive measures in managing their collections and services. AI can also be used to understand the community they serve. Libraries can ensure inclusivity and relevance by analysing demographic and usage data to tailor their services and collections [17].

5. EMERGING INNOVATIONS IN LIBRARY SERVICES

1. **AI in Personalized Recommendations and Search Optimization:** Personalized recommendations based on AI have revolutionized library services. A library uses AI algorithms to suggest relevant books and resources based on users' borrowing history, reading preferences, and search queries. Similar to streaming services, these recommendation systems offer tailored content, enhancing the user experience. In addition to personalized recommendations, AI is revolutionizing library search optimization. Using machine learning and natural language processing, advanced search algorithms understand user queries more nuanced. By identifying synonyms, context, and intent, users receive accurate, comprehensive

search results. The library patron can discover resources even without specific search terms by simplifying the search process [18].

2. **Use of Chatbots and Virtual Assistants in Libraries:** The use of chatbots and virtual assistants in library services has grown with artificial intelligence. Library users can interact with these AI-powered bots 24/7, answering queries, providing information, and guiding them through library activities. The chatbot responds intelligently to users' questions in real-time, providing assistance. Virtual assistants and chatbots offer multiple benefits to libraries. As a result, patrons do not have to wait for library staff to answer their questions during business hours. Moreover, chatbots can handle routine inquiries, freeing library staff to focus on more complex tasks. Additionally, these AI-driven systems ensure accessibility, since users can communicate with them via text or voice, ensuring inclusivity [19].
3. **AI in Language Translation and Accessibility Services:** Translation and accessibility services in libraries have been enhanced by AI algorithms. AI-powered translation tools allow libraries to reach more diverse audiences by bridging language barriers. AI-driven accessibility services have transformed the way libraries cater to people with disabilities. Users can access books and materials in their preferred language, making library services more inclusive and culturally relevant. Powered by AI, text-to-speech and speech-to-text technologies make printed materials accessible in audio format. Text can be converted to spoken words or vice versa by these systems. By describing visual content with AI, visually impaired users can access information more meaningfully. Library services like language translation and accessibility are enriched by AI, aligning with diversity and inclusion principles. Knowledge and resources can be easily accessed by individuals of all backgrounds and abilities in libraries [20].

6. CHALLENGES AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns**: Incorporating artificial intelligence into libraries poses significant privacy and security challenges. Library collections and storage of large amounts of user data, such as borrowing histories, reading preferences, and search queries, power AI-driven services like personalized recommendations and search optimization. These data are valuable for enhancing user experiences, but they raise concerns about privacy. Libraries must ensure that user data is handled responsibly, implementing robust security measures to prevent breaches and unauthorized access. To safeguard user information, libraries need clear data usage policies and consent mechanisms, ensuring patrons are in control of how their data is used. Additionally, libraries should ensure that data is encrypted and anonymized. Data-driven services and user privacy are ongoing challenges that

require careful consideration and adherence to regulations such as GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) [21].

2. **Ethical Implications of AI in Public Spaces:** The presence of AI in public spaces, such as libraries, presents ethical considerations. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants may create the illusion of human interaction, blurring the line between human and machine. There are concerns about transparency and the need to inform users when they interact with AI systems rather than human librarians. AI can reinforce bias and discrimination if not carefully designed and trained. Library systems must ensure that their AI systems are bias-free and adhere to fairness, equity, and inclusion. Biased algorithms can inadvertently discriminate against certain user groups or perpetuate stereotypes. AI algorithms must be rigorously tested and monitored on an ongoing basis in order to achieve this.
3. **Balancing Technology and Human Touch in Libraries:** Despite AI's many benefits, libraries run the risk of over-relying on technology. Librarians offer guidance, recommendations, and a welcoming atmosphere in libraries, making them places of personal connection. It's a challenge to balance AI-driven services with human interaction. Rather than replacing their service with technology, librarians must be equipped to collaborate effectively with AI systems. Providing personalized and efficient services with AI requires ongoing training and professional development so librarians can maintain interpersonal connections patrons' value.

7. CONCLUSION

Throughout this research paper, we have examined the transformative role Artificial Intelligence (AI) has played in libraries, looking at its impact on cataloging, user experience, service enhancement, data privacy, ethics, and maintaining the delicate balance between technology and human touch in libraries. A few key points of the paper can be summarized as follows:

1. Artificial intelligence has had a major impact on the library sector in terms of automating cataloging procedures, improving the user experience by delivering personalized recommendations to users, as well as optimising search functions through the use of artificial intelligence technology.
2. In order to provide round-the-clock assistance, enhance user engagement, and ensure access to a range of information, chatbots and virtual assistants have become crucial.
3. AI has expanded the number of language translation services available in libraries, making libraries more accessible to people with disabilities, and has expanded the number of translation services available in libraries.

4. Data privacy and security concerns are among the challenges that we face, as are ethical implications in public spaces and the need to balance AI-driven technology with the need to interact with humans.

There are a number of future trends in libraries that will contribute to the digital transformation of libraries as AI continues to evolve and play a central role in the process. Some trends that libraries should look out for are as follows:

- **Advanced AI Algorithms**: Libraries are increasingly embracing powerful AI techniques, such as deep learning and neural networks, to provide more precise and personalised services to its users.
- **Enhanced Data Analytics**: With the advancement of AI-driven analytics, libraries will have the capacity to acquire more profound comprehension of user behaviour and preferences, leading to an improved ability to effectively manage their resources.
- **AI-driven Education**: Libraries will integrate AI into their educational programmes to provide tailored learning experiences and customise materials according to the specific requirements of each student.
- **AI Ethics and Bias Mitigation**: Libraries will prioritise ethical AI practises, guaranteeing that AI systems conform to principles of justice, transparency, and bias reduction.
- **AI for Preservation**: Artificial intelligence will be used to save and revive historical documents, guaranteeing their availability for future generations.

The library is not becoming outdated, but rather transforming into a vibrant and technologically advanced centre for community engagement and information dissemination. AI implementation improves library services, making them more attuned to user requirements and fostering inclusivity. Nevertheless, libraries must cautiously address the ethical and privacy dilemmas posed by AI. As librarians curate, guide, and ensure AI serves library patrons' interests, the human touch remains vital. As libraries embrace AI, they remain steadfast in their commitment to democratizing access to information, fostering lifelong learning, and promoting intellectual freedom. In the AI era, libraries are presented with new opportunities to fulfill their mission and adapt to their communities' changing needs, while preserving the essence of what makes libraries so valuable - the human connection.

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IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICES AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Abstract:

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now being used to bring about a radical change in Library Service and Information Management. This research paper explores the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on library services and reader intelligence. The result is improved efficiency in content ordering and classification, as well as increased user satisfaction with the services provided by AI. It also raises many issues related to data privacy. It is observed in the discussion of this paper that there is a need for continuous training for library staff and the importance of ethical considerations in the use of AI. The use of AI in library services and information resources has a significant impact.

Keyword: Artificial Intelligence, Library Service, Information Management

Introduction

Since ancient times, libraries have been continuously working as a central hub for collecting and storing information and knowledge, as well as for its dissemination and

intellectual development. Similarly, the digital revolution has brought about a radical change in the functions and responsibilities of libraries. Nowadays, libraries are occupied with more than just a collection of books because they provide many ways to access information in various media and styles. On the other hand, information management is the process of collecting, classifying, protecting and retrieving information. In the field of libraries, it is the process of managing books, general and various materials while providing facilities to the readers. The inclusion of artificial intelligence ai enables automation and enhancement, thereby increasing efficiency.

It helps in the cataloguing process by automatically classifying and proposing categories based on their type. Libraries have the ability to reduce the time and energy of the staff and improve many other services and resources by providing services to the readers or innovating in new services. In addition, artificial intelligence ai analyses the interests of the readers and the materials they need and recommends them to them for the complete access to the library information. These services can change the user experience for the better.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The imitation of human intelligence in robots that are programmed to think and perform activities is the imitation of human intelligence in algorithms and computer programs decision-making, and linguistics non-regulatory intelligence, if computers can solve real-world problems by learning from past experiences, they will be labelled "intelligent". As a result, AI systems can "think" and are more general.

Intelligence includes various mental qualities such as logic, reasoning, problem-solving, and planning. In the context of AI, intelligence can be defined as the ability of a system to calculate, reason, understand relationships and analogies, learn from past experience, extract knowledge from stored knowledge and memories, develop solutions, understand complex concepts, use natural language, and effectively use, classify, generalize, and adapt to new situations. In the mid-1950s, John McCarthy coined the term artificial intelligence, which he would define as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines." AI teaches machines to learn, behave, and think like humans.

Just as humans first learn to walk before automatically developing these abilities through experience, AI machines also learn from training data before optimizing themselves based on their own experiences. This is what sets AI apart from other technological devices and machines. However, these additional technologies can certainly be combined with AI to provide a better and more immersive experience for users. Robotics and AI can undoubtedly pave the way for humanoids and self-driving vehicles. Combining AI with the

Internet of Things could also lead to cloud computing for data storage and remote access for AI tools. Automation and AI could also help in the development of voice-activated homes, among other things. This integration could help achieve the best of both worlds.

Library Services

Libraries act as information sources hence libraries are called information resource centre. Due to the innovation and advancement of technology, AI Artificial Intelligence AI is efficient, due to which its use has revolutionized library work as per the expectations of the readers. This is being benefited in library services. Library services are becoming very effective by using AI technology.

Using AI to classify library materials helps in obtaining complete information. Using AI, efficiency is increasing. Also, using AI, readers are pre-studying, and accordingly, recommendations are made to purchase library materials. To improve library services, chart bots are created for library services, which helps readers immediately. It becomes easier to create and provide services through AI. Using AI, library materials can be digitized, and printed books, historical documents, manuscripts, rare materials can be preserved, digitized, preserved and returned to the researcher. Using AI, AI-based text-to-speech can be used to translate text into the language of the disabled, which can be converted into the desired language by the blind.

There are many benefits to using AI in libraries, including saving time and effort for library staff, and increasing accuracy in library classification, which eliminates human errors. AI stores information about each reader, and can provide information based on their interests or work, as well as previous experience, or consider it when ordering new materials. The use of AI has changed services and more and more materials are reaching the readers.

There are also some limitations to AI, including the fact that AI technology is not affordable for every library, as it is very expensive. The use of AI can lead to misuse of the information of readers without keeping it confidential. If AI is to be used in libraries, it will be necessary for librarians and library staff to undergo regular technology training.

Information Management

The work of information management has made great progress. The traditional method of cataloguing or information retrieval has changed significantly with the advent of the digital revolution. In this, databases and digital catalogues have replaced the old cards. The development is happening more rapidly due to the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Currently, artificial intelligence (AI) in combination with AI is playing an important role in

simplifying the process of storing data and presenting facts. This allows for accurate and consistent information.

Libraries are helping to understand the needs of their readers as per their preferences and making the right choices regarding the purchase and distribution of reading materials. Along with this, the use of AI-driven content curation tools helps to increase the usefulness of the materials provided by the readers. This ensures relevance and appropriateness.

Such a comprehensive literature highlights the significant potential of AI in the field of information management and in order to develop libraries and meet the growing needs of their readers. In view of the continuous development in technology, it has become imperative for libraries to use AI to enhance their services and meet the growing needs of their readers. The use of AI-driven content curation technology increases the usefulness of the information provided to the readers and also simplifies the process of obtaining and providing literature services. The use of AI is developing the library readership in libraries. It has the ability to properly manage resources to meet the needs of the readers and to enhance the efficiency of library services. In addition, the use of AI technology allows libraries to maintain reference principles for their readers' individual needs and, above all, useful and relevant information in the era of digitization. These tools work to provide advice on the behaviour of readers and their ability to prioritize what they study for the right information retrieval process. In which the time and effort required by the readers to search for reading materials is reduced. In addition, AI-powered content curation technology helps libraries and readers understand the challenges and provide information about the storage of new reading materials based on data analysis to help with selection. In general, AI in libraries is the integration of AI technology to enhance the reader-friendly experience, improve efficiency, and eliminate library reference theory and problems in the digital age.

Conclusion

The use of AI is transforming library services. With the use of AI, information is being easily accessed and library management has become more streamlined. In the future, libraries will not be information centre but will be advanced technology libraries, in which services will be provided by focusing on the interests and needs of readers.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: IMPLEMENTING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:

In an attempt to enhance user experiences, broaden their offerings, and boost operational efficiency, university libraries have been adopting new technologies more and more in recent years. Significant advancements like block-chain, augmented reality, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and the internet of things are transforming

the field of library administration. These technologies offer significant opportunities for personalised services, immersive learning, and effective operations. Their implementation is hampered by a number of factors, including the need for specific knowledge, high expenses, and concerns about data privacy. This essay explores the benefits and drawbacks of integrating emerging technologies in university libraries, focussing on how they might revolutionise library services and the barriers that must be overcome for successful implementation. By examining the evolving role of these technologies, the essay demonstrates how libraries can continue to be at the forefront of technological advancements to meet the various needs of users while ensuring long-term sustainability.

Keywords: *Emerging technologies, libraries, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Robotics, Voice search*

Introduction:

In 2024, libraries are increasingly implementing new technology to improve their services, user experiences, and overall efficiency. Through improved resource accessibility, streamlined processes, and the creation of more dynamic learning environments, these advancements are altering how libraries function and interact with their users. Important technologies like blockchain, augmented reality (AR), machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence (AI), and the internet of things (IoT) are ushering in a new era of library management. Along with great opportunities for digital preservation, customisation, and immersive learning, these technologies also present a number of challenges. Issues including high implementation costs, data security concerns, and the need for specialised knowledge could all hinder adoption. The benefits and drawbacks of incorporating cutting-edge technologies into university libraries are discussed in this essay, with a focus on how these technologies have the potential to transform library services and potential roadblocks.

Review of Literature:

Previous study discusses the growing integration of mobile technology in library services, highlighting its impact on faculty and students. (Nepali & Tamang, 2022), highlights that in order to deliver user-centric services and remain relevant in the information science sector, librarians must adjust to evolving technologies. It emphasises how crucial use of technology and ongoing education are to keeping up with global trends and providing efficient services to library patrons. (Racheal, 2020), use of emerging technologies in university libraries, examining the evolving role of librarians and their attitudes towards technological advancements. Study addresses key themes: the status of technologies, librarians' attitudes, compatibility among professionals, and implementation

barriers. (Bharati & Verma, 2021), examines the application of new technologies in libraries, focusing on their benefits and the challenges to full implementation, such as financial constraints and lack of skilled staff, highlights the rapid adoption of web technologies in libraries, but notes that issues like automation and resource limitations prevent their full integration. (Mittal, 2017), potential of emerging technologies, such as robotics and cloud computing, to enhance library services globally, technologies to improve user access, highlighting benefits like increased patronage and cost savings, while also acknowledging the challenges to widespread implementation. (BASIRAT, 2023), impact of emerging technologies on academic libraries, focusing on trends and implications for the future. It highlights the prevalence of technology adoption in Western libraries compared to India. (Gaikwad & Bilawar, 2023), highlights the transformative impact of new technological trends on library performance, including improvements in efficiency, user experience, and service offerings like digital resources and mobile apps. It recognises the advantages and difficulties of implementing modern technologies, highlighting the necessity of continual staff training to stay abreast of developments and improve library services. (Okwu, Okwu, & Oladokun, 2024), a study on the advantages and disadvantages of public libraries implementing technology, based on ethnographic work in three European libraries. It presents key findings, focusing on issues such as media literacy, infrastructure, staff resource constraints, and Considering the changing function of libraries in facilitating user activity. (Serholt, Eriksson, Dalsgaard, & Ducros, 2018), the idea of smart libraries, which use cutting-edge technology like blockchain, IoT, and AI to improve library services and satisfy changing patron demands. Libraries are becoming more effective and adaptable to the shifting needs of their patrons thanks to these technology. (Gul & Bano, 2019)

Emerging technologies for libraries:

Emerging technologies are continually reshaping libraries, several key innovations are poised to enhance library services and operations. These technologies are aimed at improving accessibility, user experience, and operational efficiency. Some notable emerging technologies for libraries:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): Libraries are increasingly using AI and ML for personalized recommendations, smart cataloging, chatbots for customer service, and data-driven insights. AI-driven search tools help users discover resources more efficiently by understanding their preferences and behavior.

2. Blockchain: Blockchain technology is being explored for secure digital rights management, ensuring the integrity of library data, and enabling transparent and verifiable

systems for tracking the use of digital resources. It can also aid in managing transactions related to library memberships, borrowing, and content licensing.

3. Vietual (AR) and Augmented Reality (AR) : AR and VR are transforming library experiences by enabling virtual tours, immersive learning environments, and interactive information displays. They are also useful for digitizing rare or fragile collections and making them accessible to users in innovative ways.

4. Internet of Things (IoT): IoT is being implemented in libraries to create "smart" environments, where devices like smart shelves, beacons, and RFID systems improve book tracking, monitor space usage, and streamline the user experience. IoT-enabled systems can alert staff about maintenance issues or book availability.

5. Cloud Computing: Cloud technologies enable libraries to store vast amounts of data and provide on-demand access to resources, such as e-books and digital archives, from anywhere. They also help reduce infrastructure costs by allowing libraries to scale their services more easily.

6. 5G Connectivity: The rollout of 5G networks is expected to significantly enhance libraries' digital services by providing faster internet speeds and reducing latency. This enables smoother access to high-definition videos, VR applications, and cloud-based resources.

7. Data Analytics: Libraries are using data analytics to gather insights about user behavior, resource usage, and program effectiveness. These insights can inform decision-making, improve service offerings, and verify the effective utilisation of resources.

8. Robotics: Libraries are investigating use of robots for tasks like sorting books, assisting with shelf management, and even guiding visitors. Robotic systems can help automate mundane tasks and free up staff to focus on more complex customer service duties.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies: With the increasing volume of digital content, libraries are adopting advanced digital preservation tools that make use of machine learning and AI, and big data to ensure long-term storage and accessibility of digital collections.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants: The use of voice-activated search systems and like Amazon Alexa and other smart assistants or Google Assistant in libraries allows users to search for resources, check availability, and even access educational content using voice commands.

11. Gamification: Libraries are incorporating gamification techniques into their services to engage users, especially younger generations. This can include earning rewards for reading books, completing research challenges, or participating in library events.

12. Edge Computing: Edge computing lets libraries process data locally on devices instead of in the cloud, reducing latency and improving performance for real-time applications like virtual tours, live events, and interactive content.

As libraries embrace these technologies, they continue to evolve into more dynamic and user-centred spaces, enhancing both physical and digital resources access and services. These technologies will play essential role in meeting the diverse needs of library users.

Technologies applied to various areas within library operations:

The technologies mentioned can be applied to various areas within library operations to enhance services, improve user experiences, and optimize efficiency. Here's how each of the technologies can be useful in different areas of library functions:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Cataloging and Resource Discovery: AI and ML can enhance cataloging systems by automating categorization and offering personalized recommendations based on user behavior. This improves search tools by providing smarter, more efficient ways to discover resources.

Customer Service: AI-driven chatbots can answer common user queries, assist with finding resources, and help manage library operations, reducing the workload on human staff.

2. Blockchain:

Digital Rights Management (DRM): Blockchain ensures secure management of digital content rights, helping libraries handle digital assets like e-books, journals, and multimedia content by tracking usage, licensing, and permissions.

Membership and Transaction Management: Blockchain can securely handle membership registration, borrowing transactions, and fines, lowering fraud and maintaining transparency.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Immersive Learning and User Engagement: Libraries can use AR/VR for immersive educational experiences, virtual tours, and interactive displays to enhance learning, particularly in specialized fields like history, art, or science.

Digitization of Rare Collections: AR and VR can allow rare or fragile physical items to be digitized, giving users virtual access to them without physical risks to the collections.

4. Internet of Things (IoT):

Smart Shelves and Inventory Management: IoT devices like smart shelves, RFID tags, and beacons can help libraries track books and other resources, ensuring accurate inventory management and efficient book retrieval.

Space and Usage Monitoring: IoT systems can monitor space usage, room availability, and alert staff to maintenance issues like broken equipment or full trash bins, optimizing the library's physical environment.

5. Cloud Computing:

Remote Access to Resources: Cloud technologies allow libraries to store and share digital resources like e-books, journals, and archival materials, providing users access from anywhere, anytime.

Scalability and Flexibility: Libraries can scale their storage and computing capacities according to demand, without requiring a significant initial investment in physical infrastructure.

6. 5G Connectivity:

Enhanced Digital Services: The speed and low latency of 5G networks enable libraries to offer smoother access to cloud-based resources, HD video content, and immersive applications like VR with minimal buffering.

Remote Access and Collaboration: 5G improves the ability to collaborate remotely, stream educational content, and run real-time applications more effectively.

7. Data Analytics:

User Behavior and Resource Optimization: Data analytics allows libraries to track user preferences, resource usage patterns, and program effectiveness, which can inform decisions on resource allocation, event planning, and service enhancements.

Service Improvement: Libraries can use insights from data analytics to to keep improving their products, ensuring they meet user needs and improve operational efficiency.

8. Robotics:

Automating Routine Tasks: Robots can be used for tasks like sorting books, managing shelf organization, and guiding visitors, freeing up staff time for more complex services.

Customer Assistance: Robots can also assist users in navigating the library, helping with wayfinding or providing answers to common inquiries.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Long-Term Storage and Accessibility: Libraries are adopting AI and big data tools for the digital preservation of collections, ensuring that digital resources remain accessible and protected over time, regardless of technological advancements.

Data Integrity: These technologies help libraries maintain the integrity of digital content, preventing data corruption and loss.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Accessibility and Convenience: Voice-activated systems like Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant can improve accessibility by allowing users, especially those with disabilities, to search for books, access digital resources, and check availability hands-free.

Improved Resource Discovery: These assistants can guide users through the library's catalog, helping them find resources quickly and efficiently.

11. Gamification:

Engaging Users: Libraries can integrate gamification to encourage reading, participation in research challenges, or attending events. Users might earn points or rewards for engaging with content, fostering a sense of accomplishment and fun.

Youth Engagement: Gamification can especially appeal to younger users, helping them interact with the library's resources in a way that feels interactive and enjoyable.

12. Edge Computing:

Real-Time Processing: Local data processing is made possible via edge

Computing, which reduces latency, making real-time applications like virtual tours, Interactive displays, or live events more responsive and efficient.

Optimized Content Delivery: Libraries can offer faster content delivery for high-demand applications, improving user experience by reducing wait times for resources.

Cloud computing, AI, blockchain, AR/VR, IoT, and other cutting-edge technologies can enhance library operations in a variety of ways, from boosting operational effectiveness to enhancing user experience through customised services. Libraries may adapt to the evolving needs of their users and offer more dynamic, reasonably priced, and easily accessible services by using these technologies.

Challenges:

Implementing emerging technologies in libraries comes with several challenges, despite their potential benefits:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Challenge: The integration of AI and ML can be costly and resource-intensive, requiring skilled personnel to manage and maintain these systems. Libraries may face challenges in ensuring data privacy and managing biased algorithms, which can affect the accuracy and fairness of personalized recommendations.

2. Blockchain:

Challenge: Implementing blockchain in libraries for data management and digital rights involves significant technical complexity and costs. It can be challenging to scale and integrate with current library systems, and using such a novel and unfamiliar technology may encounter resistance.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Challenge: The high cost of AR and VR equipment, coupled with the need for continuous updates and maintenance, can pose financial barriers. Additionally, creating high-quality, engaging content for AR and VR experiences requires specialized skills and considerable resources.

4. Internet of Things (IoT):

Challenge: Deploying IoT in libraries requires substantial investments in hardware (e.g., sensors, smart shelves) and ongoing maintenance. Data security and privacy concerns also arise, especially in managing the vast amount of data generated by IoT devices.

5. Cloud Computing:

Challenge: While cloud computing offers scalability, it also raises concerns about data security and privacy, particularly for sensitive student or library data. Libraries need reliable internet infrastructure, which may not be available in all regions, and the ongoing cost of cloud storage can become burdensome.

6. 5G Connectivity:

Challenge: Not all areas have access to 5G infrastructure, despite the fact that 5G promises better speeds. Additionally, it can be costly and time-consuming to upgrade current systems and make sure they are compatible with new technologies.

7. Data Analytics:

Challenge: Libraries may face difficulties in collecting and analyzing data effectively due to the need for specialized tools and expertise. Additionally, privacy concerns regarding the collection of user data must be carefully managed to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards.

8. Robotics:

Challenge: While robotics can automate certain tasks, the initial cost of robotic systems is high, and libraries may face difficulties in training staff to manage and maintain the robots. There is also a risk of job displacement for library staff, leading to resistance from employees.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Challenge: The implementation of digital preservation tools requires ongoing investment in infrastructure and staff training. Moreover, preserving digital content in the face of evolving technology standards and formats can pose challenges to long-term data storage.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Challenge: Although voice search enhances accessibility, implementing it effectively requires integrating various systems and ensuring user privacy. Libraries may also face challenges in developing voice-driven search functionalities that are user-friendly and capable of handling complex queries.

11. Gamification:

Challenge: Gamifying library services requires significant resources to develop engaging and educational content. Libraries may face difficulties in measuring the impact of gamification on user engagement, and there is a risk of alienating certain user groups who may not be familiar with or interested in gamification.

12. Edge Computing:

Challenge: Implementing edge computing demands significant infrastructure upgrades and may require libraries to have a higher level of technical expertise. Additionally, managing the decentralized data processing across multiple devices can lead to integration and security challenges.

Even though these new technologies have the potential to greatly improve university libraries, their successful acceptance and long-term viability depend on resolving the ethical, technical, and financial obstacles that stand in their way.

Opportunities:

Implementing emerging technologies in libraries offers numerous opportunities that can transform library services and enhance user experiences:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Opportunity: By facilitating more effective resource discovery, offering tailored content recommendations, and improving customer support through chatbots driven by AI, AI and ML can greatly enhance the user experience. This makes it possible for libraries to better meet the requirements and preferences of each individual user.

2. Blockchain:

Opportunity: Blockchain ensures secure, transparent, and immutable records, offering enhanced digital rights management, secure transactions, and the tracking of digital

resources. This can reduce fraud and improve the trust and transparency of library services, particularly for membership management and content licensing.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Opportunity: AR and VR can create immersive learning experiences, virtual library tours, and interactive displays, enriching the educational experience for students. These technologies also help preserve rare or fragile collections, making them accessible to users without physical limitations.

3. Internet of Things (IoT):

Opportunity: IoT can create "smart libraries" where real-time data from smart devices improves resource management and enhances the user experience. For instance, IoT can streamline inventory tracking, ensure book availability, monitor space usage, and reduce operational inefficiencies.

4. Cloud Computing:

Opportunity: Large volumes of data may be managed and stored with the scalability and flexibility that cloud computing provides. It makes library services more affordable and accessible by giving consumers remote access to digital resources and removing the need for costly equipment.

5. 5G Connectivity:

Opportunity: The high-speed internet offered by 5G will enable faster access to cloud-based resources, HD videos, and VR content, improving the quality and speed of library services. It also enhances real-time communication and collaboration tools for remote users and faculty.

6. Data Analytics:

Opportunity: Data analytics empowers libraries to track user behavior, resource usage, and service performance. This data can inform decision-making, optimize resource allocation, and improve service offerings, ultimately enhancing user satisfaction and library operations.

7. Robotics:

Opportunity: Routine operations like inventory control, book sorting, and visitor guidance can be automated by robotics, freeing up library employees to work on more intricate, valuable tasks. Workflows can be streamlined and operational efficiency increased.

8. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Opportunity: Advanced preservation technologies ensure the long-term accessibility of digital content. By utilizing AI and big data, libraries can efficiently manage large collections and safeguard valuable resources for future generations, contributing to the sustainability of digital archives.

9. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Opportunity: Voice-activated systems allow users to access library services hands-free, enhancing the ease of resource seeking and increasing accessibility for persons with disabilities. Smart assistants can assist users in finding materials, checking availability, or accessing educational content.

10. Gamification:

Opportunity: Incorporating gamification into library services can increase user engagement, especially among younger generations. Gamified learning experiences, such as earning rewards for completing reading challenges or participating in research activities, can motivate users and foster a sense of community.

11. Edge Computing:

Opportunity: Edge computing reduces latency by processing data locally, enabling faster access to real-time applications like virtual tours, live events, and interactive content. This enhances the performance and responsiveness of library systems, especially for immersive or real-time experiences.

There are many chances to improve university libraries' usability, effectiveness, and accessibility with these new technology. By embracing these innovations, libraries can stay at the forefront of technological advancements, better serve their communities, and improve overall operational performance.

Key Findings:

1. Technologies Transforming Libraries:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): AI and ML enhance personalized user services, automate tasks, and improve resource discovery.

Blockchain: This technology offers secure digital rights management, transparency in digital transactions, and better data integrity.

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR): AR and VR create immersive learning experiences, virtual tours, and preservation of rare collections.

Internet of Things (IoT): IoT enables smart libraries with real-time data on resource management, enhancing the user experience.

Cloud Computing: Cloud systems provide flexible, cost-effective storage and remote access to resources.

5G Connectivity: 5G enables faster access to digital resources, improving user experience, particularly for cloud-based and VR applications.

Data Analytics: Libraries can analyze user behavior and resource usage, optimizing service offerings and decision-making.

Robotics: Robotics can automate tasks like book sorting and guide visitors, improving operational efficiency.

Digital Preservation: Advanced preservation tools ensure the long-term accessibility of digital resources.

Voice Search and Smart Assistants: These technologies provide hands-free search capabilities, improving accessibility.

Gamification: Engaging users, particularly younger generations, through rewards and challenges.

Edge Computing: Reduces latency by processing data locally, ensuring faster access to applications like virtual tours.

2. Challenges of Implementation:

Cost and Technical Complexity: Many technologies require significant investments in infrastructure, specialized skills, and ongoing maintenance (e.g., AR/VR, robotics).

Data Security and Privacy: Concerns about user data and the security of digital systems are critical, especially in technologies like IoT, AI, and cloud computing.

Staffing and Training: Libraries need skilled personnel to implement and maintain new technologies, and staff must be trained to adapt to these innovations.

Scalability and Integration: Some technologies (e.g., Blockchain, 5G) face integration challenges with existing library systems.

Resistance to Change: Employees or other stakeholders may oppose the adoption of new technology, particularly if they are concerned about job displacement or new systems.

3. Opportunities for Libraries:

In a continuously changing digital landscape, these technologies provide tremendous potential to improve user experiences, increase operational efficiency, and maintain relevance.

Improved User Experience: Personalized services through AI, immersive learning via AR/VR, and hands-free interaction with smart assistants can enrich user experiences.

Operational Efficiency: Robotics, IoT, and cloud computing can streamline library operations, reducing costs and manual labor.

Sustainability: Digital preservation technologies ensure the longevity of library resources, while data analytics helps libraries optimize their operations.

Innovation in Learning: Technologies like VR and gamification can engage users in new and dynamic ways, fostering community and enhancing learning outcomes.

Conclusion:

The article's conclusion states that although new technologies have a lot of potential to change university libraries, overcoming challenges like cost, security, and staffing issues is essential for successful implementation. By addressing these obstacles, libraries can harness these innovations to provide enhanced services, remain relevant, and improve both physical and digital library environments.

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ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर माहिती व्यवस्थापन आणि सेवा सुधारण्यासाठी अत्यंत महत्त्वपूर्ण ठरला आहे. पारंपरिक पद्धतींमध्ये माहिती संकलन, वर्गीकरण, आणि वितरण हे मानवी हस्तक्षेपावर आधारित असायचे, परंतु AI आणि ML च्या वापरामुळे या सर्व प्रक्रियांमध्ये स्वयंचलन, कार्यक्षमता, वेग आणि अचूकता वाढली आहे. स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली, चॅटबॉट्स, डिजिटल दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन, वाचकांसाठी शिफारस प्रणाली, आणि स्वयंचलित माहिती वर्गीकरण यांसारख्या सेवांनी ग्रंथालयांच्या कार्यप्रवाहाला नवे वळण दिले आहे. या तंत्रज्ञानामुळे ग्रंथालयांमध्ये माहितीचा

वेगवान शोध, वापरकर्त्यांच्या मागणीनुसार वैयक्तिकृत शिफारशी, तसेच अधिक कार्यक्षम आणि सुलभ डिजिटल दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन शक्य झाले आहे. भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर, त्यांचे फायदे, अडचणी, तसेच याच्या भविष्यातील संभाव्यता आणि वाचन संस्कृतीवर होणारे परिणाम यांचा सखोल अभ्यास या संशोधनात करण्यात आलेला आहे. या तंत्रज्ञानांचा वापर आणखी वाढविण्याचे तसेच त्यात सुधारणा करण्याचे उपाय सुचविणे हे या संशोधनाचे प्रमुख उद्दीष्ट आहे.

किवर्ड्स : कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता, मशीन लर्निंग, ग्रंथालय सेवा, स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली, डिजिटल दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन, वाचक शिफारस प्रणाली, स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण, कार्यक्षम ग्रंथालय.

प्रस्तावना

ज्ञान आणि माहितीचा प्रसार करण्याच्या दृष्टिकोनातून ग्रंथालये अत्यंत महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात. पारंपरिक ग्रंथालये माहिती संग्रह, जतन आणि सेवा पुरवण्यासाठी मानव–आधारित प्रणालींवर अवलंबून होती. मात्र, आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाच्या प्रगतीमुळे ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापन आणि सेवा प्रणालींमध्ये लक्षणीय बदल होत आहेत. त्यातच, कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) या तंत्रज्ञानाने ग्रंथालय सेवा अधिक जलद, प्रभावी आणि वापरकर्ता–केंद्रित करण्यास मदत केली आहे.

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता म्हणजे संगणक प्रणालीला मानवी मेंदूप्रमाणे विचार करण्याची आणि निर्णय घेण्याची क्षमता देणे. मशीन लर्निंग ही AI ची उपशाखा असून ती डेटा विश्लेषणावर आधारित शिकण्याची प्रक्रिया असते. या दोन्ही तंत्रज्ञानांचा वापर ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये मोठ्या प्रमाणावर केला जात आहे. AI आधारित स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण, स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली, चॅटबॉट्स, डिजिटल संग्रह व्यवस्थापन, आणि शिफारस प्रणाली या सेवा ग्रंथालयांना अधिक स्मार्ट बनवत आहेत.

भारतातील तसेच आंतरराष्ट्रीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर वाढत आहे. डिजिटल युगात माहितीचे प्रमाण प्रचंड वाढले असल्याने, ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये या तंत्रज्ञानाचा समावेश अपरिहार्य ठरत आहे. तथापि, सुरक्षा, गोपनीयता, खर्च आणि सध्याच्या प्रणालींसोबत समाकलन (Integration) यांसारखी आव्हाने देखील आहेत.

AI आणि ML तंत्रज्ञानाचा उपयोग केल्याने ग्रंथालय सेवा अधिक वैयक्तिकृत (Personalized) आणि प्रभावी (Efficient) होत आहेत. उदाहरणार्थ, मशीन लर्निंग अल्गोरिदम ग्रंथालयातील वाचकांच्या सवयींवर आधारित पुस्तकांची शिफारस करू शकतात, ज्यामुळे वाचकांना त्यांच्या आवडीचे साहित्य सहज उपलब्ध होते. तसेच, OCR (Optical Character Recognition) आणि NLP (छatural Language Processing) सारख्या तंत्रज्ञानाच्या मदतीने ग्रंथालयांमध्ये डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांचे व्यवस्थापन अधिक सुकर होते. हे तंत्रज्ञान मोठ्या प्रमाणात ग्रंथालय डिजिटलायझेशनमध्ये मदत करत आहे, ज्यामुळे दुर्मीळ व ऐतिहासिक दस्तऐवज सहजपणे संरक्षित आणि प्रवेशयोग्य बनू शकतात.

AI आधारित ग्रंथालय प्रणालींमुळे वैयक्तिकृत डिजिटल सहाय्यक (Virtual Assistants) आणि स्वयंचलित चौकशी सेवा (Automated Query Resolution) यांसारख्या सेवा अधिक प्रभावी होत आहेत. उदाहरणार्थ, अनेक विद्यापीठे आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालये चॅटबॉट्सच्या माध्यमातून वाचकांच्या प्रश्नांना त्वरित उत्तर देतात, तसेच विशिष्ट माहिती शोधण्याची प्रक्रिया सुलभ करतात. यामुळे मानवी संसाधनांवरचा ताण कमी होतो आणि सेवा जलदगतीने वितरित होतात. या संशोधनात ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि मशीन लर्निंगच्या उपयोगाचे सखोल विश्लेषण करण्यात येणार आहे. त्याद्वारे या तंत्रज्ञानाचे फायदे, मर्यादा, भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमधील वापर आणि भविष्यातील संभाव्यता यांचा अभ्यास केला जाईल. AI आणि ML ग्रंथालय क्षेत्रात कशाप्रकारे परिवर्तन घडवत आहेत, तसेच त्याचा वापर अधिक प्रभावी कसा करता येईल यावर प्रकाश टाकला जाईल.

ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि मशीन लर्निंगचा प्रभाव

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये मोठा बदल घडवत आहे. पारंपरिक ग्रंथालय प्रणालींमध्ये माहितीचे वर्गीकरण, व्यवस्थापन आणि सेवा देण्याची प्रक्रिया मानव–केंद्रित होती. मात्र, AI तंत्रज्ञानामुळे ही प्रक्रिया स्वयंचलित (Automated), वेगवान आणि अधिक अचूक होत आहे. उदाहरणार्थ, स्मार्ट सर्च इंजिन (Smart Search Engine) आणि चॅटबॉट्स (Chatbots) वाचकांना हवी ती माहिती जलदगतीने शोधण्यास मदत करतात. तसेच, डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांचे OCR (Optical Character Recognition) च्या मदतीने रूपांतर करून दुर्मीळ दस्तऐवजांचा डिजिटल संग्रह तयार केला जातो. यामुळे ग्रंथालय सेवा केवळ पारंपरिक स्वरूपात न राहता डिजिटल आणि आभासी (Virtual) बनत आहेत.

मशीन लर्निंग (ML) ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापन अधिक प्रभावी आणि बुद्धिमान बनवते. डेटा विश्लेषण आणि वापरकर्ता वर्तनाच्या आधारे शिफारसी देण्याची क्षमता हे ML चे मुख्य वैशिष्ट्य आहे. उदाहरणार्थ, वाचकांच्या मागील वाचन सवयींवर आधारित पुस्तकांची शिफारस करणारी प्रणाली (ecommendation System) विकसित करता येते. यामुळे वाचकांना त्यांना उपयुक्त माहिती सहज मिळू शकते. तसेच, स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण (Automated Classification) आणि सूचीकरण (Cataloging) यामुळे ग्रंथालय प्रशासनाची कार्यक्षमता वाढते. भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर वाढत असला तरी तो अद्याप प्राथमिक टप्प्यात आहे. शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हे तंत्रज्ञान डिजिटल ग्रंथालये, ई–संशोधन प्लॅटफॉर्म आणि ऑटोमेटेड ग्रंथालय प्रणालींसाठी वापरले जाते, मात्र सार्वजनिक आणि ग्रामीण ग्रंथालयांमध्ये याचा विस्तार अजून मर्यादित आहे. भविष्यात या तंत्रज्ञानाचा व्यापक वापर होण्यासाठी आवश्यक तंत्रस्नेही पायाभूत सुविधा आणि वित्तीय पाठबळ मिळणे आवश्यक आहे.

साहित्य समीक्षा (Literature Review)

1. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि डिजिटल ग्रंथालये

Smith J. (2018). "Artificial Intelligence पद Digital Libraries-"

या संशोधनात AI तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर डिजिटल ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कसा केला जातो याचा सखोल अभ्यास केला आहे. लेखकाने AI च्या मदतीने स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली (Smart Search Systems), स्वयंचलित सूचीकरण (Automated Cataloging), आणि ओसीआर (OCR) तंत्रज्ञानाच्या मदतीने दस्तऐवजांचे डिजिटायझेशन यावर प्रकाश टाकला आहे. AI च्या वापरामुळे ग्रंथालये अधिक प्रवेशयोग्य आणि जलद सेवा देऊ शकतात, असे या संशोधनात नमूद केले आहे.

2. मशीन लर्निंगच्या मदतीने ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापनाचे स्वयंचलीकरण

Brown K. (2020). "Machine Learning Applications in Library Management-"

या संशोधनात मशीन लर्निंगचा वापर डेटा विश्लेषण, पुस्तकांची शिफारस प्रणाली (Recommendation Systems) आणि स्वयंचलित ग्रंथालय प्रशासनासाठी कसा करता येतो याचा अभ्यास केला आहे. संशोधनानुसार, वाचकांच्या वाचन सवयींचे विश्लेषण करून त्यांना उपयुक्त पुस्तके सुचवणे, तसेच वाचन ट्रेंडच्या आधारे ग्रंथालय धोरणे ठरवणे यासारख्या कार्यांमध्ये ML प्रभावी ठरते.

3. ग्रंथालय सेवा सुधारण्यासाठी चॅटबॉट्सचा उपयोग

Gupta] R- & Patel] S- (2019). "AI&Driven ChatbotsforLibrary Servicesin Academic Institutions-"

या संशोधनात ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आधारित चॅटबॉट्स कसा बदल घडवू शकतात याचा अभ्यास केला आहे. विद्यापीठे आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये वाचकांच्या प्रश्नांची त्वरित उत्तरे देणे, पुस्तकांच्या उपलब्धतेची माहिती देणे आणि संदर्भ सेवा सुधारणे यासाठी चॅटबॉट्स उपयुक्त ठरतात.

4. भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि ML चा अवलंब

Sharma A- (2021). "Adoption of AI and ML in Indian Libraries: Challenges and Opportunities-"

या संशोधनाने भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि डस- चा वापर किती प्रमाणात आहे, कोणत्या अडचणी येतात आणि भविष्यातील संधी कोणत्या आहेत यावर प्रकाश टाकला आहे. संशोधनानुसार, शहरी ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आधारित प्रणाली स्वीकारल्या जात असल्या तरी ग्रामीण आणि लहान ग्रंथालयांमध्ये अद्याप याचा प्रसार कमी आहे.

5. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा ग्रंथालय आणि माहिती विज्ञानावर प्रभाव

Lee M- (2022). "The Future of Library and Information Science in the AI Era-"

या संशोधनात AI आणि ML च्या वाढत्या प्रभावामुळे ग्रंथालय विज्ञान (Library Science) आणि माहिती व्यवस्थापन (Information Management) क्षेत्रात कसे बदल होत आहेत याचा अभ्यास केला आहे. ग्रंथपालांची भूमिका अधिक विश्लेषणाधारित आणि तांत्रिक होत आहे, तसेच डेटा विज्ञान आणि डिजिटल साधनांचे महत्त्व वाढत आहे असे या संशोधनात नमूद केले आहे.

संशोधनाचे उद्देश (Objectives)

1.ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) चा उपयोग समजून घेणे.

2.ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापन स्वयंचलित आणि अधिक प्रभावी कसे करता येईल हे विश्लेषण करणे.

3.भारतीय ग्रंथालयांमध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर किती प्रमाणात आहे हे तपासणे.

4.या तंत्रज्ञानाचे फायदे आणि अडचणी ओळखणे.

5.भविष्यात AI आणि ML च्या मदतीने ग्रंथालय सेवा सुधारण्यासाठी उपाय सुचवणे.

राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल ग्रंथालय (छक्स) आणि त्यातील कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) चा वापर

राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल ग्रंथालय (NDL) हा भारतातील एक महत्त्वपूर्ण उपक्रम आहे, जो भारतातील माहिती व ज्ञानसंचयनाची एक मोठी आणि सुसंगत प्रणाली निर्माण करण्यासाठी कार्यरत आहे. या प्रकल्पाचे मुख्य उद्दिष्ट भारतातील विविध शैक्षणिक, संशोधनात्मक, सांस्कृतिक, आणि वैज्ञानिक संस्थांकडून विविध डिजिटल संसाधने एकत्र करणे आणि त्यांना ऑनलाइन प्लॅटफॉर्मवर उपलब्ध करणे आहे. NDL चा हेतू

म्हणजे विद्यार्थ्यांना, शिक्षकांना, संशोधकांना आणि सर्वसामान्य लोकांना एकाच ठिकाणी विविध माहिती स्रोतांचा सहज प्रवेश प्रदान करणे, ज्यामुळे माहिती मिळवणे अधिक सोपे आणि कार्यक्षम होईल.

NDL चा आणखी एक महत्वाचा पैलू म्हणजे त्याच्या व्यापक डिजिटल संग्रहाच्या माध्यमातून राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर संशोधन व शिक्षणामध्ये योगदान देणे. NDL मध्ये एकूण २०० हून अधिक भारतीय विद्यापीठे आणि १५००० हून अधिक शाळा आणि महाविद्यालयांचा समावेश आहे, जे त्यात वेगवेगळ्या शास्त्रज्ञ, लेखक, आणि संशोधकांसाठी उपयोगी असलेल्या शोधनिबंध, संदर्भ ग्रंथ, ऐतिहासिक दस्तऐवज, चित्रे, म्युझियम सामग्री इत्यादीची डिजिटल संग्रहण क्षमता प्रदान करतात. या प्रकल्पाच्या मदतीने भारतातील विविध शैक्षणिक व वैज्ञानिक माहिती एकाच ऑनलाइन प्लॅटफॉर्मवर संग्रहित केली जाते, ज्यामुळे ज्ञानाचा प्रसार आणि संशोधनाची गुणवत्ता सुधारता येते.

NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर

1.स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली (Smart Search Systems):NDL मध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता वापरून स्मार्ट सर्च सिस्टीम्स विकसित केली जात आहेत. या प्रणालीने वाचकांच्या शोध किव्हा माहितीच्या मागणीच्या आधारावर अधिक अचूक आणि वेगाने माहिती मिळवणे शक्य होत आहे.

AI आधारित नेचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग (NLP) आणि स्मार्ट अल्गोरिदम्स वापरून वाचकांना त्यांच्या शोधाच्या शब्दांच्या संदर्भात उपयुक्त माहिती दर्शवली जाते. हे विशेषतः मुलभूत माहिती शोध आणि संग्रहीत डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांमध्ये प्रभावी ठरते.

2.ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण (Automated Document Classification):NDL मध्ये दस्तऐवजांचे स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण करण्यासाठी मशीन लर्निंगचा वापर केला जातो. ML अल्गोरिदम्स वापरून दस्तऐवजांचे वर्गीकरण केले जाते ज्यामुळे दस्तऐवजांच्या शोध प्रक्रियेत वेग आणि अचूकता वाढवता येते. यामुळे शोध वेळ कमी होतो आणि अधिक प्रभावी डेटा व्यवस्थापन साधता येते.

3.डिजिटल दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन (Digital Document Management):AI आणि ML आधारित दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली NDL मध्ये महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावत आहेत. हे प्रणाली डिजिटल संसाधनांचे अधिक सुव्यवस्थित व्यवस्थापन करण्यास मदत करतात. OCR (Optical Character Recognition) आणि AI चा वापर करून छायाचित्रे, स्कॅन केलेली पुस्तके, लेख व इतर दस्तऐवज डिजिटल स्वरूपात संग्रहित केले जातात.

4.वाचक शिफारस प्रणाली (User Recommendation Systems):NDL मध्ये मशीन लर्निंगचा वापर वाचक शिफारस प्रणालीमध्ये केला जातो, ज्यामुळे वाचकांना त्यांच्या वाचनाच्या पद्धतीवर आधारित उपयुक्त शोधनिबंध, शोध आणि इतर डिजिटल संसाधने शिफारस केली जातात. ML चे अल्गोरिदम्स वाचकांच्या मागील वाचन व आदर्शांच्या आधारावर शिफारसी करत आहेत.

5.डेटा विश्लेषण आणि ट्रेंड्स (Data Analytics and Trend): NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर डेटा विश्लेषणासाठी करण्यात येतो. डेटा ट्रेंड्स आणि वाचकांचे वर्तन विश्लेषित करून अधिक प्रभावी, उपयुक्त आणि व्यक्तिगत सेवा दिल्या जातात.

NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर: विस्तृत विश्लेषण

स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली (Smart Search Systems):

राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल ग्रंथालय (NDL) मध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) चा वापर करून स्मार्ट सर्च सिस्टीम्स विकसित केली जात आहेत. या प्रणालींमध्ये नेचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग (NLP) आणि स्मार्ट अल्गोरिदम्स चा वापर केला जातो, ज्यामुळे वाचकांच्या शोधाशी संबंधित अधिक अचूक आणि सुसंगत माहिती मिळवता येते. NLP तंत्रज्ञान वाचकांच्या शोधन शब्दांतील संदर्भ, व्याकरण आणि विविध भाषिक पैलूंवर आधारित सुसंगत माहिती प्रसारित करत आहे. यामुळे वाचकांना शोधाच्या शब्दांच्या संदर्भात शोध लागण्याची प्रक्रिया सुधारते, विशेषतः मुलभूत माहिती शोधताना आणि संग्रहीत डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांमध्ये शोध घेत असताना.

ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण (Automated Document Classification):

मशीन लर्निंग (ML) अल्गोरिदम्सचा वापर करून NDL मध्ये दस्तऐवजांचे स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण केले जाते. या प्रक्रिया अंतर्गत, ML अल्गोरिदम्स विविध डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांचे विश्लेषण करून त्यांना संबंधित श्रेण्या किंवा वर्गात वर्गीकृत करतात. यामुळे शोध प्रक्रियेतील वेग आणि अचूकता वाढवता येते. उदाहरणार्थ, एकदाच वर्गीकृत केलेले दस्तऐवज वाचकांना अधिक वेळ वाचवण्यास मदत करतात आणि शोध प्रक्रियेला अधिक वेग मिळवतात. यामुळे डेटा व्यवस्थापन प्रक्रियेत सुधारणाही होते, कारण दस्तऐवजांची समन्वयपूर्ण सुसंगती राखली जाते.

डिजिटल दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन (Digital Document Management):

NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML आधारित दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावत आहेत. OCR (Optical Character Recognition) आणि AI तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून दस्तऐवजांचे रूपांतरण अधिक प्रभावीपणे केले जात आहे. स्कॅन केलेल्या छायाचित्रांचे डिजिटल स्वरूपात रूपांतरण, लेख आणि इतर दस्तऐवज ते अधिक सुव्यवस्थितपणे संग्रहित करणे शक्य होत आहे. त्यामुळे दस्तऐवजांचे व्यवस्थापन आणि संग्रहण प्रक्रियाही अधिक कार्यक्षम झाली आहे.

वाचक शिफारस प्रणाली (User Recommendation Systems):

NDL मध्ये मशीन लर्निंग चा वापर वाचक शिफारस प्रणालींमध्ये मोठ्या प्रमाणावर केला जात आहे. वाचनाच्या आदर्शांवर आधारित, ML अल्गोरिदम्स वाचकांच्या मागील वाचनाचा अभ्यास करतात, आणि त्यानुसार संबंधित शोधनिबंध, शोध किंवा इतर डिजिटल संसाधने शिफारस करतात. वाचकांच्या वाचन पद्धतीचे विश्लेषण करून, वैयक्तिकृत शिफारसी दिल्या जातात, ज्यामुळे त्यांचा वाचन अनुभव अधिक सुधारित

होतो. या शिफारसी सिस्टीम वाचनाच्या इंटरेस्ट्स आणि निवडींवर आधारित सुसंगत आणि उपयुक्त माहिती सुचवतात.

डेटा विश्लेषण आणि ट्रेंड्स (Data Analytics and Trends):

NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर डेटा विश्लेषणासाठी मोठ्या प्रमाणावर केला जात आहे. डेटा ट्रेंड्स आणि वाचकांचे वर्तन विश्लेषण करून, NDL संस्थेने अधिक प्रभावी, उपयुक्त आणि व्यक्तिगत सेवा प्रदान करण्याचा उद्दिष्ट ठरवले आहे. वाचकांच्या मागणीचा अभ्यास आणि वाचनाचे ट्रेंड्स लक्षात घेत, NDL वाचकांना अधिक कस्टमाइज्ड आणि वैयक्तिकृत माहिती देण्याच्या दृष्टीने सुधारणा करत आहे. यामुळे प्रत्येक वाचकाच्या विशिष्ट गरजा आणि इच्छांनुसार माहिती दिली जाते, ज्यामुळे संस्थेचा कार्यप्रदर्शन अधिक प्रभावी ठरतो.

राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल ग्रंथालय (NDL) आणि त्यातील कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) चा वापररू फायदे आणि अडचणी

फायदे:

1.स्मार्ट शोध आणि वापरकर्ता अनुभव सुधारणारू

NDL मध्ये AI आणि ML चा वापर स्मार्ट शोध प्रणाली विकसित करण्यासाठी केला जातो. यामुळे वाचकांना त्यांच्या शोधाच्या शब्दांच्या संदर्भात उपयुक्त आणि अचूक माहिती मिळवता येते. नेचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग (NLP) चा वापर वाचकांच्या शोधाला अधिक सुसंगत आणि प्रभावी बनवतो, ज्यामुळे माहिती मिळवण्याची प्रक्रिया सुलभ आणि जलद होते.

2.ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण:

ML अल्गोरिदम्सचा वापर NDL मध्ये दस्तऐवजांचे स्वयंचलित वर्गीकरण करण्यासाठी केला जातो. यामुळे दस्तऐवजांच्या शोध प्रक्रियेत वेग आणि अचूकता वाढवता येते, तसेच संग्रहित डेटा अधिक सुव्यवस्थित बनवला जातो. यामुळे ग्रंथालयातील डेटाबेस अधिक कार्यक्षम होतो.

3.वैयक्तिकृत शिफारसी आणि सल्ला:

NDL मध्ये ML च्या मदतीने वाचक शिफारस प्रणाली विकसित केली जात आहे. वाचकांच्या मागील वाचनाच्या आधारावर संबंधित शोधनिबंध, लेख आणि इतर संसाधनांची शिफारस केली जाते. यामुळे वाचकांना त्यांची आवड आणि गरजांनुसार वैयक्तिकृत माहिती मिळवता येते.

4.डेटा विश्लेषण आणि ट्रेंड्स:

AI आणि ML च्या मदतीने NDL मध्ये डेटा विश्लेषण साधता येते. वाचकांच्या वर्तनाचे आणि मागणीचे विश्लेषण करून, अधिक प्रभावी आणि उपयुक्त सामग्री वाचकांसाठी तयार केली जाते. यामुळे ग्रंथालयाची कार्यक्षमता आणि सेवा सुधारते.

5.प्रभावी दस्तऐवज व्यवस्थापन:

OCR (Optical Character Recognition) आणि AI चा वापर करून NDL मध्ये छायाचित्रे, स्कॅन केलेली पुस्तके आणि इतर दस्तऐवज डिजिटल स्वरूपात संग्रहित केली जातात. यामुळे डिजिटल दस्तऐवजांचे व्यवस्थापन अधिक प्रभावी आणि सुव्यवस्थित होते.

अडचणी:

1.तंत्रज्ञानाचे उच्च प्रारंभिक खर्च:

।प आणि डस आधारित प्रणाली स्थापित करण्यासाठी उच्च प्रारंभिक खर्च येतो. यामध्ये सॉफ्टवेअर डेव्हलपमेंट, हार्डवेअर उपकरणे आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचे अद्ययावत करण्याचा खर्च समाविष्ट आहे, ज्यामुळे काही ग्रंथालयांसाठी हा एक मोठा आव्हान ठरू शकतो.

2.डेटा गोपनीयता आणि सुरक्षा धोके:

AI आणि ML तंत्रज्ञानाच्या वापरामुळे डेटा सुरक्षा आणि गोपनीयतेचे धोके उद्भवू शकतात. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये संग्रहित असलेला डेटा अधिक संवेदनशील बनतो आणि त्याच्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी जास्त काळजी घेतली पाहिजे. गोपनीयता उल्लंघन आणि डेटा चोरी च्या धोर्यांचा विचार केला जातो.

3.मानवी हस्तक्षेप कमी होणे:

AI आणि ML तंत्रज्ञानाच्या अत्यधिक वापरामुळे काही वेळेस मानवी हस्तक्षेपाची गरज कमी होऊ शकते. काही लोकांना मशीनच्या बनवलेल्या निर्णयावर विश्वास नसेल किंवा त्यांना अधिक पारंपारिक पद्धती पसंद असू शकतात, ज्यामुळे मानव–केंद्रित सेवा ची गरज कमी होऊ शकते.

4.डेटा गुणवत्ता आणि अचूकता:

AI आणि ML सिस्टम्सच्या प्रभावी कार्यक्षमतेसाठी आवश्यक आहे की डेटा अचूक आणि सम्पूर्ण असावा. जर डेटा चुकीचा किंवा अपूर्ण असेल, तर त्याचे विश्लेषण चुकीचे होऊ शकते आणि वाचकांना अपयश होऊ शकते.

5.तंत्रज्ञानाच्या स्वीकाराची अडचण:

काही ग्रंथालयांमध्ये तंत्रज्ञानाच्या स्वीकाराची अडचण असू शकते, विशेषतः पारंपारिक पद्धतींना प्राधान्य देणाऱ्यांमध्ये. कर्मचारी प्रशिक्षण आणि तंत्रज्ञानाच्या अनुप्रयोगावर विश्वास यावर साशंकता असू शकते, ज्यामुळे नवे तंत्रज्ञान लागू करण्यात अडचणी येऊ शकतात.

निष्कर्ष:

राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल ग्रंथालय (NDL) मध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि मशीन लर्निंग (ML) चा वापर ग्रंथालय सेवा आणि माहिती व्यवस्थापन सुधारण्याच्या दृष्टीने अत्यंत महत्त्वपूर्ण ठरतो. ह्या तंत्रज्ञानांच्या वापरामुळे वाचनाची प्रक्रिया अधिक वेगवान, अचूक आणि प्रभावी होईल. AI आणि डस- वाचनाची सुलभता, माहितीचे वर्गीकरण, आणि वापरकर्त्यांची पसंती लक्षात घेऊन संदर्भित सामग्री अधिक कार्यक्षमतेने उपलब्ध करतात.

तथापि, AI आणि ML च्या प्रभावी वापरासाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या पायाभूत सुविधांची आणि सुरक्षा उपायांची अंमलबजावणी महत्त्वाची आहे. डेटा संरक्षित ठेवण्यासाठी आणि अचूकतेची गॅरंटी देण्यासाठी योग्य उपाययोजना करणे आवश्यक आहे. यामध्ये, सॉफ्टवेअर अपग्रेड, डेटाबेस सुरक्षा, आणि डेटा प्रायव्हसीवर लक्ष देणे आवश्यक ठरेल.

वर्तमान काळात, भारतीय ग्रंथालयांसाठी AI आणि ML चा वापर हे ज्ञानाच्या प्रवाहात सुधारणा करणारे एक महत्त्वाचे साधन ठरू शकते. जर याचा वापर प्रभावीपणे केला गेला, तर यामुळे ग्रंथालय सेवांचा विस्तार होईल, उपयोगकर्त्यांचा अनुभव सुधारेल आणि भारतात माहितीच्या पोहोचणीमध्ये क्रांतिकारी बदल घडवता येतील.

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ग्रंथालय प्रचालन आणि सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता साधनांचा वापर

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गोषवारा :

कोणत्याही ग्रंथालयामध्ये "कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता" (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) चे अंतिम ध्येय संगणक प्रणाली तयार करणे हे असावयास आहे. ते कपात करण्यास, अभिनय करण्यास आणि मानवी बुद्धिमत्तेला मागे टाकण्यास समर्थ आहे. ग्रंथपालपदाच्या व्यवसायावर याचा महत्त्वपूर्ण परिणाम होऊ शकतो. अलिकडच्या काळात, ग्रंथालय तंत्रज्ञान आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्सच्या उपयोगामध्ये एक स्फोट पाहत आहे. तल्लीन शिक्षणासाठी आभासी वास्तव, पुस्तक वाचन आणि शेल्फ–रीडिंग यंत्र आणि संदर्भ सेवांसाठी तज्ज्ञ प्रणाली ही काही उदाहरणे आहेत. कृत्रिम बुध्दीमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) या क्षेत्राने जवळपास सर्व क्षेत्रांमध्ये संशोधनाच्या प्रगतीसाठी नवीन संधी उघडल्या आहेत. व्यवसायाच्या प्रत्येक पैलूमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता तंत्रज्ञान उपस्थित असल्यामुळे भविष्य उज्ज्वल दिसत आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या वापराने ग्रंथालय माहिती संसाधनांची तरतूद आणि वापर तसेच ग्रंथालयाची उद्दिष्टे आणि ते उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी खूप मदत केली आहे. पुस्तक प्रकाशनापासून पुस्तक वितरणापर्यंत ग्रंथालयामध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे अनेक उपयोग आहेत. त्यामुळे ग्रंथपालांनी त्यांच्या भूमिकेत समर्पक राहण्यासाठी कल्पकतेने विचार करावयास पाहिजे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या वापराने ग्रंथालयांसाठी अनेक नवीन पर्याय उघडले आहेत, ज्यात इलेक्ट्रॉनिक आणि भौतिक संसाधने जोडण्याची क्षमता आणि दृ"यफितीच्या सहाय्याने मूर्त वस्तू आणि कलाकृती जोडण्याची क्षमता समाविष्ट आहे. लेखामध्ये अनेक कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता घटक आणि ग्रंथालय त्यांचे कार्य आणि सेवांसाठी वापरू शकतात, अशा सेवांचा अंतर्भाव केलेला आहे.

कीवर्ड :

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता साधने, ग्रंथालयामध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता, गंथालय सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता

(Artificial Intelligence Tools, Artificial Intelligence in Library Operation, Artificial Intelligence in Library Services)

1. परिचय

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता म्हणजे एक डिजिटल संगणक किंवा संगणक–नियंत्रित रोबोट जो सामान्यतः बुद्धिमान प्राण्याद्वारे केले जाणारे कार्य पूर्ण करू शकतो (बी. जे. कोपलॅन्ड, 2023). जनरेटिव्ह पूर्व–प्रशिक्षण ट्रान्सफॉर्मरच्या व्यापक परिचयामुळे 2022 मध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेने मुख्य प्रवाहात प्रवेश केला आहे. हे शिक्षण, तर्कशास्त्र सुधारण्याच्या उद्देशाने लागू केले जात असून सध्या ते आर्थिक क्षेत्रापासून आरोग्यसेवा, उद्योग तसेच शिक्षण क्षेत्रापर्यंत अनेक क्षेत्रांमध्ये वापरले जात आहे. फ्रँकनफिल्ड जे. (2023) च्या मते, अमेरिकन

लायब्ररी असोसिएशन (एएलए) असे प्रतिपादन करते की, कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) ग्रंथालयांसाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण आहे, कारण त्याचा उपयोग विशाल ज्ञान संग्रह संपादीत करण्यासाठी आणि प्रवेशयोग्य करण्यासाठी केला जाऊ शकतो. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता हे डिजिटल ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापित करण्यासाठी वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या आधुनिक तसेच नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाला दिलेली संज्ञा आहे. तर्क, कृती आणि मानवी बुद्धीला मागे टाकण्याची क्षमता असलेल्या संगणक प्रणाली किंवा निर्मिती हे कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे अंतिम ध्येय आहे. हे उद्दिष्ट साध्य झाल्याने ग्रंथपालन क्षेत्रावर मोठा परिणाम होऊ शकतो, हे उघड आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचे इतर प्रकार कर्मचारी आणि वापरकर्त्यांना ज्ञानवर भर देणारी सेवा प्रदान करण्यासाठी बुद्धिमान ग्रंथालय स्वयंचलीत प्रणाली सक्षम करतात. ली, हुआंग, कुर्नियावान आणि हो (2015) च्या मते, हे संशोधन ग्रंथपालांची जागा घेणार नाही. त्यापेक्षा, ग्रंथालयांमधील वेळखाऊ आणि अप्रभावी नोकऱ्यांपासून मुक्त होण्याला ही प्रणाली प्राधान्य देईल, जेणेकरून ग्रंथपाल वापरकर्त्यांशी संवाद साधण्यासाठी अधिक वेळ घालवतील. मानवी वर्तनाचे अनुकरण करण्यास कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता प्रणाली सक्षम आहे आणि परिणामी ती ग्रंथालयांमध्ये मनु"यबळाचे स्थान घेते.

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे क्षेत्र दिवसेंदिवस वाढत आहे आणि त्याचा योग्य अवलंब करून ग्रंथालयांमध्ये त्याची योग्य ती अंमलबजावणी केली पाहिजे. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये ही प्राथमिक ठिकाणे आहेत, जिथे या बुद्धिमान तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर केला जातो. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे मानवी समाजातील खरे महत्त्व त्याच्या योग्य तांत्रिक उपयोगांद्वारे नव्हे तर त्याच्या मुख्य अनुप्रयोगांद्वारे दिसून येते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता अनुप्रयोगांचे अंतिम उद्दिष्ट मानवी कार्ये स्वयंचलित करणे हे आहे. ग्रंथालय कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या मदतीने ग्रंथपालनाच्या क्षेत्रात मोठी प्रगती करण्याची क्षमता ठेवते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेमध्ये पुनर्प्राप्ती, तपास आणि अन्वेषण यासारख्या सेवा वाढविण्यासाठी अधिक कार्यक्षम पद्धती देण्याची लवचितकता दिसून येते. बुद्धिमत्ता माहिती प्रणालीद्वारे मानवी क्षमता वाढवल्या तसेच सुधारल्याही जाऊ शकतात यात शंका नाही. ग्रंथालय कर्मचाऱ्यांद्वारे ग्रंथालयातील वापरकर्त्यांना माहिती संसाधने आणि सेवा प्रदान करण्याच्या सर्व बाबींवर कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता लागू केली जाऊ शकते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता सामग्री संकलनावर अंतर्दृष्टी देऊ शकेल, तसेच सेवांच्या श्रेणीमध्ये जलद सामग्री प्रसारित करेल. माहिती तंत्रज्ञान वापरकर्ते आणि ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिक (अजकाये, 2022) यांच्यातील सुधारित संबंधांचा परिणाम म्हणून सहकार्यता प्रणाली अखेरीस विकसित होईल.

2. पद्धती

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता या अभ्यासाने एक पद्धतशीर पुनरावलोकन प्रक्रिया पार केली आहे. एका विशिष्ट विषयावर उपलब्ध असलेल्या उत्कृष्ट संशोधनाचे मूल्यमापन आणि संकलन करणारी एक सु–परिभाषित आणि संघटित प्रक्रिया म्हणजे कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता होय. विषयाची माहिती नामांकित जर्नल्समधून तसेच नियतकालिकांमधून गोळा केला जातो आणि पद्धतशीरपणे विश्लेषण करून माहिती सादर केली जाते. सामग्री विश्लेषणामध्ये साहित्य पुनरावलोकन यांचा समावेश आहे.

3. अभ्यासाचे उद्दिष्ट्ये

•ग्रंथालय प्रचालन (ऑपरेशन) आणि वापरकर्ता सेवांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे फायदे शोधणे.

• ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता स्वीकारण्याशी संबंधित फायदे आणि आव्हाने शोधणे.

• डिजिटल युगातील ग्रंथालयात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा सहभाग शोधने.

•कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ताग्रंथालयाची तत्त्वे कशा पद्धतीने पूर्ण करते याचा शोध घेणे.

4. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे घटक

4.1 रोबोटिक्सः

ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि रोबोटिक्सचा समावेश करण्यामध्ये ग्रंथालय सेवांच्या सर्व पैलूंमध्ये प्रगती सादर करण्याची क्षमता आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता–चालित रोबोट्स नियमित यादीबद्ध अंकेक्षण करू शकते तसेच ग्रंथालयाचा कॅटलॉग चालू राहण्याची खात्री प्रदान करते. हे मानवीय तंत्रांपेक्षा अधिक कार्यक्षमतेने हरवलेल्या किंवा चुकीच्या ठिकाणी असलेल्या वस्तूंची त्वरित ओळख सुलभतेने करते. कप्पे शोधून आणि त्यांना योग्य दिशेने निर्देशित करून ग्रंथालयाच्या आत पुस्तके शोधण्यात वापरकर्त्यांची सोय करू शकते. ग्रंथालय सुरक्षा सुधारण्यासाठी अशी प्रणाली वापरली जाऊ शकते, जी एक स्मार्ट देखभाल करू शकते.

4.2 चॅटबॉक्सः

चॅटबॉक्स विशिष्ट चॅट एप्लिकेशनसाठी ग्राफिकल यूजर इंटरफेस म्हणून काम करतो. चॅटबॉक्सेस बहुतेकदा कंपनीच्या वेबसाइटवर पॉप–अप विंडो म्हणून वापरल्या जातात, ज्यामुळे वापरकर्त्यांना मानव प्रतिनिधी किंवा कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता बॉट मध्ये सहभागी होता येते. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये चॅटबॉट समाकलित केल्याने वापरकर्त्यांचा सहभाग आणि सहाय्य लक्षणीयरीत्या वाढू शकतो. हे चोवीस तास वापरकर्ता समर्थन देते, त्वरित प्रतिसाद प्रदान करते आणि वापरकर्त्यांना आवश्यक अशी माहिती पुरवते. याव्यतिरिक्त, ते पुस्तके, जर्नल्स आणि संसाधनांसाठी वैयक्तिकृत शिफारसी देते. एक निपुण आणि अंतर्ज्ञानी चॅटबॉटमध्ये संपूर्णपणे वापरकर्ता अनुभव सुधारण्याची तसेच मोठ्याा लोकसंख्याशास्त्रीय ग्रंथालय संसाधनांची प्रवेशयोग्यता विस्तृत करण्याची संभाव्यता आहे. चॅटबॉट हा एक सॉफ्टवेअर प्रोग्राम आहे. त्याच्या नावावरून आपण देखील अंदाज लावू शकतो की, हे सॉफ्टवेअर आहे जे आपोआप चार्टिंगसाठी वापरले जाते. येथे व्यक्तिचलितपणे आपल्यासह चार्ट घेणार नाही. सर्वात संभाव्य प्रश्न आणि त्यांची उत्तरे चॅटबॉटमध्ये आधीपासून प्रविष्ट केलेली असतात. आपण कोणत्याही समस्या शोधतो तेव्हा ते आपल्याला उत्तर प्रदान करते. जर आपल्या समस्येचे निराकरण झाले नाही तर ते आपल्याला ग्राहक सेवा समर्थनाशी संपर्क साधण्यास सांगते.

4.3मोठा डेटा (बिग डेटा):

बिग डेटा म्हणजे अत्यंत मोठे आणि जटिल डेटा संच होय. डेटाच्या विस्तृत आकाराचे संकलन, संचयन, देखभाल, व्यवस्थापन आणि विश्लेषण करून वर्तमान तंत्रज्ञान वाढवणे हे मोठ्याा डेटाचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. मुबलक डेटाच्या युगात, डेटाच्या कार्यक्षम उपयोगाने तांत्रिक प्रगतीला वेग दिला आहे. ज्यामुळे पारंपारिक शिक्षण पद्धतींच्या परिवर्तनाद्वारे विज्ञान आणि तंत्रज्ञानाच्या क्षेत्रातील चौकशी वाढली आहे. ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या सेवा अधिकाधिक वर्धित करण्यासाठी वापरकर्त्याचे व्यवहार, आवड–निवड आणि कल तपासण्यासाठी मोठ्याा डेटा विश्लेषणाचा वापर करू शकतात.

4.4 नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (नॅचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग) :

हे कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) (एआय) चे एक क्षेत्र आहे जे मानवी भाषेचे अर्थशास्त्र आणि त्यांच्या नैसर्गिक स्वरुपात अर्थ समजून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न करते ज्यामध्ये नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रियेचा (नॅचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग) (एनएलपी) समावेश होतो. प्राथमिक उद्दिष्ट मजकूरासह महत्त्वपूर्ण माहिती काढणे आणि प्राप्त अंतर्दृष्टी वापरून डेटा नमुना विकसित करणे हे आहे. एनएलपी ची काही मुख्य कार्ये आहेत. ज्यामध्ये मजकूर वर्गीकरण आणि खनन (डेटा क्लासीफिकेशन ॲंड मायनींग), भावना विश्लेषण, मजकूराचे विश्लेषण, शब्द अनुक्रम, उच्चार ओळखणे आणि निर्मिती, यंत्राद्वारे भाषांतर आणि संवाद प्रणाली यांचा समावेश होतो. आपण ग्रंथालयांमध्ये नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (एनएलपी) समाकलित केल्याने ग्रंथालय उत्पादकता आणि वापरकर्ता अनुभव मोठ्याा प्रमाणात सुधारू शकतो. तसेच ग्रंथालयांची शोध कार्ये सुव्यवस्थित करून संरक्षकांना अधिक प्रामाणिक आणि अत्याधुनिक चौकशी सादर करण्यास सक्षम करते. याव्यतिरिक्त एनएलपी ग्रंथालयांमधील भाषांसाठी भाषांतर सेवा प्रदान करण्यात मदत करू शकते, ज्यामुळे व्यापक प्रेक्षकांसाठी संसाधनांची सुलभता वाढू शकते.

4.5 नमुना ओळख:

न्मुलर ओळख हा डेटा विश्लेषणाचा दृष्टीकोन आहे, जो डेटामधील नियमितता तसेच कल स्वयंचलितपणे शोधण्यासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता कार्यसूची (अल्गोरिदम) वापरतो. डेटा अनेक प्रकारचा असू शकतो, ज्यामध्ये मजकूर, प्रतिमा, ध्वनी आणि इतर शोधण्यायोग्य बाबींचा समावेश आहे. नमुना ओळख कार्यसूची ओळखल्या गेलेल्या संरचनेचा द्रुत आणि अचूकपणे शोध घेऊ शकते. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या एकत्रीकरणामध्ये ग्रंथालय कार्यक्षमतेच्या आणि एकूण वापरकर्त्याच्या अनुभवाच्या असंख्य पैलूंमध्ये लक्षणीय सुधारणा करण्याची क्षमता आहे. नमुना ओळखण्याच्या घटकांमध्ये डेटा गोळा करणे, प्राथमिक प्रक्रिया करणे, वैशिष्ट्ये काढणे, नमुना निवडणे आणि प्रशिक्षण आणि मूल्यमापन यांचा समावेश होतो.

4.6 मजकूर डेटा मायनिंग:

मजकूर खनन (शोध) हा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर असंरचित तसेच अवर्गीकृत मजकूर डेटामधून मौल्यवान आणि अर्थपूर्ण माहिती शोधणे, पुनर्प्राप्त करणे आणि काढण्यासाठी पद्धतशीर दृष्टीकोन आहे. वर्गीकरण, कीवर्ड शोध आणि विषय नमुने आणि समूह यासारख्या अनेक उद्देशांसाठी ग्रंथालय सेवांमध्ये मजकूर खनन मोठ्याा प्रमाणावर वापरले जाते. हे ऍप्लिकेशन ग्रंथालयांना माहिती व्यवस्थापन, माहिती पुनर्प्राप्ती आणि निर्णय घेण्यामध्ये त्यांची कार्यक्षमता सुधारण्यास मदत करतात (अरशद, एम, 2020).

5. ग्रंथपालपद तत्त्वांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता

डॉ. रंगनाथन यांची पाच तत्त्वे हा ग्रंथपालपदाचा मुलभूत पाया आहे. ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथालय माहिती संसाधने आणि सेवांचे वितरण या पाच मुख्य मूल्यांद्वारे वैशिष्ट्यीकृत आहे (अजकाये, 2022). कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता प्रत्येक तत्त्वांशी कसे संरेखित होते ते खाली वर्णन केले आहे.

5.1 पुस्तके वापरण्यासाठी आहेत :

ग्रंथालयांच्या माहिती संसाधनांच्या वापरास सर्व प्रक्रिया आणि क्रियाकलापांद्वारे प्रोत्साहन दिले जाते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता तंत्रज्ञान ग्रंथ आणि इतर माहिती संसाधनांचा वापर सुलभता वाढवून अधिक सुलभ करतात. आता बहुतेक पुस्तके डिजिटल स्वरूपात उपलब्ध असल्याने, त्यांच्या वाढलेल्या प्रवेशक्षमतेमुळे वाचक त्यांचा वापर पूर्वीपेक्षा अधिक करू शकतात.

5.2 प्रत्येक वाचकासाठी ग्रंथ :

विशिष्ट प्रकारची ग्रंथालये अस्तित्वात असूनही, ग्रंथालय वापरकर्त्यांच्या विविध श्रेणींना प्रतिबिंबित करतात. म्हणून, विविध गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालये माहिती संसाधने मिळवितात. प्रत्येक व्यक्तीकडे एक विशिष्ट पुस्तक किंवा माहितीचे संसाधन उपलब्ध असते, जे त्यांच्या वर्तमान माहितीची आवश्यकता पूर्ण करते. ग्रंथालय संरक्षकांना पुस्तक मिळणे महत्त्वाचे आहे. शिफारस प्रणालीसारख्या बुद्धिमान प्रणालींचे अस्तित्व ही क्षमता सक्षम करते. संकलन विकास ग्रंथपालांना संपादनासाठी संसाधने सुचवण्याव्यतिरिक्त, ते वापरकर्त्याला त्यांच्या माहितीच्या गरजा पूर्ण करणारी सर्वोत्तम उपलब्ध माहिती देखील सुचवू शकते.

5.3 प्रत्येक ग्रंथासाठी वाचक :

प्रत्येक ग्रंथाचा स्वतःचा विशिष्ट असा वाचक असतो. कप्प्यावर पुस्तके किंवा इतर माहिती संसाधने वापरणे किंवा सोडणे अयोग्य आहे. या संसाधनांचा ग्रंथालयांमध्ये वापर करणे आवश्यक आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता अशी एक यंत्रणा स्थापन करून वापरकर्ते आणि पुस्तके यांच्यातील परस्परसंवाद सुलभ करते, जे केवळ लोकांना पुस्तकाकडे आकर्षित करत नाही तर ते पुस्तक वापरकर्त्यांपर्यंत पोहोचवते.

5.4 वाचकांचा वेळ वाचावा :

यशाचा सर्वोच्च बिंदू गाठणे हा ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता लागू करण्याचा प्राथमिक उद्देश आहे. वापरकर्त्यांची अधिकाधिक वाढ होवून ते कमी विलंब सहन करतात. एक बुद्धिमान प्रणाली कार्यक्षमतेने ग्रंथालय वापरकर्त्याच्या आवश्यकतांचे स्पष्टीकरण देते आणि त्यांच्या समस्यांना त्वरित प्रतिसाद देते. याव्यतिरिक्त, एक अत्याधुनिक कार्यसूची (अल्गोरिदम) वापरकर्त्यांच्या सध्याच्या स्थितीपासून ग्रंथालयांमधील माहिती संसाधनाच्या स्थानापर्यंत सर्वात कार्यक्षम मार्ग ओळखण्यास सक्षम करते. हे बुद्धिमान तंत्रज्ञान वापरकर्ते आणि पुस्तकांची ठिकाणे शोधण्यात सक्षम आहे आणि त्यांच्या परस्परसंवादाची सोय करण्यासाठी दिशानिर्देश प्रदान करते.

5.5 ग्रंथालय ही वर्धिष्णू संस्था आहे :

अलिकडच्या दहा वर्षांत ग्रंथालयांचे स्वरूप बदलले आहे. याचे कारण असे की, ग्रंथालय ही एक जुळवून घेणारी संस्था आहे आणि तिने कधीही कठोर दृष्टीकोन बाळगू नये. ग्रंथपालपदाचा सिद्धांत आणि व्यवहारात काही प्रमाणात विकास झाल्याचे आढळते. ग्रंथालय आणि माहिती केंद्रांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेची अंमलबजावणी केल्याने ग्रंथालय वापरकर्त्यांसाठी विस्तार आणि त्यांना योग्य सेवा देता येते.

6. ग्रंथालय सेवा वितरीत करण्यासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेची आज्ञावली

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांनी डिजिटल युगात त्यांची भूमिका पुन्हा नव्याने शोधून काढणे आणि समजून घेणे आवश्यक आहे. जेणेकरुन ते प्रदान करत असलेल्या सेवांच्या गुणवत्तेत अधिकाधिक सुधारणा होवून कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या शक्यतांचा अधिक चांगला फायदा होवू शकतो. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता ही माहिती वापरण्यासाठी आणि उत्कृष्ट परिणाम मिळविण्यासाठी एक अत्यंत फायदेशीर आणि कार्यक्षम दृष्टीकोन प्रदान करणारी आज्ञावली आहे. ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या सेवांच्या गुणवत्तेचे सुयोग्य मूल्यांकन करण्यासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेसह प्रगत तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करण्यासाठी स्वतःला स्थान देत आहेत.

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचे महत्व ग्रंथालयाच्या खालील क्षेत्रात समाविष्ट आहे.

6.1 संशोधनः

अशी विकसित केलेली प्रणाली आहे, जी वापरकर्ते विशिष्ट विषय प्रमाणीत स्त्रोतांसह शोधण्यासाठी वापरू शकतात. ही एक प्रणाली आहे, जी संदर्भ कौशल्ये शिकवते किंवा संदर्भ ग्रंथपाल तसेच त्यांच्या कौशल्यांचा सराव करणाऱ्या माहिती व्यावसायिकांना स्वयंचलित सहाय्य प्रदान करते.

6.2 संदर्भ सेवाः

संदर्भ सेवा प्रदान करणे, हे ग्रंथालयाचे प्राथमिक कार्य आहे आणि या संदर्भात तज्ञ प्रणाली संदर्भ ग्रंथपालाची भूमिका पार पाडू शकते. तज्ञ प्रणाली वापरकर्त्याला कोणत्या प्रकारची माहिती आवश्यक आहे, हे विचारू शकते आणि नंतर ती समाविष्ट करू शकेल अशी संसाधने सादर करू शकते.

6.3 ऑनलाइन संदर्भ सहाय्य (ऑनलाईन रेफरन्स असिस्टन्स्–ओआरए) :

ग्रंथालयामध्ये विविध प्रकारच्या तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून निम्न आणि मध्यम स्तरावरील चौकशीसाठी संस्थेच्या संदर्भ ग्रंथपालाद्वारे प्रदान केलेल्या समर्थन सेवांमध्ये वाढ करणे, हे या प्रणालीचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. हे निवडींच्या क्षेत्रांसह सुसज्ज आहे, जे अनावश्यक शंका दूर करते. हे एकतर मदत प्रणाली किंवा विविध डेटाबेसेस आणि सीडी–रोम संदर्भ साधनांसाठी वापरकर्ता संवादक (इंटरफेस) म्हणून काम करू शकते.

6.4 पॉइंटर :

ज्ञान–आधारित प्रणाली हे या प्रकारच्या प्रणालीचे दुसरे नाव आहे, परंतु ते संगणक–समर्थित स्त्रोतसारखे कार्य करते. परिणामी, वापरकर्त्यांना संदर्भ सामग्रीकडे निर्देशित केले जाते.

7. ग्रंथालय कार्यांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा वापर

7.1 कॅटलॉगिंग:

सर्वात जुनी ग्रंथालय कलस म्हणून, कॅटलॉगिंग ही एक सुप्रसिद्ध पद्धत आहे. वर्णनात्मक कॅटलॉगिंग प्रक्रिया एएसीआर आधारित मानली जात असल्याने, तज्ञ प्रणालींच्या वापराद्वारे स्वयंचलित कॅटलॉगिंगसाठी सध्याचे प्रयत्न या विशिष्ट पद्धतीवर केंद्रित आहेत. कॅटलॉगिंगमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता प्रक्रियांचा समावेश दोन वेगवेगळ्याा प्रकारे पूर्ण केला जाऊ शकतो.

7.1.1 संवादक :

संवादक (इंटरफेस) जो बौद्धिक प्रयत्नांना मध्यस्थ आणि समर्थन प्रणाली या दरम्यान विभाजित करतो तसेच मानव आणि मशीन यांच्यातील संवाद सुलभ करतो.

7.1.2 इलेक्ट्रॉनिक प्रकाशन प्रणाली :

विस्तृत कॅटलॉगिंग कार्यक्षमतेसह इलेक्ट्रॉनिक प्रकाशन प्रणालीसह अखंडपणे सुसंगत असलेलामजकूर ऑनलाइन तयार केल्यामुळे स्वयंचलित प्रक्रियेस परवानगी देते. कौशल्य–आधारित प्रणाली आणि कॅटलॉगिंग प्रक्रियेदरम्यान मध्यस्थांकडून कोणत्याही बौद्धिक हस्तक्षेपाची आवश्यकता दूर करते.

7.2 वर्गीकरण:

तज्ञ प्रणालीसाठी आणखी एक आव्हानात्मक क्षेत्र म्हणजे वर्गीकरण. वस्तू आणि वर्गांमधील संबंध वारंवार गोंधळात टाकणारे असतात आणि कोणत्याही कठोर आणि जलद नियमांशिवाय वर्गीकरण क्रमांक आणि विषय शीर्षके निर्धारित करण्यासाठी शिफारसी उपलब्ध असतात. वर्गक्रमांक आणि विषय शीर्षके वाटपासाठी प्रणाली तयार करण्यावर संशोधन भर देत आहे.

7.3 संपादन:

संग्रह विभागासाठी साहित्य निवडण्याची आणि मिळवण्याची प्रक्रिया हा ग्रंथालयाचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग आहे आणि या प्रयत्नात ग्रंथपाल तसेच माहिती अधिकारी महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात. ग्रंथालय वापरकर्ते ई–संग्रहण विकासात महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात आणि या प्रक्रियेदरम्यान त्यांची मदत आणि सूचना घेणे अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे. मोनोग्राफ निवड सल्लागार हा ग्रंथालयशास्त्राच्या व्यवसायात ग्रंथालय संग्रहांच्या विकासामध्ये वेगाने वाढणाऱ्या तंत्रज्ञानाचा एक नाविन्यपूर्ण वापर आहे. नमुना केलेले कार्य ही पद्धतशीर प्रक्रिया आहे, ज्याद्वारे विषय ग्रंथकार मोनोग्राफबद्दल विशिष्ट तपशील निवडतो. ज्ञान संग्रहणात सर्वसमावेशक व्याप्ती असणे आवश्यक आहे, तर संवादक (इंटरफेस) वापरकर्ता–अनुकूल असावा, ग्रंथालयाला उपकरणामार्फत आवश्यक माहिती सहजतेने प्राप्त करण्यास सक्षम करते (बॅनर्जी, एम, एस, 2022).

7.4 अनुक्रमणिका:

अनुक्रमणिका प्रकाशनांसाठी तज्ञ प्रणाली तयार करण्यात आली आहे ज्यामध्ये प्रतिबंधित शब्दसंग्रह संज्ञा निवडणे आणि वाटप करणे, जे मौखिक वर्णनांप्रमाणे समान संकल्पनात्मक अर्थ सामायिक करतात, नियतकालिक लेखांच्या अनुक्रमणिकेसाठी संकल्पना परिभाषित करणे आणि त्यांचे मौखिक वर्णनांमध्ये भाषांतर करणे समाविष्ट आहे. अनुक्रमणिकेची सुसंगतता आणि गुणवत्ता सुधारणे हे प्रक्रियेच्या मुख्य भागांना स्वयंचलित करण्याचे लक्ष्य आहे. कार्यसूची संबंधित इष्ट अटी निर्धारित करण्यासाठी अनुक्रम तयार करणाऱ्याने प्रदान केलेला डेटा वापरून स्वतःच योग्य उपविभाग नियुक्त करण्यास सक्षम आहेत. अनुमान काढण्यास आणि नंतर योग्य कृती करण्यास ही प्रणाली सक्षम आहे. "मेड इंडेक्स" ही एक नमुना अनुक्रमणिका प्रणाली आहे, जी ग्रंथालय अनुक्रमनिका कार्यांसाठी लागू केली जाते. ग्रंथालय वापरकर्त्यांपैकी फक्त काही टक्के लोक ज्ञान–आधारित प्रणालींचा उपयोग करतात. वाचक सहसा या तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करत नाहीत. कारण हे तंत्रज्ञान त्यांच्यासाठी पुरेसे नाही.

7.5 संग्रहण विकासः

प्रकाशने उपलब्ध करताना विक्रेत्याच्या भूतकाळातील यशस्वी व्यवहारांचे अधिकाधिक विश्लेषण करून त्यांना ओळखण्यासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता प्रणाली विकसित केली जाऊ शकते. परि"ाद कार्यवाही, परदेशी भाषा किंवा राष्ट्रांमधील नियतकालिके तसेच जर्नल प्रकाशने आणि विशिष्ट तांत्रिक अहवाल यासारखी गैरमानक माहिती सामग्री मिळविण्यासाठी हे तंत्रज्ञान अधिक फायदेशीर असेल. शिवाय, संशोधनातूनही असे दिसून आले आहे की, निवड प्रक्रियेत मदत करण्यासाठी ग्रंथपालपदाच्या क्षेत्रात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) प्रणाली तयार करण्यात आली आहे.

7.6 ओपॅक परिसंचरण :

ओपॅकची चलनप्रक्रिया कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स) च्या साहाय्याने ग्रंथालय साहित्य पुनर्प्राप्त करणे सोपे करू शकते. नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (नॅचरल लँग्वेज प्रोसेसिंग) भाषिक अडथळे दूर करण्यात मदत करू शकते आणि डेटाबेस, अनुक्रमणिका आणि कॅटलॉगमधून योग्य माहिती पुनर्प्राप्त करण्यात मदत करू शकते. माहिती शोधताना, वापरकर्ते त्यांच्या गरजा त्यांच्या मातृभाषेत व्यक्त करू शकतात. जे शोध आणि पुनर्प्राप्ती प्रक्रियेची प्रभावीता सुलभ करते आणि सुधारते. यामुळे वापरकर्ते आता क्लिष्ट पुनर्प्राप्ती भाषा निर्दिष्ट करू शकतात. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता सहाय्यक तंत्रज्ञानाची ग्रंथालय वापरकर्त्यांना शोध साधनांमध्ये मदत होवू शकते. ग्रंथालये अधिकाधिक डिजिटल संसाधनांच्या माध्यमातून सेवा पूरवित आहेत, तरीही मुद्रित सामग्रीवर जास्त अवलंबून आहेत. विशेषतः शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांना मुद्रित आणि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक दोन्ही माहिती संसाधने आणि सेवा प्रदान करण्याच्या एकत्रित प्रयत्नामुळे जागा आणि कौशल्याच्या अडचणींचा सामना करावा लागत आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर या समस्यांचे निराकरण करण्यात मदत करू शकतो (अजकाये, 2022).

8 ग्रंथालयात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा प्रभाव :

ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा उपयोग करून ग्रंथालय कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या दृष्टीकोनात बदल करणे आवश्यक आहे. जेणेकरून त्यांना त्यातून अधिक फायदा होईल. ग्रंथालयाच्या कार्यावर कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा परिणाम होवून ग्रंथपाल आणि व्यवस्थापन यांना त्याचा फायदा होऊ शकतो. ग्रंथालयावर कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा कसा प्रभाव पडतो याबद्दल आपण चर्चा करू शकतो.

8.1 आभासी सहाय्यकः

ग्राहक समर्थन करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयाद्वारे आभासी सहाय्यकचा प्रस्ताव चोवीस तास अविरतपणे दिला जात आहे. ही कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता–सक्षम साधने वापरकर्त्यांना ग्रंथालय संसाधने आणि सेवा निर्देशित करण्यात, संशोधन मार्गदर्शन, संदर्भ सेवा आणि वारंवार विचारल्या जाणाऱ्या प्रश्नांची उत्तरे देण्यात मदत करतात.

8.2 ई–संसाधन व्यवस्थापनः

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस) सामग्री व्यवस्थापन, वर्गीकरण आणि मेटाडेटा शोधणे यांसारखी क्रिया संगणकीकृत करून डिजिटल संग्रहणाची क्रिया सुलभ करते. मशिन लर्निंग कार्यसूचीद्वारे विषयाचे महत्व किंवा प्रासंगिकता अधिक सोपी केली जाते, जी डिजिटल संसाधनांचे कॅटलॉगिंग आणि पुनर्प्राप्ती सुलभ करते.

8.3 सुरक्षा आणि गोपनीयताः

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता उपाय ग्रंथालयांना संवेदनशील वापरकर्त्यांच्या माहितीचे रक्षण करण्यासाठी तसेच गोपनीयता नियमांचे पालन सुनिश्चित करण्यात मदत करतात. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता–संचालित सुरक्षा प्रणाली सायबर धोके शोधू शकतात आणि ते कमी करू शकतात, चुकीचे तसेच गैरवर्तन ओळखू शकतात आणि माहितीच्या उल्लंघनापासून संरक्षण करू शकतात. वापरकर्त्यांची सुरक्षा आणि गोपनीयता सुनिश्चित करू शकतात.

8.4 डिजिटल साहित्य संग्रहित करणेः

सुधारित दृष्यीकरण (व्हिज्युअलायझेशन), डिजिटलीकरण आणि पुनर्संचयित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ग्रंथालय संग्रहांचे जतन आणि संवर्धन करण्यात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता सुलभ ठरते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता कार्यसूची प्रतिमा गुणवत्ता सुधारू शकतात, विकृती बाहेर काढून टाकू शकतात आणि सांस्कृतिक ताबा दीर्घकाळ टिकवून ठेवण्याची हमी देऊन खराब होणाऱ्या सामग्रीची दुरुस्ती करू शकतात.

8.5 सुलभता सुधारः

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता तंत्रज्ञान अपंग वापरकर्त्यांसाठी चित्र ओळख, भा"ाण ओळख आणि स्वयंचलित भा"ाण रूपांतरण यासारख्या क्षमता प्रदान करून प्रवेशयोग्यता सेवा सुधारतात. वापरकर्त्यांना ग्रंथालय संसाधनांशी पर्यायी स्वरूपात संवाद साधण्याची परवानगी देऊन, हे उपाय सर्वांसाठी माहितीची उपलब्धता आणि प्रवेशक्षमता वाढवतात.

9. निष्कर्ष

"कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता" चा वापर ही ग्रंथालयाच्या क्षेत्रात एक महत्वपूर्ण उदयोन्मुख तांत्रिक प्रगती आहे. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता लागू केल्याने माहिती सामग्रीची तरतूद, प्रक्रिया, वापर आणि सुरक्षितता वाढविण्याच्या दृष्टीने मोठे आश्वासन आहे. ग्रंथालयामध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेच्या अंमलबजावणीशी संबंधित सूचना आणि संशोधन समस्यांचे निराकरण करण्यासाठी कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र मधील संशोधक तज्ञांनी एकत्र काम केले पाहिजे. ग्रंथालयांसाठी हे महत्त्वपूर्ण आहे. कारण ते वापरकर्त्यांचे अनुभव वाढवते, उत्पादकता वाढवते आणि नेहमी बदलणाऱ्या माहिती वातावरणाशी जुळवून घेण्यास सक्षम करते. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता तंत्रांना समाकलित करणाऱ्या सक्षम नमुना निर्मितीमुळे, अगदी दूरच्या भविष्यात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता प्रत्येक विषयात ही समस्या सोडवण्यास सक्षम असेल. तांत्रिक सेवा सुधारण्यासाठी, म्हणजे माहिती प्रक्रिया आणि प्रशासन या क्षेत्रात, एक अत्याधुनिक तज्ञ प्रणाली विकसित केली जाईल.

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Redefining Library Spaces

Embedded Libraries: Transforming Libraries into Innovation Hubs

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Abstract

In today's rapidly evolving world, libraries are facing the challenge of staying relevant in an era increasingly dominated by digital technology and innovation. Once seen primarily as spaces for books and quiet study, libraries are now being recognized as crucial hubs for community engagement, innovation, and knowledge dissemination. This paper explores the concept of "embedded libraries"—a model where libraries are integrated within various sectors of society, from educational institutions to tech startups, healthcare centers, and public service spaces. By embedding libraries within diverse contexts, they have the potential to foster creativity, support digital literacy, and drive economic and social innovation. This paper examines the benefits, challenges, and future opportunities of transforming libraries into dynamic innovation hubs that bridge the digital divide and contribute to the knowledge economy.

Keywords: Embedded libraries, innovation hubs, library evolution, digital literacy, knowledge economy, community engagement, collaborative spaces, makerspaces, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship, information access, interdisciplinary collaboration, library transformation, social impact, technology-driven libraries, library sustainability, economic development, access to information, public libraries, health innovation, digital divide.

Introduction

Libraries have long been sanctuaries of knowledge, offering access to books, archives, and a quiet space for study. However, as technology reshapes nearly every aspect of life, the role of libraries must also evolve. Libraries are increasingly being seen as more than just repositories of information; they are emerging as key players in fostering innovation, creativity, and collaboration within communities. The idea of "embedded libraries" refers to integrating libraries into non-traditional spaces, extending their role far beyond the physical building and making them accessible in more practical, community-oriented ways.

The shift from static, traditional library spaces to dynamic innovation hubs is being driven by various factors, including the demand for digital literacy, the rise of maker culture, and the

increasing importance of collaborative problem-solving in the modern economy. This paper seeks to explore how embedded libraries can leverage technology, collaboration, and inclusive design to meet the needs of contemporary society and become powerful agents of social and economic transformation.

Objective

The objective of this paper is to explore the concept of embedded libraries and examine how libraries, when integrated into diverse sectors such as education, healthcare, business, and community spaces, can transform into dynamic innovation hubs. The paper aims to evaluate the potential of embedded libraries to foster creativity, support digital literacy, bridge the digital divide, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and contribute to social and economic development. Additionally, the study seeks to assess the challenges and opportunities in reimagining libraries as key players in the modern knowledge economy.

Hypothesis

Embedded libraries, when strategically integrated into various community and organizational settings, enhance access to information, promote innovation, and empower individuals through digital literacy, resulting in more equitable socio-economic outcomes and stronger community engagement. Moreover, libraries that adopt this embedded model will serve as critical catalysts for local economic development and interdisciplinary collaboration, contributing to a more inclusive and sustainable knowledge-driven society.

The Evolution of Libraries: From Silent Repositories to Knowledge Hubs

Traditional Libraries: A Historical Overview

Historically, libraries have been central to academic and intellectual pursuits. They have served as storage spaces for books, manuscripts, and archives, and have functioned primarily as quiet, solitary spaces for reading and research. Libraries traditionally catered to academics, students, and researchers, with a focus on printed materials and individual learning. This model, however, is increasingly seen as outdated as the digital age has radically transformed how people access information and interact with knowledge.

The Digital Revolution and Changing Expectations

The widespread use of the internet, mobile technologies, and digital media has fundamentally changed the way people access information. The ease with which information can be retrieved online has reduced the need for traditional library services, while also creating new challenges. Libraries must now adapt to an environment where digital resources are often the first point of contact for most information seekers. This shift has led to a rethinking of the role of libraries within the broader information ecosystem.

Libraries have begun to offer not just access to information, but opportunities to interact with and create new knowledge. Services now range from providing digital tools, offering training in digital literacy, and supporting community-based innovation efforts, to functioning as collaborative spaces for social entrepreneurship and technological experimentation.

Embedded Libraries: Redefining the Role of Libraries in Society

An embedded library is one that goes beyond the traditional building-based model. It is seamlessly integrated into a variety of settings—academic, corporate, community, healthcare, and governmental. This new model aims to create deeper and more meaningful engagement with diverse user groups, leveraging the library's unique strengths in information access, curation, and knowledge-sharing.

Libraries as Collaborative Innovation Spaces

In the context of innovation, libraries are being embedded within collaborative ecosystems—co-working spaces, tech incubators, and maker labs. By positioning libraries within these spaces, they become central to fostering creativity, knowledge exchange, and multidisciplinary problem-solving.

For example, a university library embedded within a science and technology incubator can provide students and entrepreneurs with access to research databases, specialized texts, and expertise in information management while also facilitating networking and collaboration among different stakeholders. This co-location of library resources within innovative spaces nurtures a culture of creativity and innovation.

Libraries in Healthcare: Bridging Knowledge Gaps

In healthcare settings, embedded libraries can serve as bridges between clinical knowledge and patient care. Digital resources such as evidence-based research, medical journals, and interactive platforms can be accessed by healthcare professionals directly at the point of care. Libraries within hospitals or healthcare institutions can also support patient education by offering resources on health literacy and personal wellness.

Furthermore, libraries embedded in healthcare environments can support health innovation by facilitating collaboration between researchers, medical professionals, and technology developers. In this way, libraries are not merely passive information providers; they are active contributors to the improvement of public health outcomes.

Libraries and Digital Literacy: Empowering Communities

Embedded libraries are also particularly well-suited to addressing the digital divide in underserved communities. By partnering with community centers, social organizations, and even local businesses, libraries can offer digital literacy programs, workshops on coding, and access to computers and the internet. These services are critical for empowering individuals in economically disadvantaged areas and ensuring equitable access to the knowledge economy.

The Role of Libraries in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

Embedded libraries also play a critical role in supporting local entrepreneurship and economic development. Libraries can provide access to market research, business databases, and intellectual property resources that are otherwise expensive or difficult for small business owners to access. They can also act as incubators for startups by offering meeting spaces, access to mentors, and collaborative tools.

For instance, public libraries with embedded entrepreneurial programs can offer workshops on business planning, marketing, and funding strategies. These programs help individuals with ideas and skills but limited resources take the first steps toward creating new businesses and contributing to local economic growth.

Benefits of Embedded Libraries

1. Increased Access to Information

By embedding libraries in various community spaces, the public gains better access to information and resources that might otherwise be inaccessible due to geographical, financial, or educational barriers. This democratization of knowledge fosters greater participation in the knowledge economy.

2. Community Engagement and Empowerment

Libraries embedded within communities become more deeply integrated into the fabric of society. They provide critical resources and services that are tailored to the unique needs of the people they serve. This can result in stronger community cohesion, improved social outcomes, and increased civic engagement.

3. Enhanced Digital Literacy and Innovation Capacity

With a focus on digital literacy, libraries embedded in schools, universities, and public spaces can equip individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in a digital world. This not only enhances personal empowerment but also boosts a community's ability to innovate and compete in the global economy.

4. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

By embedding libraries within diverse sectors, from tech hubs to healthcare institutions, new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration arise. Researchers, entrepreneurs, and professionals from various fields can work together, sharing knowledge and solving complex problems that require a holistic, multi-faceted approach.

5. Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

Embedded libraries are more likely to be sustainable because they are integrated into systems that provide ongoing funding and resources. Whether through collaborations with local businesses, universities, or government agencies, these libraries can achieve long-term impact by aligning their goals with the needs of the communities they serve.

Challenges and Considerations

While the concept of embedded libraries presents exciting possibilities, there are several challenges to overcome:

1. Resource Allocation

Integrating libraries into diverse sectors may require significant investment in technology, staff training, and infrastructure. Ensuring that libraries have the necessary resources to effectively support innovation hubs can be challenging, especially in underfunded or resource-constrained environments.

2. Maintaining Relevance

As libraries move into new spaces, there is a risk that their traditional roles could be diluted. It is essential for libraries to balance their core mission of providing information access with their evolving role in fostering innovation. Without careful planning, there is a risk that libraries may lose sight of their foundational purposes.

3. Inclusivity and Access

In order to be truly transformative, embedded libraries must ensure that they are accessible to all community members, particularly those who are underserved. This requires thoughtful consideration of accessibility issues, including language barriers, physical disabilities, and internet access.

4. Privacy and Security Concerns

With the increasing amount of data being shared and collected within embedded library spaces, issues related to privacy and data security become more critical. Libraries must ensure that users' personal information and intellectual property are protected, particularly in spaces where collaborative innovation takes place.

Conclusion

The transformation of libraries into embedded innovation hubs represents a powerful shift in how knowledge is created, shared, and applied in society. By becoming more integrated into diverse

sectors—education, healthcare, business, and beyond—libraries have the potential to drive innovation, support digital literacy, and contribute to the social and economic empowerment of communities. However, for embedded libraries to realize their full potential, careful consideration must be given to resource allocation, inclusivity, and privacy concerns. As libraries continue to evolve, they can serve as key catalysts in the development of a more equitable and innovative society.

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Abstract:*As institutions across the world work for sustainability, the idea of Green Libraries has risen to popularity. Libraries, as knowledge centers, play a vital part in developing eco-friendly strategies for minimizing their environmental impact. Green technology in libraries includes energy-efficient systems, renewable energy sources, intelligent lighting, sustainable construction, digital resources, and paperless services. The implementation of these technologies improves operating efficiency, lowers costs, and aligns libraries with worldwide sustainability objectives. Libraries that use green technologies can become examples of sustainability while still providing significant services to users. Green libraries additionally assist to raise community awareness and educate people about environmental responsibility, serving as models for sustainability in the public sector. Libraries may drastically decrease their carbon footprint through the adoption of smart building designs, environmentally friendly materials, and innovative waste management systems. Green library initiatives not only help to conserve natural resources, but they also improve the user experience by providing healthier indoor settings and modern, energy-efficient services. This article investigates the different green technologies that modern libraries can embrace, their benefits, the problems associated with their implementation, and the possibilities for future advances in the sector. Libraries that use green technologies can become examples of sustainability while still providing significant services to users.*

Keywords:*Green Library, Sustainable Practices, Renewable Energy, Digitalization, Eco-friendly Libraries*

Introduction:

Concerns about environmental degradation and global warming have shifted the way institutions function, including libraries. Libraries have traditionally been spaces with large physical collections and significant energy use, but as people become more aware of the need of sustainability, they are adopting green technologies. (Ray, 2023) To reduce their environmental impact, green libraries prioritize renewable-efficient solutions, the use of renewable energy sources, trash reduction, and the promotion of digital services.

A wide range of activities are included in the category of green technology in libraries, ranging from the setup of solar panels and intelligent lighting systems to the digitalization of paperless services. Eco-friendly building materials and sustainable library architecture

also contribute to the objective of lowering carbon footprints while preserving operational effectiveness. In addition to supporting global sustainability goals, these projects make indoor spaces healthier for employees and users.

The objective of this paper is to examine how green technology fit into present libraries, what kinds of sustainable practices they can use, and the difficulties they provide. By realizing the potential of green library projects, organizations can effectively serve their communities while taking proactive measures toward a more ecologically conscious future.

There are some main sections or path available in libraries where Green Initiatives or Green Technologies can be done through following methods.

1.Infrastructure with Low Energy Use

Energy-efficient construction in libraries is critical to decreasing energy use and developing sustainability. Libraries are increasingly using smart lighting solutions like LED bulbs, sensors for motion, and solar power systems to save energy. Automated HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) systems provide effective temperature control by altering settings based on occupancy levels, resulting in lower energy use. Furthermore, the use of insulated windows, green roofs, and energy-efficient building materials reduces heat loss and increases thermal efficiency. These techniques greatly reduce operational expenses while providing a more comfortable and sustainable library environment. Libraries may successfully assist with global sustainability initiatives by implementing energy-efficient architecture and maintaining good service delivery standards.

2.Renewable Energy Sources.

Many libraries are turning to sources of clean energy to build sustainable, eco-friendly surroundings. Solar panels have become a popular solution, allowing libraries to use solar power to generate electricity, reducing dependency on traditional energy networks and lowering operating expenses. Wind energy is another efficient way to generate electricity in locations with good wind conditions (Hauke, Charney, & Sahavirrta, 2018). Wind turbines can help libraries lower their carbon footprint and encourage sustainability. Furthermore, geothermal heating and cooling systems are increasingly being used to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels. These systems employ the earth's natural temperature to regulate indoor environment, providing a green alternative to traditional heating and cooling methods.

3.Conservation of Water Strategies.

Water conservation measures are an essential aspect of green technology in libraries, contributing to sustainability and reducing environmental impact. Libraries can implement various strategies to minimize water usage, starting with the installation of low-flow faucets, toilets, and urinals to reduce water wastage. Rainwater harvesting systems can be set up to collect and store rainwater, which can then be used for irrigation, landscaping, or even flushing toilets. In addition, libraries can adopt water-efficient landscaping practices, such as xeriscaping, which involves using drought-resistant plants that require less water. The use of water-efficient cleaning methods and equipment can also significantly reduce water consumption in library maintenance. By implementing these water conservation measures, libraries not only cut operational costs but also demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability. Educating library users about the importance of water conservation further enhances the library's role as a community leader in promoting green practices.

4.Digitization and paperless services.

Digitalization and paperless services are important components of green technology in libraries, as they considerably reduce paper use and promote environmental sustainability. Libraries reduce their reliance on paper-based records and documents by using digital systems for categorization, lending, and resource access. Digital catalogs and e-books minimize the demand for printed products, thereby conserving forests and reducing trash. Furthermore, providing online services such as digital reference assistance, virtual library tours, and e-resources allows users to access information without requiring physical materials, contributing to a paperless environment. The transition to digital communication, such as emails or digital newsletters, also reduces paper consumption. Libraries can manage data using energy-efficient servers and cloud storage, which reduces the environmental effect of keeping physical archives. Libraries that embrace digital technologies and paperless services not only improve user comfort, but also play an important role in promoting sustainability and lowering their environmental imprint.

5.Sustainable Library Design

Modern libraries are increasingly adopting sustainable architecture to reduce environmental impact and enhance user experience. Eco-friendly materials, such as recycled or locally sourced products, are used in construction to minimize waste and energy consumption. Natural lighting systems reduce the need for artificial lighting, conserving energy and creating a brighter, more inviting space. Green buildings often include proper ventilation and waste management systems, improving indoor air quality and promoting a healthier environment. Additionally, biophilic design elements, like indoor

plants and natural wood finishes, not only beautify the space but also foster a connection with nature, supporting sustainability and well-being.

6.**Waste Management & Recycling Systems**

Libraries are establishing excellent trash management and recycling systems to encourage sustainability. Recycling separation systems enable to separate paper, electronics, and other materials for recycling, minimizing landfill trash. Book donation and repurposing projects help to reduce book waste while also offering crucial resources to impoverished communities. Furthermore, libraries with cafeterias or garden areas are implementing composting procedures to manage organic waste, converting it into nutrient-rich compost rather of sending it to landfills. These activities not only promote environmental sustainability, but also encourage involvement in the community and social responsibility in the library setting.

- **Challenges in Applying Green Technologies**

While the adoption of green technology in libraries offers numerous environmental benefits, it is not without its challenges (Anwar & Wei, 2022). There are some challenges or hurdles are as follows.

- High initial investment costs prevent many libraries from adopting green technologies.
- The lack of technical skills in operating renewable energy systems creates obstacles.
- Reaction to change within library staff and consumers might hinder the adoption of digital services.
- Limited government funding and policy support prevent large-scale implementation of green ideas.

- **Advantages of Green Technology in Libraries**

Green technologies in libraries help reduce energy consumption and operational costs. They also contribute to environmental sustainability and create healthier spaces for users.

- They improve resource efficiency through promoting digital resources, decreasing paper consumption, and introducing recycling efforts, all of which assist in environmental sustainability.

- Libraries improve services through digitization and smart technology, such as automated circulation, e-books, and AI-driven cataloging, resulting in more effective resource management. Additionally, sensor-based lighting and climate control technologies help to conserve energy.
- Green libraries encourage user participation by creating eco-friendly facilities that include natural lighting, green spaces, and ergonomic architecture. These venues promote involvement in sustainability initiatives, workshops, and digital literacy programs, thereby improving awareness of environmental responsibility.
- Green libraries conserve resources while also creating dynamic, technology-driven learning spaces that benefit both users and the world.

Conclusion:

The implementation of green technologies in libraries is critical for long-term sustainability and operational efficiency. Libraries may drastically reduce their environmental effect by incorporating energy-efficient technology, solar power, conservation of water practices, and digitalization. Despite the hurdles, strategic planning, policy support, and technological developments can help libraries move to more environmentally friendly practices. As the demand for sustainable practices develops, libraries must continue to innovate and provide role models for environmentally friendly behavior.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARIES: AN IOT-BASED FRAMEWORK AND REVIEW

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Abstract : *The Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a transformative technology across various domains, and library science is no exception. This review paper explores the integration, implications, and potential of IoT technologies in modern library environments, examining how interconnected smart devices are revolutionizing traditional library management, user experience, and information services.*

Keywords: *Internet of things (IoT), cybersecurity, catboat, Artificial Intelligence, RFID.*

Introduction

The Internet of Things represents a paradigm shift in technological infrastructure, characterized by interconnected devices that communicate and exchange data autonomously. The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items embedded with sensors, software, and connectivity, allowing them to collect and exchange data. The IoT has transformed various industries, including healthcare, transportation, and education. In library contexts, IoT offers unprecedented opportunities to enhance operational efficiency, user engagement, and resource management through intelligent, networked systems. Libraries, as institutions that provide access to information and knowledge, are also exploring the potential of IoT to improve their services and operations.

What is Internet of Things (IoT)?

"The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a vast network of physical devices, vehicles, appliances, and other items embedded with sensors, software, and network connectivity, enabling them to collect and exchange data".

Historical background of Internet of Things

The Internet of Things (IoT) has its roots in the 1980s, with early concepts of "smart" devices and the "smart home" emerging. The rise of the World Wide Web and personal computers in the 1990s laid the groundwork for the interconnected world we see today. Wireless technologies like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, combined with the proliferation of smartphones, enabled the connection of devices to the internet in the 2000s, ushering in the era of smart appliances and the first glimpses of a truly connected world.

The period from 2010 to 2025 represents the transformative era of IoT, characterized by rapid mainstream adoption, advanced technological integration, and widespread implementation across multiple sectors. Key milestones include the deployment of 5G networks, artificial intelligence integration, advanced predictive analytics, and the emergence of smart city concepts. By 2020, over 20 billion connected devices existed globally, with projections suggesting 75 billion IoT devices by 2025. This evolution has been driven by continuous technological innovation, decreasing device costs, enhanced connectivity, and the promise of data-driven decision-making. From industrial automation and healthcare monitoring to smart homes and urban infrastructure management, IoT has transformed how devices communicate, collect data, and interact, creating intelligent, interconnected ecosystems that optimize efficiency and enable unprecedented levels of technological collaboration.

Current Trends in IoT in Libraries:

- **RFID and Smart Shelving:** Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is widely used in libraries to track and manage book collections, reducing the time spent on inventory management and improving the overall user experience.
- **Smart Library Buildings:** IoT sensors and devices are being used to monitor and control library buildings, including temperature, lighting, and security systems, to create a comfortable and energy-efficient environment.
- **Digital Signage and Wayfinding:** IoT-enabled digital signage and wayfinding systems are being used to provide users with real-time information about library events, services, and resources.
- **Makerspaces and IoT-based Services:** Libraries are creating makerspaces and offering IoT-based services, such as 3D printing, robotics, and coding classes, to promote innovation and digital literacy.

- **Data Analytics and Collection Management:** IoT sensors and devices are being used to collect data on library usage, user behavior, and collection management, helping libraries to make informed decisions and improve their services.

Opportunities of IoT in Libraries:

- **Enhanced User Experience:** IoT technologies can provide users with a more personalized and interactive experience, including personalized recommendations, real-time updates, and improved navigation.
- **Improved Operational Efficiency:** IoT can help libraries to automate routine tasks, reduce energy consumption, and improve the overall efficiency of their operations.
- **Increased Accessibility:** IoT technologies can help libraries to provide services to users with disabilities, including audio descriptions, tactile signage, and accessible digital resources.
- **New Service Models:** IoT can enable libraries to offer new services, such as IoT-based lending, makerspaces, and digital media labs, to meet the evolving needs of their communities.
- **Community Engagement:** IoT can help libraries to engage with their communities, including hosting events, providing training and workshops, and promoting digital literacy.

Challenges of IoT in Libraries:

- **Infrastructure and Funding:** Implementing IoT technologies requires significant investment in infrastructure, including hardware, software, and networking.
- **Data Security and Privacy:** IoT devices and sensors can collect sensitive user data, raising concerns about data security and privacy.
- **Technical Support and Maintenance:** IoT devices and systems require regular maintenance and technical support, which can be time-consuming and costly.
- **User Adoption and Training:** Libraries need to provide training and support to users to ensure they can effectively use IoT technologies and services.
- **Sustainability and Environmental Impact:** IoT devices and systems can have a significant environmental impact, including energy consumption and e-waste generation.

Complexities of IoT Implementation

- **Data Protection Protocols:** Imagine your library's computers and sensors collecting information about what books people borrow, how long they stay, and even their reading habits. This data needs to be kept safe from hackers and unauthorized access.

- **User Consent Mechanisms:** People need to know exactly what data the library is collecting about them and how it's being used. They should be able to say "yes" or "no" to this.
- **Transparent Data Usage Policies:** Libraries need to be open about how they use the data they collect. They should explain what they do with it, who they share it with, and how they keep it secure.
- **Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities:** Just like any computer system, libraries' IoT devices can be vulnerable to hackers who might try to steal information or disrupt services.
- **Implementation Costs:**Setting up IoT systems in a library can be expensive. It involves buying new equipment, installing software, and training staff.
- **Continuous Technological Upgrades:** Technology is constantly changing, and libraries need to keep their IoT systems up-to-date to avoid security risks and ensure they're working properly.
- **Training Personnel for New Technological Ecosystems:**Libraries need to train staff to use and manage new IoT systems. This can be a big task, especially if staff are not familiar with technology.

Future of IoT on Libraries Perspectives

Artificial Intelligence-Driven Personalized Services

- **Personalized Recommendations**: AI can analyze user data (browsing history, borrowing patterns, reading preferences) to recommend relevant books, articles, and other resources. This goes beyond simple keyword searches, offering truly tailored suggestions.
- **Automated Content Curation**: AI can curate collections based on specific needs, like "bestsellers for young adults" or "research papers on climate change." This saves librarians time and helps users find exactly what they're looking for.
- **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants**: AI-powered chatbots can answer user questions, provide assistance with finding resources, and even guide users through library services. This enhances accessibility and convenience.
- **Personalized Learning Experiences**: AI can tailor learning paths for students, recommending relevant materials and providing personalized feedback on assignments. This can be particularly valuable for online learning environments.

Seamless Mobile and Physical Library Experience Integration

- **Unified Access**: Users can access library resources (books, databases, digital collections) through a single platform, whether on their mobile devices or at the library itself. This eliminates the need to switch between different systems.
- **Location-Based Services**: Libraries can use IoT sensors to track user location within the building. This allows for personalized recommendations, alerts about upcoming events, and even interactive maps that highlight specific resources.
- **Smart Checkouts**: Self-service kiosks with integrated AI can automate checkout and return processes, reducing wait times and improving efficiency.
- **Interactive Displays**: Digital displays throughout the library can provide information about upcoming events, book recommendations, and even interactive learning experiences.

Advanced Predictive Maintenance of Library Infrastructure

- **Sensor Networks**: IoT sensors can monitor the condition of library equipment (HVAC systems, lighting, security cameras) in real-time. This allows for early detection of potential issues, preventing costly repairs and downtime.
- **Predictive Analytics**: AI algorithms can analyze sensor data to predict future maintenance needs. This allows for proactive maintenance scheduling, reducing the risk of equipment failure and ensuring smooth library operations.
- **Energy Optimization**: IoT sensors can monitor energy consumption patterns and identify areas for improvement. This can lead to significant energy savings and reduced operating costs.
- **Safety and Security**: IoT sensors can detect unusual activity or potential security threats, alerting staff and enabling faster response times.

Global Knowledge Network Interconnectivity

- **Open Access Resources**: Libraries can connect to global knowledge networks, providing access to a vast array of digital resources (research databases, online journals, open-source materials) that would otherwise be inaccessible.
- **International Collaboration**: Libraries can collaborate with other institutions around the world, sharing resources, expertise, and research data. This fosters global knowledge exchange and promotes international understanding.
- **Global Research Networks**: Libraries can connect to global research networks, facilitating access to cutting-edge research and fostering innovation.

- **Virtual Collaboration Spaces**: Libraries can create virtual spaces for researchers and scholars to collaborate on projects, share ideas, and build networks.

Conclusion

The Internet of Things (IoT) has the potential to transform the way libraries operate and interact with their communities. While there are challenges to be addressed, the opportunities of IoT in libraries are significant, including enhanced user experience, improved operational efficiency, and increased accessibility. As libraries continue to explore and implement IoT technologies, it is essential to prioritize user needs, data security, and sustainability to ensure that IoT technologies are used to benefit both libraries and their communities. The Internet of Things represents a profound technological revolution in library science, promising enhanced operational efficiency, improved user experiences, and more intelligent resource management. Successful implementation requires strategic planning, continuous technological adaptation, and a user-centric approach.

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GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract:*As global concerns about environmental sustainability grow, libraries are increasingly adopting green technologies to reduce their ecological footprint. This paper explores the role of green technologies in libraries, focusing on energy-efficient infrastructure, sustainable resource management, and digital solutions. It highlights successful implementations of these technologies in libraries worldwide and offers recommendations for libraries seeking to embrace eco-friendly practices. The paper argues that libraries, as community hubs of knowledge and innovation, have a unique opportunity to lead by example in the global movement toward environmental sustainability.*

Keywords: *Green Technologies, Sustainable Resource Management, Digital Solutions, Green Technologies Challenges*

Introduction

Libraries have always been at the forefront of knowledge preservation, education, and dissemination. As institutions dedicated to serving their communities, libraries have continually adapted to meet societal needs, from embracing digital transformation to providing inclusive spaces for learning and collaboration. Today, as the world grapples with climate change, environmental degradation, and resource scarcity, libraries are uniquely positioned to contribute to global sustainability efforts.

In addition to their traditional roles, libraries now face a pivotal opportunity to champion environmental stewardship. By integrating green technologies and sustainable practices, libraries can minimize their ecological footprint, enhance resource efficiency, and inspire their communities to adopt eco-friendly behaviours. These efforts align with broader sustainability goals, such as those outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

This paper explores libraries' multifaceted role in promoting sustainability by adopting green technologies. It examines such initiatives' environmental, social, and economic benefits and highlights practical strategies libraries can employ to lead by example. By fostering a culture of sustainability, libraries can transform into hubs of green innovation, demonstrating how institutions can balance their operational needs with environmental responsibility.

Objectives

This paper aims to:

1. Examine the various green technologies being adopted by libraries.
2. Highlight challenges in implementing Green Technologies in libraries.
3. Provide recommendations for libraries seeking to adopt eco-friendly practices.

Methodology

The research is based on a comprehensive review of existing literature, case studies, and reports on green technologies in libraries. Data was collected from academic journals, industry reports, and library websites. The analysis focuses on three main areas: energy-efficient infrastructure, sustainable resource management, and digital solutions.

The Importance of Green Technologies in Libraries

Green technologies play a vital role in helping libraries align their operations with sustainability goals. As institutions often serve as central hubs within their communities, libraries have the opportunity and responsibility to lead by example in adopting environmentally responsible practices. Implementing green technologies in libraries serves multiple purposes, including reducing environmental impact, enhancing operational efficiency, and inspiring eco-conscious behaviour among patrons. Key objectives of incorporating green technologies include:

Reducing Energy Consumption

Energy efficiency is a cornerstone of sustainability, and libraries can significantly lower their energy usage through various initiatives:

- Efficient Lighting Systems: Transitioning to LED lighting or integrating motion-sensor technology can dramatically cut electricity use while maintaining well-lit and inviting spaces.
- HVAC Optimization: Advanced heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, such as those using smart thermostats or zoned heating and cooling, ensure energy is used only where and when needed.
- Natural Lighting and Insulation: Utilizing architectural designs that maximize natural light while minimizing heat loss or gain reduces reliance on artificial lighting and temperature control systems.

Minimizing Resource Consumption

Green technologies also focus on reducing the use of other resources:

- Water Efficiency: Installing low-flow faucets, toilets, and rainwater harvesting systems minimizes water consumption.
- Digitalization: Offering e-books, digital archives, and online resources reduces the need for printed materials, saving paper and other resources associated with physical book production.

Reducing Carbon Emissions

Libraries can significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions by embracing renewable energy sources like solar panels or wind energy. Carbon-neutral or net-zero energy library buildings set powerful examples for their communities.

Creating Sustainable Spaces

Green building certifications like LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) encourage libraries to adopt sustainable architectural and operational practices. Green roofs, energy-efficient windows, and locally sourced building materials reduce environmental impact, improve indoor air quality, and create healthier spaces for staff and visitors.

Fostering Community Awareness

Libraries that incorporate green technologies also serve as platforms for education and advocacy. These institutions can host workshops, exhibitions, and interactive programs to inform patrons about sustainable practices and the importance of adopting green technologies at home and in the workplace.

By integrating these technologies and practices, libraries become models of environmental stewardship. They demonstrate that sustainability and functionality coexist, inspiring their communities toward a more sustainable future.

Key Areas of Green Technology Implementation

Energy-Efficient Infrastructure

Adopting energy-efficient infrastructure can significantly lower libraries' energy consumption and operating costs. These measures reduce environmental impact and create more comfortable and inviting spaces for patrons. One of the most impactful steps in achieving energy efficiency is transitioning to modern lighting solutions, such as LED lighting.

LED lighting

- LED Lighting:Light-emitting diode (LED) lighting is a transformative technology that offers substantial benefits over traditional lighting systems, including incandescent and fluorescent bulbs.
- Reduced Electricity Usage: LEDs are highly energy-efficient, using up to 80% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and approximately 50% less than fluorescent lights. This reduction in energy usage contributes to lower greenhouse gas emissions when powered by non-renewable energy sources.
- Longevity: LEDs have a much longer lifespan, often 25,000 to 50,000 hours, compared to incandescent bulbs, which typically last 1,000 hours or fluorescent lights, which last about 10,000 hours. This reduces the frequency of replacements, saving time and resources.
- Low Heat Output: Unlike traditional bulbs that release most of their energy as heat, LEDs produce minimal heat, reducing the load on air conditioning systems and contributing to overall energy efficiency.
- Customizable Lighting Solutions: LEDs can be paired with dimmers, timers, and motion sensors to enhance energy savings further. For example, lighting in rarely

used areas, such as archives or storage rooms, can automatically switch off when unnecessary.

- Improved Light Quality: LEDs provide consistent, high-quality lighting that can be adjusted for brightness and colour temperature, creating an optimal reading and working environment for library patrons and staff.

Implementation in Libraries

The adoption of LED lighting in libraries goes beyond energy savings. It aligns with broader sustainability goals by lowering operational costs, reducing maintenance needs, and improving the user experience. Libraries can implement LED lighting in various ways:

- Retrofitting existing fixtures with LED-compatible components.
- Designing new library buildings with LED lighting integrated into the architectural plan.
- Installing innovative lighting systems that adapt to natural daylight, occupancy levels, and specific zones to maximize energy efficiency.
- By prioritizing energy-efficient infrastructure like LED lighting, libraries can beacon of sustainability in their communities, demonstrating the practicality and benefits of green technologies.
- Intelligent HVAC Systems: Adjust heating and cooling based on occupancy and environmental conditions.
- Solar Panels: Generate renewable energy to power library operations.

Sustainable Resource Management

Sustainable resource management is crucial to libraries' efforts to minimize environmental impact. By adopting strategies that reduce waste and promote resource efficiency, libraries can contribute significantly to broader sustainability goals. One key aspect of this approach is reducing paper consumption through digital alternatives.

Paper Reduction

- The shift from paper-based materials to digital solutions offers substantial environmental and operational benefits. Encouraging digital documents and e-books over printed materials is a practical and impactful way for libraries to embrace sustainability.

- Environmental Benefits: Paper production consumes many natural resources, including water, energy, and trees. Transitioning to digital formats reduces the demand for paper, thereby preserving forests, lowering energy usage, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions associated with paper manufacturing and transportation.
- Cost Savings: Digital resources reduce printing expenses, purchasing physical books, and maintaining storage spaces for printed materials. These savings can be reallocated to other library services or sustainability initiatives.
- Accessibility and Convenience: E-books, online journals, and digital archives are often more accessible than physical materials. They allow users to access resources remotely, reducing the need for travel and further contributing to reducing carbon footprints.
- Reducing Waste: Encouraging digital resources minimizes the amount of paper waste generated by discarded or outdated materials. Libraries can also adopt print-on-demand systems to limit unnecessary printing.

Implementation in Libraries

To successfully promote paper reduction, libraries can adopt the following strategies:

- Expanding Digital Collections: Invest in comprehensive digital libraries that include e-books, audiobooks, online periodicals, and academic resources. Collaborate with publishers to provide patrons access to a broad range of materials.
- Digital Communication and Services: Transition administrative processes, such as notifications, receipts, and event promotions, to digital platforms. Communicate with patrons using email, apps, and social media.
- Promoting Digital Literacy: Offer workshops and tutorials to help users become comfortable with e-readers, digital platforms, and online research tools. This ensures that patrons of all ages and skill levels can benefit from digital resources.
- Eco-Friendly Printing Policies: Libraries can adopt policies that encourage double-sided printing, recycled paper usage, and pay-per-print systems to minimize unnecessary printing in situations where printing is unavoidable.

Advocacy and Education

- Libraries can also advocate for sustainable resource management by educating their communities about the environmental impact of paper use and the benefits of digital alternatives. Hosting sustainability-themed events, such as paperless

challenge weeks or workshops on digital tools, can engage patrons and inspire eco-friendly habits.

- By reducing paper usage and embracing digital solutions, libraries enhance their operational efficiency and set a positive example for their communities, fostering a culture of sustainability.
- Recycling Programs: Providing designated areas for recycling paper, plastics, and electronics.
- Green Certifications: Libraries can pursue LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certifications to validate their sustainability efforts.

Digital Solutions

Adopting digital solutions is revolutionizing library operations, offering sustainable alternatives to traditional practices while expanding accessibility and efficiency. One of the most impactful digital solutions is the establishment of virtual libraries, which play a critical role in reducing physical storage needs and associated energy costs.

E-Resources and Digital Libraries

The transition from physical to digital resources is one of the most significant ways libraries are reducing their environmental impact. E-books, online journals, and digital databases not only reduce paper waste but also enhance user accessibility. The New York Public Library offers an extensive collection of e-books and digital resources, significantly reducing the need for physical copies and the associated environmental costs.

Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is another digital solution that libraries adopt to reduce their ecological footprint. By moving data storage and processing to the cloud, libraries can reduce the need for energy-intensive on-site servers. The University of Michigan Library migrated its data to a cloud-based system, resulting in a 30% reduction in energy consumption.

Virtual Libraries

Virtual libraries are digital repositories that provide access to a wide range of resources, including e-books, academic journals, multimedia content, and archival

materials. By transitioning to virtual platforms, libraries can significantly reduce their environmental footprint and enhance their service offerings.

- **Energy Efficiency:** Traditional libraries require substantial energy for lighting, climate control, and maintenance of physical storage spaces, particularly for extensive collections. Virtual libraries eliminate or significantly reduce the need for these energy-intensive systems, as resources are stored and accessed online.
- **Space Optimization:** With digital repositories, libraries can repurpose physical storage areas into more dynamic and multifunctional spaces, such as study zones, community meeting rooms, or maker spaces. This increases the library's utility while reducing its physical expansion requirements.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** Virtual libraries make resources available anytime and anywhere, breaking down geographical barriers and enabling remote access for patrons. This is particularly beneficial for individuals in underserved or rural areas who may not have easy access to a physical library.
- **Cost Reduction:** While the initial investment in digital infrastructure may be significant, the long-term savings on maintenance, utilities, and physical collection management often outweigh these costs.

Implementation Strategies

To establish and maintain effective virtual libraries, institutions can adopt the following strategies:

- **Building Robust Digital Collections:** Partner with publishers, academic institutions, and other libraries to curate a comprehensive range of digital resources, including open-access materials.
- **Investing in Digital Infrastructure:** Implement reliable and secure digital platforms that provide seamless user experiences, including search functionality, mobile compatibility, and integration with existing library systems.
- **Promoting Digital Literacy:** Offer training sessions, tutorials, and support to help patrons navigate digital platforms effectively. Ensure that accessibility features, such as screen readers and adjustable text sizes, are available for all users.
- **Cloud Storage Solutions:** Cloud-based services store and manage digital collections, reducing the need for on-site data centres and their associated energy demands.

Community and Environmental Impact

Virtual libraries not only benefit library operations but also have a broader positive impact on communities and the environment:

- **Encouraging Sustainable Practices:** By promoting digital resources, libraries help reduce the demand for paper-based materials, transportation of physical items, and waste from outdated or damaged books.
- **Expanding Knowledge Access:** Virtual libraries ensure that users from diverse backgrounds have equitable access to educational and informational resources, supporting lifelong learning and social inclusion.
- **Demonstrating Leadership in Sustainability:** Libraries that adopt virtual solutions showcase how institutions can embrace technology to align with sustainability goals, inspiring other organizations to follow suit.

- **Remote Access Services:** Allow users to access resources from home, reducing travel-related emissions.
- **Automated Systems:** Self-checkout and return systems streamline operations and reduce paper waste.

By leveraging virtual libraries and other digital solutions, libraries enhance their service delivery and make significant strides toward sustainability, demonstrating the power of innovation in building a greener future.

Challenges in Implementing Green Technologies

Implementing green technologies in libraries while offering numerous benefits, from cost savings to enhanced community engagement, presents unique challenges:

Financial Constraints:

Budget Limitations: Libraries often operate on tight budgets. The high upfront costs of green technologies, such as solar panel installations, energy-efficient HVAC systems, or rainwater harvesting infrastructure, can be prohibitive. Justifying these expenditures against competing needs, like book acquisitions and staffing, can be difficult.

Return on Investment: While green technologies offer long-term cost savings, demonstrating a clear and timely return on investment can be challenging. Libraries may struggle to quantify the financial benefits, especially when considering reduced energy consumption and lower maintenance costs.

Funding Sources: Securing grants or other funding for green technology projects can be competitive. Libraries may lack the expertise or resources to navigate complex grant applications and reporting requirements.

Infrastructure and Space Limitations:

Building Age and Design: Many library buildings are older and not designed to accommodate green technologies. Retrofitting existing structures for solar panels, improved insulation, or rainwater harvesting systems can be complex and expensive.

Space Constraints: Libraries may lack available space for installing renewable energy systems, such as solar panels on the roof or ground-mounted wind turbines. Finding suitable locations for recycling bins, composting systems, and other green initiatives can also be challenging.

Integration with Existing Systems: Integrating new green technologies with existing building systems, such as HVAC, lighting, and plumbing, can be technically complex and require specialized expertise.

Technological and Operational Challenges:

Technology Selection: Choosing the most appropriate and cost-effective green technologies for a specific library context can be difficult. Factors like building size, climate, and local regulations must be considered.

Maintenance and Expertise: Maintaining green technologies requires specialized knowledge and skills. Libraries may need to invest in training staff or hiring external contractors for maintenance and repairs.

Data Monitoring and Evaluation: Tracking the performance and impact of green technologies requires robust data monitoring and evaluation systems. Libraries may lack the resources or expertise to implement these systems effectively.

User Engagement and Education:

Staff Training: Library staff need to be trained in the operation and maintenance of green technologies and in promoting sustainable practices among library users.

Public Awareness: Raising public awareness about the library's green initiatives and encouraging user participation in sustainable practices can be challenging. Effective communication strategies are needed to engage the community.

Behavioural Change: Encouraging library users to adopt sustainable behaviours, such as reducing energy consumption, recycling, and composting, requires sustained effort and creative programming.

Policy and Regulatory Barriers:

Local Regulations: Zoning regulations, building codes, and other local regulations may restrict the installation of certain green technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines.

Permitting Processes: Obtaining the necessary permits for green technology projects can be time-consuming and complex. Libraries may lack the resources to navigate these bureaucratic hurdles.

Lack of Incentives: Insufficient financial incentives, such as tax breaks or rebates, can make green technologies less attractive for libraries with limited budgets.

Long-Term Planning and Sustainability:

Sustainability Plans: Developing comprehensive sustainability plans that integrate green technologies into the library's overall operations and strategic goals is crucial.

Life-Cycle Costs: For long-term financial planning, the life-cycle costs of green technologies, including installation, maintenance, and eventual replacement, must be considered.

Community Partnerships: Collaborating with local organizations, businesses, and government agencies can provide access to expertise, funding, and other resources for green technology projects.

Recommendations for Libraries To effectively adopt green technologies, libraries should:

- **Conduct Sustainability Audits:** Sustainability is an ongoing process that requires continuous improvement and adaptation. Libraries should regularly assess the effectiveness of their green technologies and seek out new opportunities for improvement. This could involve conducting energy audits, seeking feedback from

the community, and staying informed about the latest advancements in green technology.

- **Seek Funding Opportunities:** Securing funding is often a significant challenge for libraries adopting green technologies. Libraries should actively seek grants and funding opportunities for sustainability projects. Government programs, private foundations, and environmental organizations often offer grants for such initiatives.
- **Engage the Community:** Engaging the community is crucial for the successful implementation of green technologies. Libraries should involve the community in sustainability initiatives through educational programs, workshops, and volunteer opportunities. This raises awareness and fosters a sense of collective responsibility for environmental sustainability.
- **Collaborate with Experts:** Libraries should collaborate with local governments, environmental organizations, and other institutions to share resources and best practices for implementing green technologies. Partnerships can also provide access to funding and expertise that may not be available otherwise.

Conclusion: knowledge and community engagement, libraries are well-positioned to lead by example and inspire broader societal change.

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GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

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Abstract: *The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is an emerging trend aimed at promoting sustainability, reducing energy consumption, and fostering environmental responsibility. This paper explores the adoption of green initiatives such as energy-efficient lighting, solar power, eco-friendly infrastructure, digitalization, and waste management in libraries across India. By analyzing case studies and best practices, the study highlights the challenges and benefits associated with implementing green technologies in library management. The research also examines policy frameworks and institutional efforts supporting sustainable library practices. The findings suggest that green libraries can significantly contribute to environmental conservation while enhancing operational efficiency and user experience. The paper concludes with recommendations for the broader adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries to align with global sustainability goals.*

Keywords:*Green Libraries, Sustainable Practices, Renewable Energy, Digitalization, Eco-friendly Initiatives*

Introduction:

Libraries are essential institutions for knowledge dissemination, research, and lifelong learning. However, with global concerns over climate change, energy consumption, and environmental degradation, the need for sustainable practices has become more

pressing. The green library movement, which promotes eco-friendly infrastructure, energy-efficient operations, and digital innovations, has gained momentum worldwide. In India, libraries are gradually embracing green technologies to align with national and global sustainability goals.

Several institutions are transitioning towards energy-efficient lighting systems, renewable energy sources, digital repositories, water conservation measures, waste management strategies, and sustainable building materials. These advancements contribute to environmental conservation and enhance the cost-effectiveness of library operations in the long run. Green libraries can also serve as educational models, raising awareness about sustainability among students, researchers, and the general public.

The implementation of green technologies in Indian libraries aligns with various national policies and international frameworks promoting sustainability. Initiatives such as the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) advocate for the adoption of sustainable practices across different sectors, including education and public services.

However, the widespread adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries faces several challenges, including high initial costs, lack of awareness, resistance to change, insufficient policy enforcement, and technical barriers. Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative approach involving government support, institutional commitment, stakeholder engagement, and innovative financial models. This research paper aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of green technologies in Indian libraries, examining their current adoption, associated challenges, and potential strategies for improvement.

Objectives of the Research

1) To explore the adoption, challenges, and benefits of green technologies in Indian libraries To analyze the concept and significance of green libraries
2) To examine the current status of green technology adoption in Indian libraries
3) To identify the key challenges faced by libraries in implementing green technologies
4) To evaluate the benefits of integrating green technologies in libraries
5) To explore successful case studies of green libraries in India and globally

Literature Review:

The concept of green libraries has gained significant attention in India over the past decade, with researchers exploring various aspects of sustainability in library management. Khan and Rao (2019) provided an overview of the green library movement, emphasizing its evolution and expanding reach in India. Around the same time, Mahawariya (2019) discussed the transformation of modern libraries into green libraries, highlighting the role of librarians and sustainable practices in ensuring their relevance. Similarly, Bangar (2019)

examined trends and developments in Indian green libraries, stressing the need for librarians to stay updated on environmental sustainability. Moving forward, Mondal (2021) explored the global and Indian initiatives in green library development, underscoring their role in promoting environmental responsibility. In the same year, Gaffar et al. (2021) analyzed green library construction in India, focusing on eco-friendly site selection, material use, and waste management strategies. More recently, Panda and Mondal (2023) proposed a framework for implementing sustainability in Indian libraries, advocating for the adoption of green design and technology. These studies collectively highlight the increasing recognition of green technologies in Indian libraries, addressing both opportunities and challenges in their adoption while emphasizing the role of policy support and institutional commitment in fostering sustainable library practices.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to analyze green technologies in Indian libraries, using both qualitative and quantitative techniques. It uses surveys, interviews, case studies, literature review, and purposive sampling to assess awareness, adoption levels, and challenges. The findings are based on self-reported data and regional variations in sustainability adoption.

Green Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is a growing trend aimed at promoting sustainability, reducing environmental impact, and enhancing energy efficiency. Key green practices include solar energy systems, energy-efficient lighting, rainwater harvesting, green building design, digital resources, waste management and recycling, eco-friendly furniture and materials, awareness and education programs, smart technologies, and green landscaping.

Solar energy systems are being installed in many Indian libraries to harness renewable energy, reducing dependence on non-renewable sources and lowering electricity costs. Energy-efficient lighting is being replaced with LED lights, and motion sensors and automatic lighting systems are being used to ensure lights are only on when needed. Rainwater harvesting systems are being implemented to conserve water in water-scarce regions of India.

Green building design is being incorporated into new library constructions, with some libraries aiming for certifications from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). Digital resources and e-libraries are being promoted to reduce paper usage and minimize the need for physical storage. Waste management and recycling are also being promoted, with some libraries composting organic waste generated on their premises.

Eco-friendly furniture and materials are being used, with non-toxic paints and adhesives being used to maintain indoor air quality. Awareness and education programs are organized to encourage community involvement in environmental conservation. Smart

energy management systems are being installed to monitor and optimize energy usage, and green roofs and vertical gardens are being explored to improve insulation and air quality.

However, challenges in implementing green technologies include funding constraints, lack of awareness among library staff and users, and infrastructure limitations. Examples of green libraries in India include IIT Bombay Central Library, TERI Library, and Anna University Library. By integrating green practices, libraries can contribute to environmental conservation while serving as role models for their communities.

Energy-Efficient Infrastructure:

Indian libraries are increasingly adopting green technologies to reduce their electricity consumption and carbon footprint. One of the most significant green technologies is the shift from traditional incandescent and fluorescent lighting to LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting, which consumes up to 75% less energy than traditional bulbs. This technology also has a longer lifespan, reducing the frequency of replacements and minimizing waste. The use of motion sensors and automated lighting systems ensures that lights are only on when needed, further optimizing energy use.

Solar panels are being used by academic and public libraries to harness renewable energy. Solar panels convert sunlight into electricity, providing a clean and sustainable energy solution. This is particularly beneficial in India, which receives abundant sunlight for most of the year. Libraries in academic institutions and public sectors are installing solar panels on their rooftops to generate electricity for their daily operations. This not only reduces electricity bills but also contributes to a reduction in the carbon footprint of these institutions.

Smart HVAC systems are being implemented to optimize energy use. These systems use advanced sensors and automation to adjust temperature and ventilation based on real-time occupancy and environmental conditions, ensuring that energy is not wasted. By integrating smart HVAC systems, libraries can achieve a balance between comfort and energy efficiency, leading to substantial energy savings over time.

Digitalization and paperless services are also a major trend in the modernization of libraries. By adopting e-books, e-journals, and digital repositories, libraries can significantly reduce their reliance on printed materials, saving paper and reducing the environmental impact associated with printing and transportation. Many libraries in India are now offering extensive digital collections, allowing users to access a wide range of materials online without the need for physical copies.

Online cataloging and automated Library Management Systems (LMS) are transforming the way libraries operate, making them more efficient and less resource-intensive. RFID technology is being increasingly adopted by libraries to automate various processes, reducing the need for manual scanning and data entry. RFID systems enhance

the user experience by speeding up transactions and reducing waiting times, while also improving the accuracy and efficiency of library operations.

Green computing is also being used by libraries to reduce their energy consumption. Energy-efficient servers and cloud computing solutions can significantly reduce the energy consumption associated with these activities. E-waste management and recycling programs ensure that old computers, servers, and other electronic equipment are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Some libraries are also partnering with e-waste recycling companies to ensure that their electronic waste is processed safely and sustainably.

Thin-client computing is another green technology being adopted by libraries to reduce their hardware power consumption. Thin clients are lightweight computers that rely on a central server to perform most of their processing tasks, offering a more energy-efficient alternative for library computing needs.

Eco-friendly library spaces are being developed by many libraries, using sustainable materials and energy-efficient designs. Green buildings are designed to minimize their environmental impact by using renewable, recyclable, and non-toxic materials, proper insulation, natural lighting, and efficient heating and cooling systems. Some libraries are seeking certification from organizations such as the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability.

Waste management and rainwater harvesting systems are crucial for sustainable library operations. Libraries are implementing waste segregation systems to separate recyclable materials from non-recyclable waste, reducing landfill waste and allowing for the recovery of valuable materials. Some libraries are also setting up composting systems to manage organic waste. Rainwater harvesting is another practice adopted by libraries to conserve water. Rainwater collected from rooftops and surfaces is stored and used for irrigation, cleaning, and flushing toilets, reducing the demand for municipal water supplies. The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is a multifaceted approach that includes energy-efficient infrastructure, digitalization, green computing, and eco-friendly spaces. These practices can significantly reduce environmental impact, promote sustainability, and serve as role models for communities. Despite challenges like funding constraints and lack of awareness, the growing emphasis on sustainability and government support are driving the adoption of green technologies in libraries across India.

Challenges in Implementing Green Technologies:

The adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries faces several challenges, including high initial investment costs for solar energy and green building materials, lack of awareness and technical expertise among library staff, resistance to change from traditional paper-based methods to digital platforms, and limited government policies and financial incentives.

High initial investment costs for solar panels, energy-efficient HVAC systems, and green building materials can be prohibitive for many libraries, especially those in rural or underfunded areas. Allocating funds for green technologies may not always be feasible without external support or grants.

Lack of awareness and technical expertise among library staff is another significant barrier. Many professionals may not be familiar with the latest green technologies or best practices for sustainability, leading to improper implementation and maintenance of green systems. Training programs and workshops are essential to equip library staff with the necessary skills and knowledge, but organizing such sessions can be challenging due to time constraints and limited resources.

Resistance to change from traditional paper-based methods to digital platforms can be met with effective communication, user education, and demonstrating the benefits of digital resources. Limited government policies and financial incentives for green library initiatives can also hinder widespread implementation. Government support in the form of grants, subsidies, and tax incentives can play a crucial role in encouraging libraries to adopt sustainable practices.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, including financial support, training programs, user education, and policy interventions. By tackling these barriers, Indian libraries can move towards a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future, serving as role models for their communities and contributing to global sustainability goals.

Conclusion:

Indian libraries are embracing green technologies to promote sustainability, environmental conservation, and energy efficiency. These practices include solar energy, energy-efficient lighting, digitalization, green building designs, and waste management systems. These initiatives reduce the environmental footprint of libraries and foster a culture of sustainability among users. They are also addressing local environmental challenges through initiatives like solar panel installations, rainwater harvesting, and digital resource shifts. The use of eco-friendly materials in construction, indoor plants for air quality, and smart technologies for energy optimization are also part of the holistic approach to sustainability. However, the adoption of greener libraries faces challenges such as high initial costs, lack of awareness, resistance to change, and limited government support. To overcome these obstacles, collaboration between government bodies, library associations, and educational institutions is needed. Financial incentives, training programs for staff, and awareness campaigns for users can help overcome these obstacles. The adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries is a transformative movement that aligns with broader environmental sustainability and resource conservation goals. As more

libraries adopt these technologies, they will contribute to a greener future and inspire communities to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.

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APPLICATION OF GREEN TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract: An important and new practice that aims to improve sustainability and lessen environmental effects is the use of green technology in libraries. This study examines the several ways that libraries can use green technology to fulfil their environmental obligations while still offering their communities vital services. Energy-efficient building designs, the use of renewable energy sources, sustainable library materials, and the promotion of digital resources like e-books and e-journals all assist in minimising the use of paper are examples of green technology in libraries. Libraries are also using smart waste management, water conservation, and energy management technologies. Sustainability in

library operations is further enhanced by the use of recycling programs and green IT technology.

Key Words: Green Technologies, Sustainable Libraries, Environmental Impact, Renewable Energy, Digital Resources, Energy Efficiency, Green IT Infrastructure, Waste Management, Eco-friendly Practices, Library Sustainability, Environmental Education.

Introduction: The word "green" is increasingly being used to refer to procedures, goods, services, and technology that somehow include environmental preservation and care. The term "green" may be used to indicate that technology is sustainable and ecologically friendly. Green technology is a constantly developing collection of tools and materials, ranging from non-toxic cleaning agents to energy-generating processes it focuses on reducing environmental impact and promoting sustainability (Cardoso & Machado, n.d.) Green technology includes a wide range of manufacturing and consumption technologies. Green technology adoption and usage include the application of environmental technologies for cleanup and restoration, pollution prevention and control, and monitoring and evaluation (Soni, 2015). Green technology (GT) is environmental remediation technology that lessens the harm that items and technologies for people's convenience due to the environment (Aithal & Aithal, n.d.).

Objectives of the Study:

1. To identify the concepts, benefits, and challenges of a green/sustainable library.
2. To document several trials carried out toward a sustainable library.
3. To suggest techniques for a green/ sustainable library.

Review of Literature

(Daimari, n.d.) discussed the design and development of green technology in libraries, focusing on the Central Library of Central Institute of Technology Kokrajhar. It emphasizes the shift from traditional to digital libraries and the role of libraries in sharing knowledge. The concept of green technology in libraries is explored, highlighting methods and materials for environmental sustainability. The document also delves into the proposed design and development of the Central Library into a green library, outlining specific criteria and initiatives for achieving this goal. Additionally, it references the global trend of green libraries and the implementation of green technology in libraries in India.

(Biswas, n.d.)described Green Information Communication Technology (GICT) is significant in transforming libraries into green libraries as it focuses on reducing environmental degradation, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions, and conserving natural resources. By implementing GICT, libraries can enhance their operational efficiency while adhering to

sustainable practices, thus aligning with the green ethos. Additionally, GICT supports the development of policies and practices that promote economic viability and social responsibility within library operations.

Malhan observed that libraries can contribute to environmental sustainability by adopting green technologies, implementing sustainable practices in their operations, and serving as educational centres for environmental awareness. They can reduce their carbon footprint through digitization, responsible purchasing, and minimizing waste in administrative processes. Additionally, libraries can promote green information literacy and engage in community outreach to foster a culture of sustainability.

(Mondal, n.d.)observed NIT, Silchar has initiated greening efforts for its library, making it the first of its kind in the North East Region of India. The new library building under construction is designed according to the LEED certification system, serving as a potential role model for developing green libraries in the Barak Valley. These initiatives emphasize sustainability and environmental awareness in library design and operation.

As centres for learning, community engagement, and information dissemination, libraries are uniquely positioned to lead by example in adopting green practices. Digital libraries and green computing have the potential to revolutionise conventional libraries.

Below are some ways in which green technology can applied in libraries:

1. **Energy-Efficient Building Design**

(Aithal & Aithal, n.d.) introduces the concept of "net zero energy," presents some historical milestones in the concept of sustainability by reviewing the relevant literature, and highlights some case studies to strengthen the viewpoints on moving towards a sustainable future with net zero energy buildings. Many net zero energy buildings are being built all around the globe, as well as in US towns, college campuses, and private structures. Librarians are urged to continue using the net zero energy idea for the next library renovation by designing net-zero energy library buildings that generate renewable energy to match the consumed energy demand, ensuring a budget-friendly and energy-sustainable future.

a) Sustainable Architecture: Energy efficiency should be a top priority in the construction or renovation of libraries. To cut down on energy usage, this involves installing natural ventilation systems, energy-efficient lighting (LED), and insulated windows. To drastically

lower their carbon impact, libraries should also install solar panels to provide sustainable energy.

The LEED Platinum Austin Central Library emphasizes daylighting

B) Green Roofing: Green roofs, sometimes called "vegetated roofs" or "living roofs," are ballasted roofs made of vegetation (plants), a waterproofing membrane, and a growth medium (soil) on top of a conventional roof. Covering library roofs with "green roofs" will improve the sustainability of the building by lowering the heat island effect, increasing insulation, and creating room for plants to flourish. (Grullón – Penkova et al., 2020)suggested that to achieve the best results and to advance the development of tropical green roof adaptations, the list of species that are available for green roof design should be evaluated according to local conditions rather than lists of species that have been previously chosen for temperate climates.

2. Renewable Energy Sources

Solar Power: The sun is a limitless supply of energy that can meet all of humanity's requirements. The sun's energy may either be utilised directly or transformed into electricity. Photovoltaic (PV) cells or concentrated solar power (CSP) technologies are two direct and indirect methods of producing electricity from solar radiation (Hayat et al., 2019). It is an essential instrument for reducing pollution and producing a very dependable electrical and electronic power backup is solar energy. Batteries that can store energy and power electrical devices like computers, TVs, radios, laptops, iPads, tablets, and refrigerators may be installed in solar-powered libraries. Because of its environmentally benign nature and the advancements in technology, solar energy has a bright future.

3. Energy-Efficient Lighting and Temperature Control

Students' visual perception, emotional assessment, and cognitive efficiency depend on the quality of the indoor lighting environment in the library's reading room. Light has an impact on students' physiological and psychological well-being. In addition to affecting visual efficacy, causing visual discomfort, visual fatigue, and other visual issues through visual effects, an unsuitable light environment can also have non-visual effects that affect the human body's circadian rhythm, alertness, cognitive behaviour, and emotion. These non-visual effects vary depending on the light's intensity, spectrum, duration, time of day, and other factors.

LED Lighting: Libraries are replacing traditional incandescent lights with LED lights, which consume less power and have a longer lifespan. These lights also produce less heat, making it easier to control the building's temperature. When compared to regular LED illumination, (Cajochen et al., 2019)discovered that full-spectrum LED lighting improved mood, visual comfort, alertness throughout the day, and sleep quality in healthy adults. They also reported feeling happy in the morning and evening.

Smart Temperature Systems: The administration and operational effectiveness of libraries may be greatly improved by integrating smart temperature solutions. According to the literature, smart temperature sensors provide accurate and effective temperature control, which is essential for preserving the best possible circumstances for library patrons as well as the preservation of books and other items. These sensors are perfect for library settings where maintaining a steady climate is crucial since they make use of cutting-edge technology like MEMS, digital signal processing, and wireless networking to provide real-time data monitoring and remote access (Aytac & Tran, 2022) . Libraries are employing smart thermostats and energy-efficient HVAC systems to reduce heating and cooling costs. These systems are often programmable and can adjust the temperature based on real-time occupancy, ensuring that energy is used efficiently.

4. Sustainable Library Materials

Being environmentally conscious is increasingly important. With a focus on maximizing resource use, energy conservation, and waste reduction, this research investigated the use of sustainable practices in academic libraries. The findings show how environmentally friendly libraries are now thanks to smart measures such as digitization, energy-efficient lighting, and green building codes. In addition to reducing the amount of paper used and saving space, digitization makes things easier. Adding sustainable procurement policies ensures that resources are collected in a better way, which helps in achieving larger environmental goals. The study also highlights the importance of stakeholder involvement in developing a sustainability mindset in the academic sector. While trying to implement these sustainable practices, challenges include budget constraints, resistance to change,

and the need for constant monitoring and review. However, the long-term benefits such as reduced costs, improved image, and compliance with regulations demonstrate the importance of sustainability in university library management (MULM) (K, 2014).

Recycling of Materials: Libraries can use recycled paper for publications, notices, and other printed materials. Additionally, libraries can use eco-friendly inks and environmentally conscious printing methods to reduce their ecological footprint.

Sustainable Furniture: Library furniture can be sourced from sustainable materials such as reclaimed wood or recyclable or biodegradable materials, which helps minimize the library's environmental impact.

5. E-Resources and Digital Services

Promotion of E-books and E-journals: By transitioning from physical books to e-books and e-journals, libraries can reduce paper waste and minimize energy consumption associated with printing. Digital materials are more easily accessible and allow users to access vast amounts of information without the environmental cost of physical production and transportation.

Online Databases and Catalogues (Liu et al., 2023)(Tatli's) study found that the deployment of paperless technology in universities is welcomed. It is also conceivable to argue that the university's stakeholders' support, the fact that paperless technologies are simple to use/require little effort, and the fact that paperless technologies improve employee performance promote the adoption of paperless technologies.The implementation of online catalogues (OPACs) and digital repositories allows libraries to maintain their collections digitally, eliminating the need for physical storage and reducing paper use.

6. Green IT Infrastructure

Energy-Efficient Computers: Computer systems' energy consumption has significantly increased as a result of the rising demand for computing resources. This presents problems with power management, operating expenses, and system dependability in addition to environmental effects. By dynamically modifying system settings and resource use to decrease energy usage while satisfying performance requirements, energy consumption optimization algorithms may be crucial in tackling these issues. Libraries can adopt energy-efficient computing systems and servers that consume less energy. It can also adopt cloud computing solutions to reduce the need for physical infrastructure and reduce energy consumption.

Recycling E-Waste: With an annual growth rate of 3% to 5%, electronic garbage, or "e-waste," is one of the solid waste streams that is expanding rather quickly. E-waste disassembly, sorting, and recycling must happen in areas that meet strict safety regulations (Liu et al., 2023). Library administration must take responsibility for e-waste recycling, ensuring that outdated electronic equipment (computers, printers, etc.) is disposed of properly and recycled.

7. Water Conservation

Water-Saving Fixtures: The installation of low-flow toilets and water-saving faucets to reduce water consumption in restrooms.

Rainwater Harvesting: libraries can explore rainwater harvesting systems, which collect rainwater for use in irrigation or non-potable purposes, thereby conserving freshwater resources.

8. Green Library Certification

Almost every country has green building regulations, sustainability organizations, and certification programs. Valid certifications demonstrate the environmental efficiency of green buildings. Many libraries around the world are seeking certification for their green building initiatives, such as LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, which recognizes buildings that meet high standards of sustainability and energy efficiency.

9. Recycling Programs and Waste Management

Waste Segregation: Libraries are encouraging recycling by setting up waste segregation bins for paper, plastic, and other recyclable materials. This ensures that waste is managed effectively and reduces landfill use.

Book Donation and Reuse Programs: Libraries often hold book donation drives and book swaps, encouraging the reuse of books rather than disposal. This also helps libraries reduce their expenditure on new books and supports sustainability.

10. Community Education on Sustainability

Workshops and Programs: Libraries serve as community hubs for education on environmental sustainability. Many libraries organize workshops, lectures, and seminars on environmental topics such as green technology, climate change, and sustainable living to spread awareness.

Library Awareness: Libraries often create special exhibits or collections on environmental issues, offering resources for students and the community to learn more about sustainable practices.

11. Smart Waste Management Solutions

Libraries are using technology to monitor and manage waste. Smart waste bins can track how full they are, helping library staff optimize waste collection schedules and ensure proper disposal.

Conclusion:

Libraries can embrace green technologies to enhance their sustainability while continuing to fulfil their mission of providing knowledge and resources. From energy-efficient buildings to promoting digital resources and waste management, the integration of green technologies in libraries not only reduces their environmental impact but also sets an example for the community to follow. As libraries continue to evolve in the digital age, their role in leading sustainability efforts becomes increasingly important.

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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Abstract –

Innovative library services represent a transformative approach to redefining traditional library functions, integrating advanced technologies, user-centric practices, and community-focused initiatives. These services aim to meet the evolving demands of modern users by providing digital access to resources, collaborative spaces, makerspaces for creativity, personalized learning opportunities. By incorporating tools and applications like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), AI-Powered Book Recommendation tool, Chatbots and Virtual Assistants and adaptive learning platforms, libraries enhance user engagement and accessibility and community engagement programs, sustainability efforts, and inclusive services, libraries further reinforce their role as inclusive vast knowledge hubs. Through these innovations, libraries not only support education system and research scholars but also foster creativity, well-being, and lifelong learning, ensuring their continued relevance in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.This paper highlights the importance of information and communication technologies (ICT) in education as well as use of e-resources with digital technology to be used for library users in the Digital India. Also focused on various innovative services for next-generation users in India and focused heavily on the integration of digital technologies, offering online access to resources, developing digital literacy skills, utilizing platforms like social media, and incorporating interactive learning tools to cater to the tech-savvy younger generation, often highlighting the need for libraries to transform into "smart libraries" with user-friendly interfaces and personalized services library users.

Keywords –Innovative Library Services, Digital India, Digital Technology, Smart Technology Integration with Sustainability, Eco-Friendly Initiatives, Digital and Virtual Experiences, Pop-Up Libraries

Introduction –

A word "Library" itself refers to a metaphorical collection of knowledge, experiences, or imagery that a writer draws upon to create their work. Library holds a vast array of books, providing a rich source of information and inspiration; it can represent a wellspring of ideas, details and references that the writer can access to enrich their narrative or character development.

Digital India is an initiative of the Government of India, by which all government services will be provide to citizens through online mode with using digital technology. In this context, Libraries are also getting ready for giving services to their user through use of digital technology with various innovative library services. This services will helps library users i.e. students, teachers, higher educators, researchers for getting information required by them.

It is the modern period of progress in almost every aspect of human development. Now a days, the function of educational libraries has changed dramatically. Libraries are transforming into dynamic hubs for technology, learning, creativity, and community connection. Innovative services for next generation library users are centered to embracing technology, personalization and fostering creativity and collaboration. These services are beyond traditional lending, aim to enhance user experience, dynamic, user-focused and designed to meet the exact needs of users in a digital and interconnected world with lifelong learning support and foster community engagement. Next-generation libraries in the 21st century is evolving rapidly, driven by technological advancements, changing user needs, and a broader understanding of libraries as community hubs, not just places for borrowing books.

Objectives of the Study –

1) To identify the present library services.
2) To study the importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in e-resources with digital technology to be used for library users in the Digital India.
3) To cogitation the need for libraries to transform into "smart libraries" with user-friendly interfaces and personalized services for next gen library users.
4) Analysis the innovative library services to be used for next generation user of library.

Need of the Study –

A study on 'Innovative Library Services for Next Generation Users' is essential to keep libraries aligned with the needs of modern society. It helps library professionals understand emerging trends, technological advancements, and evolving user expectations.

As the world moves into the digital era, libraries must adapt and innovate to meet the diverse needs of the next generation of users, provide valuable services, and remain at the forefront of community, education, and knowledge-sharing. This ensures that libraries continue to serve as vibrant, relevant, and indispensable resources in an increasingly digital world.

Data collection method –

This research paper is based on secondary data, which has been obtained from the internet, publications, journals, official websites, books, and related studies. The goal is to learn more about the subject concept, its implementation, and its educational impact.

Present Library Services given to users by library –

Traditional library services are designed to support users in accessing information, fostering learning, and promoting a community space for various needs. Some of the key services typically offered by library are as under -

1. Book Lending - Libraries currently allow users to borrow physical books for a specified period. This is one of the oldest and most fundamental services provided by libraries.
2. Reference Services - Librarians assist users in finding information for research, homework, or personal interest as reference services. This includes answering questions, guiding users to relevant resources, and helping with information searches.
3. Interlibrary Loans – Sometimes library doesn't have a specific resource, that time they can borrow it from other libraries. This expands the range of materials available to users beyond their library's collection.
4. Cataloging and Access to Library Books, Journals & Other Publication - Libraries maintain physical and digital catalogs to help users find books, journals, and other materials easily. Cataloging also involves classifying items for easy retrieval.
5. Children's Services - Many of libraries have dedicated areas for children with age-appropriate books, games, and activities, as well as storytelling sessions or reading programs to encourage early literacy.
6. Audiovisual Materials - In addition to printed books, libraries often provide access to movies, music, audiobooks, and other multimedia resources.
7. Study Spaces - Libraries offer quiet areas for individual study or group work. These spaces are designed to help students, researchers, teachers or anyone in need of a focused environment for study.

8. Community Programs and Events - Libraries host educational programs, workshops, author talks, book clubs, book talks, and community events to engage users and foster lifelong learning.
9. Assistance with Special Needs – Some libraries provide services for patrons with disabilities, such as large print books, braille materials, or audio versions of books, along with accessible spaces.
10. Public Access to Computers/ Internet - Libraries often provide free access to computers and the internet for their users who may not have these resources at home. This service is very helpful to students, researchers, job searching persons.

Importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in e-resources with digital technology -

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) plays a vital role in transforming libraries into dynamic hubs of knowledge in the digital age, especially in the context of Digital India. The integration of e-resources and digital technology in libraries provides a profusion of benefits, enabling libraries to better serve their users and keep pace with rapidly changing information access needs.

Universal Access of Information as Digital Content - ICT enables libraries to provide users with remote access to e-resources, such as e-books, journals, databases, and more. This is particularly valuable in rural and remote areas, where access to physical libraries may be limited. Digital platforms allow users to access information anytime and from anywhere, ensuring equitable access for all.ICT allows libraries to offer a variety of digital content (audio, video, e-books, etc.), making it easier for users to access different types of resources, particularly in formats that suit their preferences or needs.

Enhanced Search and Retrieval Systems – ICT enables libraries to maintain digital catalogs, making it easier for users to search and retrieve information from an online database. Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS), powered by ICT, improve the efficiency of library operations, reducing human errors and improving speed. Metadata tagging and advanced search algorithms allow users to find relevant resources faster, enhancing the user experience and improving access to knowledge.

1. Cost Efficiency and Sustainability - Instead of maintaining large physical collections of books and material, libraries can provide access to e-resources that are often more affordable in the long time. Digital books, journals, and databases can be updated automatically, reducing the need for physical space and very less manual

efforts. It reduces paper consumption and contributing to a greener and more sustainable library system.

2. Digital Literacy and Skills Development – Libraries, through ICT, can help users develop digital literacy, enabling them to effectively use e-resources and navigate the internet. This is especially important in the context of Digital India, where digital skills are a key part of everyday life and work.Libraries can offer ICT training programs to help users understand how to use digital platforms, access government services, and engage with online resources safely and effectively
3. Support for Research and Education – Libraries can use ICT to provide access to international journals, research papers, and databases that are essential for academic research. This is crucial for supporting students, researchers, and educators in India, helping them stay connected to global academic trends and resources. Libraries can offer online courses, webinars, and virtual classrooms, which complement formal education and provide an avenue for lifelong learning and skills development.
4. Integration with Government Initiatives - ICT in libraries aligns with the goals of Digital India, particularly the aim of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledgeful economy. Libraries play a crucial role in the digitization of information and the dissemination of government schemes and services through e-resources. Libraries can act as access points for e-Governance and Digital India initiatives, providing citizens with access to government schemes, policies, and official records online process.
5. Security and Data Management - ICT enables libraries to implement secure access protocols and data encryption to protect user data and ensure privacy. Digital platforms ensure that user's personal information is kept safe while they access e-resources. Libraries can use ICT to digitally archive and preserve materials for future generations, ensuring the long-term availability of knowledge and resources.

Innovative Library Services for the next generation users -

Innovative library services for the next generation are not just about embracing technology but creating a dynamic, inclusive, and interactive environment where users have access to a variety of resources, learning opportunities, and spaces that match their diverse needs and interests. Libraries must evolve into multi-functional hubs that provide not only books but also digital resources, collaborative environments, and innovative tools for both

personal and academic growth. Such services need to address the evolving needs of digital natives who are highly tech-savvy, accustomed to instant access, and increasingly looking for personalized, interactive, and immersive experiences. To remain relevant and effective in serving these to users, libraries must transform into dynamic, adaptable spaces offering both physical and digital resources.

1. **Digital Resource Access with E-books, Audiobooks and Online Journals -** Offering an expansive collection of **digital books**, **audiobooks**, and **e-journals** allows users to access resources anytime, anywhere. With increasing mobile device use, library apps or partnerships with services like **Libby**, **OverDrive**, and **Hoopla** can help users borrow digital content with ease.
2. **Cloud-Based Library Services -** Cloud platforms can facilitate the storage, sharing, and access of library resources on-demand. This includes hosting e-resources, making it easier for users to access materials across various devices, and integrating with digital learning environments.
3. **Interactive and Immersive Experiences with use of VR & AR -** Using **Virtual Reality (VR)** and **Augmented Reality (AR)** technologies to create **immersive learning experiences,** such as virtual tours, interactive history lessons, or simulation-based education which helps engage users and creates more interactive ways to explore subjects.
4. **Arranging Interactive Exhibits -** Libraries can use **touchscreens, projection mapping**, and other interactive tools to create exhibits that let users learn in a more hands-on, exploratory manner.
5. **Personalized and Adaptive Library Services -**Libraries can offer **tailored learning journeys** where users can follow digital courses, tutorials, or resources that align with their individual interests, study goals, or career needs.
6. **Mobile and App-Based Services -** Dedicated apps can allow users to browse catalogues, borrow and return materials, access digital resources, and receive personalized notifications and recommendations. With mobile apps, library users can **self-checkout** books and other resources through their smartphones, reducing wait times and making the library experience more convenient.
7. **Maker Spaces and Innovation Hubs -** Libraries can provide **makerspaces** where users can access **3D printers**, **laser cutters**, and other digital fabrication tools. These spaces can be used for creating prototypes, art, or even experimenting with design concepts.
8. **Coding and Robotics Labs -** Libraries can introduce users to technology by offering resources and workshops related to **coding**, **robotics**, and **electronic engineering**. These spaces foster creativity, innovation, and critical thinking in STEM fields.

9. **Collaboration and Community Engagement -** Libraries can offer designated spaces for individuals or groups to work on projects, host meetings, or collaborate on academic or professional initiatives. These spaces can be equipped with **high-speed internet**, **conference tools**, and other collaborative technologies. Libraries can also provide equip **study rooms** and meeting spaces with smart technologies such as **video conferencing**, **interactive whiteboards**, and **audio-visual equipment** to facilitate collaboration, remote learning, and presentations.
10. **Online Learning and Research Support -** Libraries can partner with online platforms like **Coursera**, **edX**, or **Udemy** to provide users with access to **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)**. Additionally, libraries can offer virtual **tutoring services**, research consultations, and help with **online course navigation**.
11. **Research Assistance and Data Analytics -** Libraries can offer **virtual research support** by providing users access to online databases, assisting with data analytics tools, and offering workshops on conducting high-level research using digital resources.
12. **Smart Library Infrastructure -** Libraries can implement **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)** and **Smart Tags** technology to streamline the circulation process and improve inventory management, making it easier for users to check out books, access materials, and track library resources.
13. **Sustainability and Eco-Friendly Green Libraries Buildings -** Libraries can adopt **sustainable architecture**, using energy-efficient systems, renewable materials, and green spaces. Incorporating sustainability into library design not only reduces environmental impact but also serves as an educational resource for users. By embracing **digital archiving** and minimizing the use of paper, libraries can reduce waste and promote the **green** aspects of digital resource management.

Some other suggestions and key ways for providing innovative services to library users of next generation through Smart Libraries -

1. **Use of latest technology for –**
    - Automated & contactless services as smart book return systems with RFID,
    - Digital lockers for reserved books,
    - Use of virtual & augmented reality for assisting the navigation to locate books,
    - Virtual tours of library and immersive learning experiences,
    - 24/7 virtual library assistance with use of AI Chatbots,
    - Instant answers to common queries with use of AI Chatbots,
    - Soundproof pods and collaborative digital workstations,
    - Quick access to resources with using QR Code and NFC technology.
2. **Libraries may provide –**

- AI-driven suggestions based on books borrowing history and preferences,
- Customizable reading lists and alerts for new arrivals through mobile apps as pop-up notification,
- User-Friendly Interfaces as self-service kiosks and
- Digital catalogues with easy navigation for assess the book in bookshelf.

3. **Use of Integrated Digital Resources as -**
   - Access to e-books, audiobooks, and digital journals,
   - Cloud-based storage for academic resources,
   - Smart lighting and climate control for user comfort,
   - Data-driven collection management and user engagement insights.

Conclusion –

Libraries in India by year 2030 are expected to undergo a significant transformation, integrating advanced technologies, expanding digital access, and becoming more user-centric and further no longer be just repositories of books but become the dynamic, technology-driven knowledge centers fostering innovation, research, and lifelong learning.

These Future Libraries will become as Modern / Smart Libraries and provide innovative library services which are essential for meeting the evolving needs of next-generation users in an increasingly digital and interconnected world. By integrating cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and data-driven personalization, libraries can enhance user experience, improve accessibility, and foster lifelong learning. Additionally, the incorporation of maker spaces, digital repositories, and interactive learning platforms ensures that libraries remain relevant and dynamic hubs of knowledge.

To successfully implement these innovations, libraries must focus on continuous adaptation, user engagement, and strategic collaborations with technology providers and educational institutions. While challenges such as digital literacy gaps and funding constraints exist, proactive planning and stakeholder support can help overcome these barriers.

Ultimately, the future of library services lies in their ability to embrace innovation while maintaining their core mission of providing equitable access to information. By doing so, libraries will continue to be invaluable resources for education, research, and community development in the digital age.

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IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARIES IN OUR LIFE

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Abstract

Library is a place where all students, Teachers and people often visit to read books. It creates several gatherings of books of variable types to please the reader. The library is the in-person spring of information. It is simply accessible place for students and raiders. Every school and college has a library with numerous books. Besides that, it is economical for the students. This article will deliver an essay on library for students and children studying in schools and colleges. In educational system libraries are the heart and soul of the education system. The library usually provide knowledge and has many other benefits to mankind. The Library is a space wherein different book varieties can be studied independently. Libraries has variety of types which are used by a common man. There are private Libraries, public Libraries and also some government owned. Libraries are beneficial especially for those poor student who cannot afford books. In Hinduism the Schools and libraries are the two temples for the worship of the Goddess Saraswati.

Key Words: *Library Science, Books, Importance*

Introduction

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Importance of Libraries

All Libraries play a vital role in providing knowledge to a man to live the day today life. The knowledge we gain from libraries leads us from the darkness to the light of Wisdom and intelligence. Knowledge and education are essential for mental strength of all human being like they need balanced diets for their physical strength, Learning in libraries leads the human from lust and temptation. Reading in Libraries helps the students in achieving their goals of life. Libraries are the great source of information the historical events. We get all knowledge about the happening of past through book which lies usually in the libraries. The blunders done in past by the human or kings could be avoided in future, once learned from the history books. The regular readings in the libraries helps in developing concentration power in the readers. Reading in libraries provide us all possible solutions to academic difficulties. Reading References books from the libraries helps students in increasing their scores in academics. The Magazines, newspapers and other articles found in the libraries also provide abundant knowledge to students and teachers.

Conclusion

This article will deliver an essay on library for students and children studying in schools and colleges. In educational system libraries are the heart and soul of the education system. The library usually provide knowledge and has many other benefits to mankind. The

Library is a space wherein different book varieties can be studied independently. Libraries has variety of types which are used by a common man. There are private Libraries, public Libraries and also some government owned. Libraries are beneficial especially for those poor student who cannot afford books. In Hinduism the Schools and libraries are the two temples for the worship of the Goddess Saraswati.

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LIBRARIES IN THE IOT (INTERNET OF THINGS) ERA: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

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Abstract:

The Internet of Things (IoT) is the Pervasive era that exists the realm of technology, The Possibility of Connecting numerous devices within the library with Human- Human ,Aspect - Human , Things - Human Interferences is viable thru these Embedded Technology ,an try has been Made to offer an reason behind what is 'Internet of Factors", The Technology and its Growth. This Article Provides a Comprehensive review of Existing literature on Internet of Things Application in Libraries by Examining Scholarly Papers on IoT Implementation this study aims to demonstrate the technology's Potential to improve Library operations and services with in academic environment.

Keywords:*Internet of Things (IoT), Smart Library, RFID, IoT Librarians, IoT Library.*

Introduction:

Al Believes that the Library is an important part of all educational programs but the library currently needs to implement new management systems to change the current system by introducing new technology.

Internet of things (IoT) is global technology that connects people, deices , and library equipment through technologies that do not require any human interaction. Staff are increasingly using the internet of Things streamline their operations and improve user experience. Increasingly leveraging IoT to enhances Their Operations and Improve User experiences.

Intelligent Library Management System, Including Automated inventory tracking , Self – Checkout systems and Intelligent Shelf Management Streamline library Processes and Optimize Resource Utilization the Concepts of IoT Applicable to library Housekeeping Activities .Radio – Frequency identification(RFID) ,WSN, wi - fi, Cloud Computing ,mobile application Wearable body sensors paved the way for new trend in the library serve.

What is Internet of things?

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a community of physical objects which is probably connected to the internet and may altermate records with distinct devices IoT devices are embedded with sensors and software that permit them to talk with every unique and with the cloud.As Per Tech target " the Internet of Things is a Scenario in Which Objects , animals or People are Provided with the ability to transmit data over the internet without need for unique identifiers and human – human , human- Computer interaction . The Internet of Things (IoT) emerged with the integration of wireless technology Micro – Electro – Mechanical System (MEMS) and the use of IP addresses for data transfer with or without human intervention. The Internet of Things, commonly known as IoT, refers to physical devices around the world connected o the internet, collecting and exchanging data.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To find out the Basics of the internet of things and its Systems.
2. To pick out the special names and enablers of the IoT
3. To find out the Several Possibilities of IoT applications in the library.
4. To identify other Capability areas of IoT implementation for Libraries and their Risks.
5. To identify the future applications of IoT which is beneficial inside the place of the Library

Problem Statement:

Integrating of things (IoT) applications into modern libraries and services has the potential to transform the way libraries operate however, there are some challenges in implementing and using IOT technology in Libraries

What are the current trends and applications of the Internet of Things in Modern Libraries and Services?
How can Libraries integrate IoT applications to improve their Services and operations?
What are the benefits and challenges of using IoT technology in libraries?

Review of Related Literature:

2018

(Qin, 2018) seeks to show the potential scope and use of forms of Internet of Things technology in library services, clarifying the main purpose of the article. This Study also Indicates that internet of Things technology cloud potentially be employed in library

services and various activities similar to its utilization in the commercial sector. Moreover, he mentioned that internet of things technology has the potential to offer benefits in numerous library operations

2016

Kumar (2016) analyzed the IoT Technology in the Library Service and Management Butters (2008) Mentioned on February 2008 that none of the Australian academic Libraries used the RFID System, Reason why he introduces the benefits of a RFID system for Libraries and Proposes several element that cloud help to make clear the absence of the RFID Technology's Penetration into Australian academic Library area.

Chang (2016)outlined on imitative development of the application for Libraries at the Western Michigan University .he Considered that the Libraries needed to observe their Environment and to apply the smart IoT Application Which includes the physical smart devices such as the sensor nodes cloud system and controllers the library monitoring and management are other topics that were discussed by srinivasn and vanithamani (2023) they designed an alters' system module related to the library book renewal, return and Library dues by using the RFID and GSM mobile Technology

Emerging Technology and Innovation Internet of Things and its Application in Libraries:

The integration of Internet of Things (IoT) Technology into Libraries is making it Possible to Crete interactive and connoted environments. Embedded Devices with Sensors Communicate through Multimedia Systems, Providing Convenience, Efficiency and Service to Library Users This "assistive Technology; Ensure easy Access and Recognition. it Uses Technology Such as RFID for automated processes such as Product Identification and Security Machine – to – Machine Communication and Self – Service Checkout. Users can Access the Reading Materials they are looking for with the help of special applications .the Internet of things Detects Data and transmits it to users Via the Internet, Wi- Fi or Bluetooth. These New Technologies are Transforming the Library Experience, Making it more comfortable, efficient and Effective.

Impact on Libraries:

Indeed in spite of the fact that IoT is still in its earliest stages it incorporates a gigantic potential for libraries will be able to include more values expansion to their administrations and offer wealthy library encounter for supporters IoT is all around interfacing objects each other online as they are interestingly identifiable custodians are as of now recognizable with in libraries owing to the utilize of RFID which does the

comparable thing of collaboration with machines ,labels and update library administration framework with sections of book issued to a client ,but in case of Iot ,as it wren the contra set is, it is the web connection with a things or objects and IoT can be a a favoring in mask to overcome a few of the lasting library issues such as misplacement of objects and their utilization . it can indeed offer assistance in reinforcing the ties between the books and pursuers there by realizing Dr.S.R Rangnathan's Moment law of Library sciences " Every reader his or her Book "since most of the benefactors in show days have smarts phones, employing a portable app libraries can empower them to get and library assist virtual library card it has the extraordinary potential for libraries to advertise their administrations.

Internet of Things Application in Libraries:

1. Data of Social media used in Librarians
2. E - Platforms like E – Resources subscriptions used by the User
3. Devices used by the users like laptops, tablets, Smart phones, scanners, Printers etc.
4. Library gate can be enable it high end sensors and are providers IoT
5. Cataloguing and OPAC are the potential IoT's for the Librarians
6. Fire detection and Prevention devices are also positional IoT's Librarians
7. Virtual and Digital Libraries are based on IoT's

Advantages of the Internet of Things in Libraries:

1. Some of the advantages of the Emerging Technology and Innovation Internet of Things are discussed it's saves a lot of time and minimizes human efforts.
2. Information is easily accessible, even if we are far aways from our actual location and it is updated frequently in real – time.
3. Internet of thingsdevices connect an d communication with one another perform a variety of tasks without the need for human intervention.
4. Smarter control of libraries viasmartphones and enhances security and offers personal protection.

Conclusions:

In conclusion, the application of IoT in libraries and data centers has revolutionized the way these teach work and serve their benefactors .IoT innovation has enabled libraries to

improve their proficiency , availability and by and large client experience by implementing IoT gadgets such as shrewd racks ,RFID labels and sensors libraries automate different forms ,counting stock administration ,book following and security IoT gadgets ,Supporters can effortlessly find books and other assets through intuitively digital maps or portable applications this streamli8nes the looking prepare and dispenses with the frustration to discover particular things in expansive collections the discover particular things has great potential for libraries and if implemented on a large scale will provide the desired benefits and if implemented on a large scale will provide the desired benefits and add value tolibraries and services; however ,this is still in the development phase and libraries need to understand these new technologies and wait for the opportunity for the opportunity for the technology to mature for widespread acceptances ,adoption and effective use in libraries the results can be widely used in libraries to provide modern library services using IoT inspiration.

Recommendations:

For Libraries and information Professionals, the future of the internet of Things is full of Exiting Possibilities, with implications for Teaching and advancement. Using Internet of Things (IoT) Technology, Libraries can become smarter, more Connected Spaces. Smart Sensors Placed Throughout the library environment will monitor occupancy, temperature, lighting and noise levels to optimize environment Control and Increase energy efficiency. Libraries can use the data collected to Provide personalized recommendations ,customized notifications and customized services based on the user's preferences, interests and usage history ,location – based recommendations in the library and information about relevant events or resources are just a few of the greater things this technology can do .

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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Abstract:

Today's library users, predominantly digital natives, seek more than just access to books; they desire interactive, personalized, and technology-driven experiences. This article explores the essential innovative services that modern libraries must adopt to cater to the needs of next-generation users. These services encompass digital transformation, data-driven customization, virtual learning environments, smart libraries, and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technologies. Additionally, the article delves into the significance of user-centered design, community engagement, and the development of maker spaces within libraries. By examining global trends and successful case studies, the article outlines the roadmap for libraries to continue serving as dynamic hubs of learning and innovation in the digital age.

Libraries have evolved from traditional repositories of books to dynamic knowledge hubs that integrate technology, user-centric services, and digital transformation. The next generation of library users, primarily digital natives, demand seamless access to information, personalized experiences, and interactive learning environments. This paper explores innovative library services such as artificial intelligence-driven recommendations, virtual and augmented reality applications, smart libraries. By adopting these advancements, libraries can stay relevant, enhance user engagement, and bridge the digital divide. Libraries have long been at the heart of knowledge dissemination, but the rapid advancements in technology and shifting user expectations necessitate continuous innovation. The next generation of users, including students, researchers, and lifelong learners, seek more than just books; they expect smart, interactive, and personalized experiences. Traditional library services must evolve to incorporate digital tools, adaptive learning platforms, and AI-powered assistance to remain relevant in the digital age. This paper examines various innovative services that modern libraries can implement to cater to these evolving needs, ensuring inclusivity, accessibility, and engagement.

Keywords:

Library services, digital transformation, smart libraries, AI in libraries, virtual learning, community engagement, maker spaces, user-centered design, next-generation users, personalized services

Introduction:

Libraries have historically served as essential repositories of knowledge, offering access to information through books, journals, and other media. However, as the world rapidly evolves into a digital and information age, the expectations of library users have significantly transformed. The advent of technology has introduced a new generation of users with unique needs and preferences. This generation is predominantly composed of digital natives—individuals who have grown up with the internet, mobile devices, and an ever-connected world. As a result, traditional library services are no longer sufficient. To stay relevant, libraries must undergo a significant transformation in the services they offer, particularly in the areas of technology, accessibility, and engagement.

The role of libraries in modern society extends beyond simply lending books or providing reading spaces. They have the potential to be centers of innovation, learning, and community engagement. Libraries must embrace cutting-edge technologies, such as AI, ML, big data, and immersive virtual learning platforms, to provide tailored experiences that cater to the needs of their next-generation users. This shift requires libraries to rethink their infrastructure, services, and approach to user engagement. Moreover, the integration of interactive, digital, and collaborative services can enhance the library's role as a central point for lifelong learning and intellectual growth.

The focus of this article is to explore the range of innovative library services that cater to next-generation users, the challenges libraries face in adopting these services, and the strategies they can employ to successfully implement and sustain them. We will investigate emerging trends in library services, such as the introduction of smart libraries, the integration of AI and data analytics for personalized experiences, the creation of maker spaces, and the use of virtual environments to expand the library's reach beyond its

physical location. By examining the needs of next-generation users and the strategies for meeting them, this article offers a roadmap for the future of library services.

Evolution of Library Services:

Libraries have always been adaptable, evolving with societal shifts and technological advancements. In ancient times, libraries such as the Library of Alexandria were primarily physical repositories for scrolls and manuscripts. In the 20th century, libraries became more democratized, offering public access to books and periodicals. With the rise of the digital age, the traditional concept of libraries underwent significant changes as digital databases, e-books, and online journals became more prevalent. Today, libraries are not just confined to physical spaces; they are increasingly expanding into the digital realm, providing remote access to vast collections of digital media.

The next generation of library users, however, demands more than mere access to digital resources. These users, accustomed to the convenience and immediacy of digital technology, expect personalized, seamless, and interactive experiences. In response, libraries must offer services that go beyond traditional book lending and research assistance, integrating new forms of engagement, such as collaborative workspaces, maker spaces, and immersive virtual learning platforms.

To remain relevant, libraries must also cater to the diverse needs of their communities. This includes offering inclusive and accessible services for all users, regardless of age, background, or ability. Libraries must rethink how they provide resources, facilitate learning, and engage with their users in meaningful ways. The integration of technology, user-centered design, and community engagement will be key to ensuring the continued success of libraries in the 21st century.

Technological Innovations in Library Services:

1. Smart Libraries:

The concept of smart libraries refers to the integration of technology into the physical and operational infrastructure of libraries to improve efficiency, accessibility, and user engagement. Smart libraries leverage technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), automation, and data analytics to offer enhanced services. For instance, IoT-enabled systems can streamline library operations, such as book borrowing, inventory management, and facility usage monitoring. Automated systems, such as self-checkout kiosks and robotic book retrieval systems, can reduce wait times and improve user convenience.

Additionally, smart libraries can offer personalized experiences based on user preferences and behavior. Data analytics can help libraries understand user needs, allowing them to curate personalized recommendations for books, articles, and other resources. This level of customization is essential for next-generation users, who are accustomed to personalized experiences in other areas of their digital lives, such as social media and e-commerce platforms.

2. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:

AI and ML are playing a transformative role in library services by enabling more personalized and efficient interactions between users and library systems. AI-powered chat bots, for example, can assist users in finding resources, answering queries, and providing

research support. These chat bots can be available 24/7, offering immediate assistance even when library staff are unavailable.

ML algorithms can also be used to analyze user data and predict future needs, allowing libraries to anticipate demand for certain resources and services. For example, libraries can use ML to recommend books or articles based on a user's previous reading habits, much like how streaming platforms suggest content to their users. By offering personalized recommendations and services, libraries can enhance user satisfaction and engagement.

AI-driven search engines and discovery tools are another area of innovation. Traditional library catalogs often rely on keyword searches, which can be limiting. AI-powered systems can enhance search capabilities by understanding the context and intent behind user queries, providing more accurate and relevant results.

3. Virtual Learning and Remote Access:

The increasing demand for remote access to library resources has been a major driver of innovation in library services. Virtual learning platforms, online databases, and e-books have made it possible for users to access library resources from anywhere in the world. Libraries are now offering virtual classrooms, webinars, and digital workshops to support learning and professional development.

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies are also being explored to create immersive learning experiences. For example, VR can be used to create virtual tours of historical landmarks or simulated learning environments for subjects like science and history. These immersive experiences offer a new way for users to engage with information and enhance their learning. Libraries can also use virtual platforms to extend their reach beyond their physical location. Online events, such as virtual author talks and digital exhibitions, can attract participants from around the world, allowing libraries to engage with a global audience.

4. Maker spaces and Collaborative Learning:

Maker spaces are physical or digital spaces where users can collaborate, create, and innovate. These spaces are equipped with tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and design software, allowing users to experiment with new ideas and bring their projects to life. Maker spaces are becoming increasingly popular in libraries as they offer opportunities for hands-on learning and skill development.

Maker spaces promote collaboration and community engagement by encouraging users to work together on projects. They provide a platform for users to share knowledge, learn new skills, and develop creative solutions to real-world problems. By offering access to cutting-edge technology and fostering a collaborative environment, maker spaces help libraries position themselves as centers of innovation and creativity.

5. Data-Driven Personalization:

Next-generation library services must be highly personalized to meet the expectations of modern users. Data analytics can play a crucial role in achieving this by analyzing user behavior, preferences, and engagement patterns. Libraries can use this data to offer personalized recommendations, curate reading lists, and tailor services to individual needs.

For example, a user who frequently checks out books on a specific subject could receive notifications about new arrivals in that genre. Personalized services can also extend to user interfaces, with customizable dashboards that allow users to organize and access their favorite resources easily. Data-driven personalization not only enhances the user experience but also helps libraries optimize their collections and services. By understanding user preferences and trends, libraries can make informed decisions about acquisitions, programming, and resource allocation.

Challenges in Implementing Innovative Services in Libraries:

Libraries are transforming from traditional book-lending institutions into dynamic community hubs offering innovative services such as digital lending, maker spaces, virtual reality experiences, online learning platforms, and more. However, this evolution is not without challenges:

1. **Resistance to Change**: Both staff and patrons may resist new services due to familiarity with traditional library roles and services.
2. **Diverse User Needs:** Libraries serve a wide range of users, from children to seniors, each with varying levels of technological proficiency and expectations.
3. **Sustainability:** Innovative services often require ongoing investment in technology, maintenance, and updates, which can strain limited resources.
4. **Alignment with Mission**: Libraries must ensure that new services align with their core mission of providing equitable access to information and resources.

Budget and Resources in Libraries:

Budget constraints are one of the most significant barriers to implementing innovative services in libraries:

1. **Limited Funding**: Libraries often operate on tight budgets, with limited funds available for new initiatives.
2. **High Costs of Technology:** Innovative services, such as digital platforms, maker spaces, or advanced IT infrastructure, require substantial upfront and ongoing investment.
3. **Competing Priorities**: Libraries must balance spending on new services with maintaining core functions like book acquisitions, staffing, and facility upkeep.
4. Many libraries rely on grants for innovative projects, which can be unpredictable and short-term, making long-term planning difficult.

Staff Training and Development in Libraries:

Staff is the backbone of any library, and their ability to adapt to new technologies and services is critical:

1. **Skill Gaps:** Many library staff lack the technical expertise required to manage and promote innovative services.
2. **Resistance to Change:** Staff accustomed to traditional roles may resist adopting new technologies or services.
3. **Time and Resource Constraints:** Training staff on new systems takes time and resources, which are often in short supply.
4. **Continuous Learning:** Rapid technological advancements require ongoing training, which can be challenging to organize and fund.

5. **Role Redefinition:** Innovative services may require staff to take on new roles, such as tech support or digital literacy trainers, which can lead to uncertainty or discomfort.

Data Privacy and Security in Libraries:

Libraries have a long-standing commitment to patron privacy, but innovative services can introduce new risks:

1. **Patron Privacy:** Digital services, such as online catalogs or e-lending platforms, can collect sensitive user data, raising privacy concerns.
2. **Cyber security Threats:** Libraries are increasingly targeted by cyber attacks, and new digital services can introduce vulnerabilities.
3. **Compliance:** Libraries must comply with data protection laws (e.g., GDPR, CCPA) and library-specific regulations, which can be complex and resource-intensive.
4. **Trust:** Maintaining patron trust is critical, and any perceived breach of privacy or security can damage the library's reputation.

Digital Divide in Libraries:

The digital divide is a significant challenge for libraries, particularly in underserved communities:

1. **Access to Technology:** Many patrons lack access to devices or high-speed internet, limiting their ability to benefit from digital services.
2. **Digital Literacy:** Even when technology is available, some patrons may lack the skills to use it effectively.
3. **Equity Issues:** The digital divide disproportionately affects low-income, elderly, and rural populations, making it challenging for libraries to ensure equitable access.
4. **Infrastructure Limitations:** In rural or underfunded areas, libraries themselves may lack the infrastructure needed to offer innovative digital services.
5. **Outreach Challenges:** Libraries must actively reach out to underserved populations to ensure they are aware of and can access new services.

Key Strategies for Success:

1. **Community-Centered Planning:** Libraries must engage their communities in the planning and implementation of innovative services. By understanding the unique needs and preferences of their patrons, libraries can design services that are both relevant and impactful.
2. **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborating with local organizations, schools, businesses, and government agencies can help libraries pool resources, share expertise, and secure funding for innovative projects.
3. **Phased Implementation:** Rolling out new services in phases allows libraries to manage costs, test ideas, and make adjustments based on feedback. This approach reduces risk and ensures that services are refined before full-scale implementation.
4. **Investment in Staff Development:** Libraries must prioritize staff training and professional development to equip their teams with the skills needed to manage and promote innovative services. This includes not only technical training but also change management and customer service skills.
5. **Digital Inclusion Initiatives:** To bridge the digital divide, libraries should offer digital literacy programs, loan out devices, and provide free or low-cost internet

access. These initiatives ensure that all patrons, regardless of their socioeconomic status, can benefit from digital services.

6. **Robust Privacy and Security Measures:** Libraries must develop and communicate clear privacy and security policies to protect patron data. Investing in cyber security infrastructure and staff training is essential to prevent breaches and maintain trust.
7. **Advocacy and Fundraising:** Libraries must actively advocate for increased funding and support from local governments, private donors, and grant organizations. Demonstrating the value of innovative services through data and success stories can help secure the necessary resources.

The Broader Impact:

By addressing these challenges, libraries can continue to fulfill their mission of providing equitable access to information and resources. Innovative services not only enhance the library's role as a community hub but also empower individuals by providing access to technology, knowledge, and opportunities for lifelong learning. Libraries that successfully navigate these challenges will remain vital institutions in the digital age, fostering innovation, inclusion, and community engagement.

The Future of Libraries:

The future of libraries lies in their ability to innovate while staying rooted in their core values of equity, access, and community service. By embracing technology, fostering inclusivity, and continuously adapting to user needs, libraries can transform into vibrant, future-ready spaces that inspire and empower the next generation of users. The journey toward implementing innovative services in libraries is complex but essential. While the challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable. With careful planning, community engagement, and a commitment to equity and inclusion, libraries can overcome these obstacles and continue to serve as pillars of their communities. By embracing innovation, libraries can ensure that they remain relevant, resilient, and responsive to the needs of all patrons, now and in the future.

The future of libraries lies in their ability to adapt and embrace emerging technologies that align with user expectations. By integrating AI, IoT, VR, and other digital tools, libraries can create immersive and efficient learning spaces that cater to diverse needs. These innovations not only enhance accessibility and convenience but also foster collaboration, creativity, and knowledge sharing. As libraries transition into smart, user-driven spaces, they will continue to be invaluable assets in education, research, and community engagement for future generations.

Conclusion:

Libraries are at a critical juncture in their evolution. As society becomes increasingly digital, libraries must adapt by offering innovative services that meet the changing needs of their communities. However, this transformation is fraught with challenges, including limited budgets, resistance to change, staff skill gaps, data privacy concerns, and the digital divide. These challenges are interconnected and require a holistic, strategic approach to address effectively.

Libraries have always been adaptable institutions, and as we move further into the digital age, they must continue to innovate to meet the demands of next-generation users. By embracing technology such as AI, virtual reality, maker spaces, and mobile services,

libraries are ensuring their relevance and accessibility in an increasingly connected world. However, challenges such as the digital divide, data privacy, and staff training need to be addressed to ensure that these innovations serve all members of society equitably. The future of libraries lies in their ability to blend the physical and digital worlds, providing spaces for learning, collaboration, and community building. Conclusion, innovative library services are not just about keeping up with trends—they are about creating opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. Libraries that embrace innovation will not only survive but thrive, ensuring they remain indispensable institutions in the digital age and beyond. The next generation of users deserves nothing less than a library that evolves with them, and it is our collective responsibility to make this vision a reality.

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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Abstract : *Libraries have traditionally been essential in supporting learning, research, and knowledge*

dissemination. However, with the advancement of technology, societal shifts, and the changing nature of information consumption, libraries are facing the challenge of evolving their services to meet the needs of future generations. This research paper explores innovative library services that are being developed to cater to the next-generation users. These services incorporate advancements in digital technologies, embrace user-centered design, and promote inclusivity and sustainability. It examines how libraries can remain relevant in an ever-changing information landscape by adopting emerging technologies, enhancing user experience, and promoting lifelong learning.

Keywords: *Innovative services, next-generation users, libraries, digital transformation, user experience, information technology, future-proofing.*

1. Introduction

Libraries, historically known as the repositories of knowledge, are confronting a landscape that is rapidly changing due to technological innovations, shifting user expectations, and the globalization of information. Today's libraries no longer only serve as quiet spaces filled with physical books. As we look to the future, the role of libraries must evolve to meet the demands of the next generation of users – a generation that is digitally native, socially connected, and increasingly diverse.

This paper focuses on the innovations that libraries can implement to remain at the forefront of meeting users' needs in the 21st century and beyond. By leveraging technology and adapting to new paradigms, libraries can support the evolving expectations of their users and create more dynamic, inclusive, and interactive environments.

Objective

The primary objective of this research is to explore and identify the innovative library services that can meet the evolving needs of next-generation users. This includes understanding how emerging technologies, digital resources, and user-centered services can transform libraries to remain relevant and effective in supporting diverse and dynamic learning environments. Specific objectives of this study include:

1. To examine the role of digital technologies (e.g., cloud-based systems, artificial intelligence, virtual reality) in shaping future library services.
2. To explore how personalized and customizable library services can enhance user experience for the next-generation demographic.
3. To investigate the importance of collaborative and interactive spaces in fostering creativity and community engagement within libraries.

4. To assess the potential of inclusive and accessible library practices in ensuring that all users, regardless of their background or abilities, can benefit from library services.

5. To explore the sustainability and environmental considerations that should be incorporated into future library designs and services.

Hypothesis

This study hypothesizes that:

1. H1: The integration of emerging technologies and personalized services in libraries will significantly enhance user engagement, satisfaction, and learning outcomes among next-generation library users.

2. H2: Libraries that adopt inclusive, accessible, and sustainable practices will experience increased usage and a more diverse user base, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

These hypotheses assume that next-generation users, who are more technologically literate and socially connected, will expect libraries to offer dynamic, innovative services that cater to their individual needs, promote collaboration, and provide seamless access to information.

2. Next-Generation Users and Their Expectations

The term "next-generation users" refers to a demographic that is technologically sophisticated, diverse, and increasingly dependent on digital tools for communication, learning, and research. This cohort includes Generation Z and the upcoming Generation Alpha, who have grown up with smartphones, high-speed internet, and social media.

Some of their defining characteristics are:

Digital Fluency: The ability to navigate various technologies with ease, from smartphones and social media to specialized software.

Multimodal Learning Preferences: They prefer a blend of formats such as video, audio, interactive media, and traditional text.

Global Perspective: Due to globalization and interconnectedness, they are influenced by cultures and ideas worldwide.

Demand for Instant Access: They expect quick, seamless access to information anytime,

anywhere, often through mobile devices.

Collaboration and Social Connectivity: Social interaction, group work, and collaborative learning are integral to their education and learning experiences.

As a result, libraries must adapt to these expectations by providing not only physical spaces for quiet study but also digital and collaborative tools that enhance learning and interaction.

3. Emerging Technologies and Innovative Library Services

The integration of emerging technologies into library services is key to meeting the needs of next-generation users. Several innovative solutions and approaches are currently shaping the future of libraries:

3.1 Digital Libraries and Virtual Resources

The advent of digital libraries has made access to knowledge and information easier and more flexible than ever before. E-books, audiobooks, and online databases are now available, breaking down geographical and time-related barriers to information. Some innovative approaches include:

Cloud-based Library Systems: These allow users to access a library's digital resources from any device, promoting flexibility and accessibility.

Integrated Digital Platforms: Libraries can offer more holistic digital platforms combining resources like books, journals, databases, and media, all in one place.

Open Access Repositories: Facilitating free access to research papers and academic resources that encourage wider knowledge-sharing and democratization of information.

3.2 Personalized User Experiences

Libraries can adopt machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) to deliver more personalized services. Using AI algorithms, libraries can recommend resources based on previous searches or areas of interest, enhancing the user's experience and satisfaction. Some examples include:

AI-based Cataloging Systems: AI tools can help users efficiently find relevant content based on natural language queries.

Smart Library Assistants: Virtual assistants or chatbots can guide users, answer questions, and provide suggestions for research.

Customized Reading Lists and Content Delivery: Based on user preferences and behaviors, libraries can send tailored recommendations or notifications of new resources.

3.3 Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

AR and VR technologies can transform the way libraries engage with users. These immersive technologies can:

Enhance Learning Experiences: By creating interactive, 3D learning environments, AR/VR can be used for education, such as virtual historical tours or hands-on simulations in subjects like biology, engineering, and art.

Virtual Library Spaces: Libraries can build virtual representations of their spaces where users can "walk through" the library, browse collections, and access digital resources.

Digitally Enhanced Library Services: For example, using AR to identify bookshelves and guide users directly to their required books using their smartphones.

3.4 Collaborative Learning Spaces

Modern libraries are evolving into collaborative learning spaces where users can work together on projects. These spaces are often equipped with tools such as:

3D Printers: To create prototypes, artwork, or models.

Digital Media Studios: For creating podcasts, videos, and multimedia projects.

Video Conferencing Tools: Allowing users to collaborate with others, no matter their location.

Workshops and Makerspaces: Encouraging creativity and hands-on learning.

3.5 Gamification

Gamification techniques can be incorporated into library services to engage younger users in learning and exploration. This approach may include:

Library-Based Challenges: Users can participate in gamified reading challenges, earn badges, or achieve certain levels for completing tasks or reading books.

Interactive Library Apps: Libraries can create apps that combine traditional library functions with fun, educational games, encouraging users to engage more deeply with library content.

4. Inclusive and Accessible Libraries

Inclusion and accessibility are fundamental to meeting the needs of next-generation library users. Libraries must be spaces where all individuals, regardless of their background, abilities, or circumstances, can access information, learn, and grow. Some strategies include:

4.1 Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Libraries can adopt UDL principles, which provide multiple means of engagement, representation, and expression. This allows diverse learners to engage with resources in ways that are meaningful and accessible to them, such as providing:

Multi-sensory Resources: Audiobooks, videos with captions, and screen readers for visually impaired users.

Language Support: Offering library services in multiple languages to serve linguistically diverse communities.

Flexible Formats: Providing materials in different formats (digital, print, large print) to cater to a variety of learning styles and needs.

4.2 Community Engagement and Programming

Libraries should foster community engagement by hosting programs that cater to diverse populations. Programs could include:

Cultural Events: To engage various cultural communities.

Digital Literacy Classes: Teaching essential skills for the digital age.

Lifelong Learning Initiatives: Workshops and courses that allow individuals of all ages to continuously learn and grow.

5. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

Sustainability is becoming an increasing priority for libraries. This can be addressed by:

Reducing Paper Use: By encouraging digital lending and e-resources, libraries can reduce paper consumption.

Energy-Efficient Buildings: Libraries can embrace green technologies and design principles to reduce energy consumption and promote environmental sustainability.

Sustainable Materials in Makerspaces: Using recyclable and sustainable materials for 3D printing and other hands-on projects.

6. Conclusion

The next generation of library users is defined by their deep integration with technology, their demand for personalized and seamless services, and their desire for inclusivity and collaboration. In order to meet their expectations, libraries must undergo a transformation that embraces digital tools, enhances user engagement, and promotes accessibility. The future library will not only be a space for books but will become a dynamic environment that offers immersive learning experiences, fosters creativity, and facilitates collaboration. By staying ahead of technological trends and focusing on user-centered approaches, libraries will continue to be essential resources for knowledge, community engagement, and lifelong learning in the future.

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SMART LIBRARIES AND THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

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Abstract:
The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) has transformed the way libraries operate and provide services to their patrons. This paper explores the concept of Smart Libraries, which leverage IoT technologies to create innovative, user-centered, and sustainable library services. We talk about the several IoT-enabled services and applications, such as automated inventory management, smart shelving, and personalised recommendation systems, that can improve the library experience. Our research highlights the benefits of Smart Libraries, including improved user experience, increased efficiency, and enhanced accessibility. We also identify the challenges and limitations of implementing IoT technologies in libraries, including data privacy and security concerns, infrastructure requirements, and staff training needs. Our study provides a framework for libraries to adopt IoT technologies and create Smart Library environments that foster innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning
Keywords: *Smart Libraries, Internet of Things (IoT), library innovation, user-centered design, sustainability.*

Introduction

The library of the 21st century is undergoing a significant transformation. Gone are the days of dusty bookshelves and silent reading rooms. Today's libraries are vibrant, dynamic, and technology-enabled, providing users

with a wide range of services and resources that extend far beyond traditional book lending.

At the heart of this shift is the Internet of Things (IoT), a network of physical objects, devices, and sensors that have internet connections and the capacity to collect and exchange data. Libraries may now design intelligent, personalised, and interactive spaces that adapt to the changing demands of their patrons thanks to the Internet of Things.

In order to make the library experience more effective, sustainable, and user-friendly, smart libraries make use of Internet of Things technology including sensors, RFID tags, and data analytics. They provide users with seamless access to information, foster collaboration and innovation, and promote lifelong learning.

In this context, the integration of IoT in libraries has the potential to revolutionize the way libraries operate and provide services to their users. By exploring the intersection of IoT and libraries, we can gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges presented by this emerging trend, and how it can shape the future of libraries and the communities they serve.

What are Smart Libraries?

Smart Libraries are innovative, technology-enabled libraries that provide users with a more engaging, efficient, and personalized experience. They integrate cutting-edge technology like data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT) to make libraries more sustainable and user-centred.

Role of IoT in Smart Libraries

IoT plays a vital role in creating Smart Libraries by connecting physical objects, such as books, furniture, and equipment, to the digital world. IoT sensors and devices enable libraries to:

1. **Track inventory and collections**: RFID tags and sensors monitor book availability, location, and usage patterns.
2. **Optimize space and facilities**: IoT sensors track temperature, humidity, lighting, and energy consumption to optimize the library environment.

3. **Enhance user experience**: IoT-enabled furniture and equipment, such as smart tables and chairs, provide comfortable and collaborative learning spaces.
4. **Improve accessibility and inclusivity**: IoT-powered assistive technologies, such as audio descriptions and tactile graphics, support patrons with disabilities.
5. **Foster innovation and creativity**: IoT-enabled maker spaces and digital media labs provide hands-on experience with emerging technologies.

Benefits of IoT in Smart Libraries

1**. Improved user experience**: IoT enables personalized services, such as customized book recommendations, and streamlines library operations.
2. **Increased efficiency**: IoT automates tasks, reduces manual labour, and improves accuracy.
3. **Enhanced accessibility**: IoT provides equal access to information and library resources for users with disabilities.
4. **Data-driven decision making**: IoT provides valuable insights into library usage, enabling data-driven decision making.
5. **Cost savings**: IoT optimizes energy consumption, reduces stock management costs, and improves resource allocation.

Challenges and Limitations

1. **Infrastructure and funding**: Implementing IoT technologies requires significant investment in infrastructure and funding.
2. **Data privacy and security**: IoT devices collect sensitive user data, which must be protected and secured.
3. **Staff training and support**: Librarians require training and support to effectively use and maintain IoT devices.
4. **Digital divide**: IoT may exacerbate existing digital divides, particularly for users who lack access to technology or digital literacy skills.

Future Directions

1**. Artificial intelligence and machine learning**: Integrating AI and ML to enhance personalized services, collection development, and library operations.
2. **Extended reality and immersive technologies**: Incorporating virtual, augmented, and mixed reality to create immersive learning experiences.

3. **Sustainable and energy-efficient design**: Designing libraries with sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and IoT-enabled energy management.

Conclusion

IoT technology integration in libraries has the potential to completely transform how these establishments run and serve their users. IoT-enabled smart libraries provide a more individualised, effective, and easily accessible library experience. Libraries may adapt their collections, venues, and services to their patrons' changing requirements by utilising IoT sensors, devices, and data analytics.

While there are challenges and limitations to implementing IoT technologies in libraries, the benefits of increased efficiency, improved accessibility, and enhanced user experience make it an exciting and worthwhile development. As libraries continue to evolve and adapt to the needs of their users, the integration of IoT technologies will play a critical role in shaping the future of libraries.

Ultimately, Smart Libraries, powered by IoT, have the potential to transform the library experience, fostering a love of learning, promoting literacy and education, and building stronger, more connected communities.

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ग्रंथालयाचे कार्य फक्त माहीती पुरविणे आणि शैक्षणिक सेवा देणे इतकेच मर्यादित नसुन हे करत असतांना पर्यावरणाचे संवर्धन करण्याची जबाबदारी स्विकारणे आव"यक आहे.ग्रंथालयाचे कार्य,समाजातील हब म्हणुन विकसित होत असतांना,"ा"वत पध्दती आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचा समावे"ा करण्याचे महत्व वाढले आहे. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये शा"वतेला प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी,पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करण्यासाठी हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचा अवलंब करत आहेत. हा पेपर ग्रंथालयात कार्य आणि सेवा देतांना पर्यावरणावर पडणारा प्रभाव, शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रा"ाी संबंधित विविध संस्थांनी पर्यावरणीय शा"वतेत हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापरावर ठरवुन दिलेले मानक,तसेच ऊर्जा–कार्यक्षमता प्रणाली, अक्षय ऊर्जा स्त्रोत,पायाभूत सुविधा,पर्यावरणपुरक साहित्य आणि कचरा व्यवस्थापन

पध्दतीचा शोध घेते. ि"ावाय,हा पेपर हरीत तंत्रज्ञान य"ास्वीरित्या अमलात आणणाऱ्या ग्रंथालयाच्या केस स्टडीजचे परीक्षण करते. हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करीत असतांना निर्माण होणारी आव्हाने, संधी आणि फायदे याचा अभ्यास अधोरेखित केला आहे.

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1. प्रस्तावना

आजच्या आधुनिक युगात, पर्यावरणीय टिकाव एक महत्वाचा मुद्दा बनला आहे कारण मानवी क्रियाकलापांमुळे पृथ्वीच्या आरोग्यावर आणि भविष्यकालीन पिढीवर गंभीर प्रभाव पडत आहे.ऐतिहासिक संसाधनांचा उपयोग आणि औद्योगिक प्रदुषण याला सामोरे जात असतांना या आव्हानांचा सामना करण्यासाठी चळवळी कायदे अस्तिवात आल्या आहेत.

2. पर्यावरणीय स्थिरतेमध्ये ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका

भविष्यातील पिढ्याांच्या क्षमतेशी तडजोड न करता सध्याच्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी नैसर्गिक संसाधनांचा जबाबदार वापर पर्यावरणीय स्थिरतेमध्ये समाविष्ट आहे. जी ग्रंथालये संसाधनांचा वापर कमी करतात, कचरा कमी करतात आणि कर्मचारी, संरक्षक आणि व्यापक समुदायामध्ये हिरव्या वर्तनास प्रोत्साहन देतात त्यांच्या क्रियात्मक पद्धतींचा विषे"ात्वाने अभ्यास करणे आव"यक आहे. साधारणतः ग्रंथालये, शैक्षणिक आणि सार्वजनिक दोन्ही, त्यांच्या समुदाय–केंद्रित मिशनमुळे पर्यावरणीय स्थिरतेमध्ये नेतृत्वाचे काम करण्यासाठी आदर्श व उपयुक्त आहेत. शाश्वततेला चालना देऊन, ग्रंथालये केवळ त्यांचा पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करत नाहीत तर लोकांना शिक्षित करतात, समुदायाच्या कृतीला प्रेरणा देतात आणि पर्यावरणीय कारभाराच्या दिशेने जागतिक चळवळीत योगदान देतात. ग्रंथालये, जी समाजातील एक विश्वासार्ह संस्था आहेत, ती पर्यावरण शिक्षणाचे पुररूकर्ते आणि सकारात्मक बदलासाठी व्यासपीठे म्हणूनही काम करू शकतात.

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये ि"ाक्षण आणि सं"ाोधनाला पाठिंबा देण्यासाठी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावतात.तथपि, त्यांच्या कार्यामध्ये अनेकदा लक्षणीय ऊर्जा वापर, संसाधनाचा वापर आणि कचरा निर्मिती यांचा समावे"ा होतोए हवामान बदल आणि पर्यावरणीच्या ऱ्हासाबद्दल वाढत्या चिंतेमुळे, शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या पर्यावरणीय पाऊलखुणा कमी करण्यासाठी हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा अवलंब आहेत.

हा प्रकरण ग्रंथालयाच्या पर्यावरणीय प्रभावाचा आणि टिकावाच्या विविध पैलूंवर चर्चा करतो, जसे की संवर्धन आणि नूतन ऊर्जा प्रोत्साहन करते. तसेच शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाच्या भूमिकेची तपासणी करतो आणि पर्यावरणीय शा"वतेला प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी आणि सं"ाोधन पध्दती वाढविण्याच्या क्षमतेवर जोर देतो.

3. वातावरणातील विविध घटकांवर ग्रंथालयाच्या नियमित कार्याचा प्रभाव

ग्रंथालयाद्वारे प्रदर्शित केलेला पर्यावरणीय भार ग्रंथालयाच्या कामकाजाचा आणि क्रियाकलापांचा तेथील पर्यावरणावर मोठया प्रमाणात प्रभाव होतो. यामध्ये ऊर्जेचा वापर, कचरा निर्मिती, पाण्याचा वापर आणि नैसर्गिक संसाधनांचा ऱ्हास यांचा प्रामुख्याने समावेश होतो. इतर संस्थांप्रमाणेच, ग्रंथालये शाश्वत व्यवस्थापन न केल्यास पर्यावरणाचा ऱ्हास होण्यास हातभार लागतो. ग्रंथालयांद्वारे पर्यावरणीय भार प्रदर्शित होणारे मुख्य क्षेत्रे खालील प्रमााणे आहेत.

3.1. ग्रंथालयात ऊर्जेचा वापर

ग्रंथालय या ऊर्जा–केंद्रित संस्था आहेत कारण त्यांना प्रकाश, तापमान नियंत्रण करणे, आणि डिजिटल सिस्टमची देखभाल करणे आवश्यक आहे. वाचनक्षमता आणि सुरक्षितता सुनिश्चित करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांना विस्तारित कामकाजाच्या तासांसह मोठ्याा जागांमध्ये लक्षणीय प्रकाशाची आवश्यकता असते. बऱ्याच वाचनालयात तापमान नियंत्रण करण्यासाठी व आरामदायक वातावरण राखण्यासाठी आणि संग्रहांचे आर्द्रता आणि तापमान चढउतारांपासून संरक्षण करण्यासाठी वापरण्यात येणाऱ्या वातानुकूलन प्रणाली मोठ्याा प्रमाणात ऊर्जा वापरतात. त्याचप्रमाणे संगणक, सर्व्हर, प्रिंटर आणि इतर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणांचा वापर देखील एकूण ऊर्जेच्या मागणीत भर घालतो. ग्रंथालय डिजिटल डेटाबेस आणि संग्रहण देखील राखतात ज्यासाठी सर्व्हर पायाभूत सुविधा आवश्यक असतात, जे उर्जेच्या वापरामध्ये योगदान देतात. या सर्व प्रणालींना उर्जा देण्यासाठी कोळसा, नैसर्गिक वायू किंवा तेल यांसारख्या अपारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोतांवर अवलंबून राहावे लागते जे ग्रीन हाउस वायू उत्सर्जनात योगदान देते, व ज्यामुळे ग्लोबल वार्मिंग आणि हवामान बदल वाढतात.

3.2. ग्रंथालयात कचरा निर्मिती

ग्रंथालये विविध स्वरूपात मोठ्याा प्रमाणात कचरा निर्माण करतात. डिजिटायझेशन असूनही ग्रंथालयात अजूनही प्रशासकीय कार्ये, छपाई सेवा, परिसंचरण स्लिप्स आणि प्रचार सामग्रीसाठी मोठ्याा प्रमाणात कागद वापरण्यात येतो. ग्रंथालये वारंवार जुनी किंवा खराब झालेली पुस्तके, वर्तमानपत्रे आणि मासिके टाकून देतात, ज्यामुळे कागदाचा कचरा होतो. जरी अनेक ग्रंथालय पुस्तकांच्या पुनर्वापर कार्यक्रमात गुंतलेली असली तरी, सर्व साहित्य पुनर्वापर करता येत नाही, विशेषतः जर ते खराब झालेले असतील तर. बहुतांष ग्रंथालये मर्यादित आयुर्मान असलेल्या संगणक, स्कॅनर आणि प्रिंटर यांसारख्या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्सच्या विस्तृत श्रेणीचा वापर करतात. जेव्हा हे इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स बदलले जातात तेव्हा ते योग्य रिसायकल किंवा विल्हेवाट न लावल्यास ते ई–कचरा बनू शकतात. दैनंदिन ग्रंथालय कार्यासाठी पॅकेजिंग साहित्य (पुस्तक वितरण, कार्यालयीन पुरवठा) आवश्यक असते जे सहसा एखाद्या लँडफिलमध्ये संपते.

3.3. ग्रंथालयात पाण्याचा वापर

ग्रंथालयात विविध कारणांसाठी पाण्याचा वापर होतो आणि अकार्यक्षम पाणी व्यवस्थापन उच्च पर्यावरणीय भारात योगदान देऊ शकते. मोठ्याा ग्रंथालयामध्ये मोठ्याा प्रमाणात वर्दळ असते ज्यामुळे त्यांना प्रसाधनगृहांमध्ये पाण्याचा पुरेसा वापर आवश्यक असतो. मोठी मैदाने किंवा बाग असलेली ग्रंथालय सिंचनासाठी अतिरिक्त पाणी वापरू शकतात. पर्जन्यजल संचयन किंवा दुष्काळ–सहिष्णु वनस्पती यासारख्या शाश्वत लँडस्केपिंग पद्धतींशिवाय, पाण्याचा वापर त्यांच्या पर्यावरणावरील भार वाढवू शकतो. ग्रंथालय सुविधांच्या नियमित साफसफाईसाठी पाण्याची आवश्यकता असते आणि पर्यावरणास अनुकूल नसलेल्या स्वच्छता उत्पादनांचा वापर हानिकारक रसायनांसह पाण्याचे स्त्रोत दूषित करू शकतो.

3.4 विविध संसाधनांची कमतरता

ग्रंथालये विविध नैसर्गिक संसाधने वापरतात, ज्यामुळे संसाधन कमी होण्यास हातभार लागतो, जसे

- **कागद आणि पुस्तके:** पुस्तके, जर्नल्स आणि कागदावर आधारित साहित्याचे उत्पादन कागदासाठी लाकूड सारख्या कच्च्या मालावर अवलंबून असते. लाकडाचे कागदात रूपांतर करण्याची प्रक्रिया संसाधन–केंद्रित आहे आणि जंगलतोड, जल प्रदूषण आणि नैसर्गिक अधिवासांचा ऱ्हास होण्यास हातभार लावते.

- **फर्निचर आणि उपकरणे**: ग्रंथालयामध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या फर्निचर, शेल्फ्चे अवरुप आणि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्सच्या निर्मितीसाठी धातू, प्लास्टिक आणि लाकूड यांसारख्या कच्च्या मालाची आवश्यकता असते. या सामग्रीचे उत्पादन आणि अंतिम विल्हेवाट यासाठी खाणकाम, उत्पादन उत्सर्जन आणि लँडफिल योगदानासह महत्त्वपूर्ण पर्यावरणीय खर्च आहे.
- **उपभोग्य वस्तू**: ग्रंथालय प्रशासकीय आणि मुद्रण हेतूंसाठी टोनर, शाई आणि प्लास्टिकसारख्या विविध उपभोग्य वस्तू देखील वापरतात. या सामुग्रीचे उत्पादन आणि विल्हेवाट लावल्याने संसाधनांचा ऱ्हास आणि प्रदूषण होते.

3.5. रासायनिक आणि विषारी कचरा

रासायनिक उत्पादनांच्या वापराद्वारे ग्रंथालय पर्यावरणाचा ऱ्हास होण्यास देखील हातभार लावू शकतात. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या पारंपारिक साफसफाईच्या उत्पादनांमध्ये पर्यावरणास हानिकारक विषारी रसायने असू शकतात. जर त्याची योग्य विल्हेवाट लावली नाही तर ही रसायने पाण्याच्या प्रणालीत शिरून प्रदूषणास कारणीभूत ठरू शकतात. प्रिंटर, कॉपियर आणि स्कॅनर अनेकदा शाई काडतुसे आणि टोनर वापरतात ज्यात घातक पदार्थ असतात. या सामग्रीची अयोग्य विल्हेवाट लावल्याने विषारी कचरा निर्माण होतो, जो माती आणि पाण्यात जाऊ शकतो. दुर्मिळ संग्रह ठेवणारी ग्रंथालये अनेकदा पुस्तकबांधणी आणि संग्रहण साठवण्यासाठी चिकटवता, प्लास्टिक किंवा रसायने यांसारखी जतन सामग्री वापरतात. ही सामग्री नॉन–बायोडिग्रेडेबल कचरा निर्माण करू शकते आणि विघटन दरम्यान विषारी रसायने सोडू शकते.

3.6. डिजिटल सेवांचा पर्यावरणीय भार

भौतिक पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालये डिजिटल सेवांकडे वाढत्या प्रमाणात वळत असताना आढळतात, परंतु डिजिटल पायाभूत सुविधा अजूनही पर्यावरणीय भार वाढवू ‘ाकतात.

- **ऊर्जेचा वापर**: डिजिटल कलेक्शन होस्ट करण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या क्लाउड स्टोरेज आणि ऑनलाइन डेटाबेससाठी मोठ्याा डेटा सेंटर्सची आवश्यकता असते, जे सर्व्हर आणि कूलिंग सिस्टमला पॉवर करण्यासाठी प्रचंड प्रमाणात वीज वापरतात. ही डेटा केंद्रे डिजिटल सेवांच्या एकूण ऊर्जा वापर आणि कार्बन उत्सर्जनात योगदान देतात.
- **ई–कचरा**: ग्रंथालयामध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणांचे जीवनचक्र तुलनेने लहान असते आणि तंत्रज्ञानामध्ये वारंवार सुधारणा केल्याने इलेक्ट्रॉनिक कचऱ्यामध्ये योगदान होते. जरी ई–संसाधनांनी कागदाची गरज नाहीशी केली तरी जुने संगणक, टॅब्लेट आणि ग्रंथालये आणि संरक्षकांनी वापरलेली इतर डिजिटल उपकरणे लँडफिल ई–कचरामध्ये योगदान देऊ शकतात.

ग्रंथालयाद्वारे प्रदर्शित केलेला पर्यावरणीय भार त्याच्या कार्याच्या अनेक पैलूंचा विस्तार करतो, जसे ऊर्जेचा वापर आणि पाण्याच्या वापरापासून ते कचरा निर्मिती आणि संसाधने कमी होण्यापर्यंत. ऊर्जा–कार्यक्षम सुधारणा, डिजिटल संसाधनांचा अवलंब आणि कचरा व्यवस्थापन धोरणे यासारख्या शाश्वत पद्धतींद्वारे ग्रंथालयांनी त्यांचा पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करण्याचा प्रयत्न करणे आव”यक असताना, विविध प्रकारची आव्हाने कायम आहेत. हे पर्यावरणीय ओझे ओळखून आणि शाश्वत उपक्रमांद्वारे त्यांना सक्रियपणे संबोधित करून, ग्रंथालयांनी ज्ञान आणि सामाजिक प्रतिबद्धतेची महत्त्वपूर्ण केंद्रे म्हणून काम करत असताना त्यांचे पर्यावरणीय पाऊल लक्षणीयरीत्या करणे आव”यक आहे. ग्रंथालयांमधील पर्यावरणीय स्थिरता भविष्यातील पिढ्यांसाठी केवळ संसाधने जतन करत नाही तर मानवतेचा पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करण्याच्या जागतिक प्रयत्नांमध्ये ग्रंथालयांना रोल मॉडेल म्हणून स्थान देते.

4. हरित तंत्रज्ञान व्याख्या आणि महत्व

हरित तंत्रज्ञान म्हणजे पर्यावणीय तंत्रज्ञान ,ज्याचा मुख्ये उद्दे"ा पर्यावरणाचे संरक्षण करणे, नैसगिक संसाधनाचा योग्य वापर करणे, प्रदुषण कमी करणे हा आहे. हे तंत्रज्ञान निसर्गाच्या सुसंगततेत विकसित केले जातात, जे पर्यावरणावर सकारात्मक प्रभाव टाकतात.

उदाहरणार्थ सौर ऊर्जा, पवन ऊर्जा, जल"ाक्ती, जैवऊर्जा आणि ऊर्जा वाचविणारे तंत्रज्ञान हे सर्व हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचे भाग मानले जातात. हे तंत्रज्ञान कार्बन उत्सर्जन कमी करण्यासाठी आणि जलवायु बदलावर नियंत्रण ठेवण्यासाठी उपयोगी ठरतात.

हरित तंत्रज्ञान म्हणजे असे तंत्रज्ञान जे मानवाच्या कार्यकाळी पर्यावरणावर होणारा नकारात्मक प्रभाव कमी करण्यासाठी डिझाइन केलेले आहे. ग्रंथालयात हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ऊर्जा कार्यक्षमता, टिकाऊ पायाभूत सुविधा, कचरा कमी करणे, आणि नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा वापरणे यावर लक्ष केंद्रित केले जाते.

हरित तंत्रज्ञान म्हणजे अ"ाी विकासाची पध्दत जी भविष्याच्या पिढयांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतांना वर्तमानातल्या गरजांचे समाधान करते, जेणेकरून नैसर्गिक संसाधनाचे प्रमाण व दर्जा कमी न करता त्यांचा वापर केला जाऊ शकेल.

यु.एन.इ.पी च्या दृष्टीकोनातुन पर्यावरणीय शाश्वततेत खालील गोष्टी महत्वाच्या आहेत.

- संसाधनाचे टिकावू व्यवस्थापन : नैसर्गिक संसाधनाचा वापर असा असावा की तो दिर्घ कालीन असेल आणि संसाधनाची गुणवत्ता टिकवुन ठेवता येईल.
- जैव विविधतेचे संरक्षण:विविध प्रजातींचे आणि त्यांच्या आवासांचे संरक्षण करणे, ज्यामुळे पारिस्थितिकीय संतुलन राखता येईल.
- जलवायु बदलाचे निवारण:ग्रीनहाऊस गॅस उत्सर्जन कमी करणे आणि जलवायु परिवर्तनाच्या परीणामांपासून संरक्षण करणे.
- सामाजिक समावेश : पर्यावरणीय उपाययोजनामध्ये स्थानिक समुदायांना आणि व्यक्तींना सामिल करणे, जेणेकरून विविध सामाजिक गटांच्या गरजा आणि विचारांचा समावेश होईल.
- शिक्षण आणि जागृकता: लोकांमध्ये पर्यावरणीय मुद्याविषयी जागृकता वाढवणे आणि शाश्वत विकासाबद्दल शिक्षण देणे.

युनायटेड नॅ"ान्स पर्यावरण कार्यक्रमाच्या या तत्वांव्दारे, हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचे उद्दिष्टे साधने अधिक प्रभावी होईल.

5. हरित तंत्रज्ञानाची आव"यकता ओळखुन विविध संस्था राबवित असलेले उपक्रम.

5.1 इफ्ला ग्रीन लायब्ररी पुरस्कार 2025

या पुरस्काराचे उद्दिष्टे पुढिलप्रमाणे आहेत.

- जे पर्यावरणीय टिकावूपणासाठी वचनबध्दतेचा सर्वोत्तम संवाद साधते.
- ग्रंथालयाची सामाजिक जबाबदारी आणि पर्यावरण ि"ाक्षणातील नेतृत्वाची जाणिव निर्माण करणे.
- पर्यावरणीय टिकावू इमारतीण
- पर्यावरणीयदृष्टया टिकावू सेवा, उपक्रम, प्रोग्रामिंगए माहीती संसाधने, संकलन आणि प्रकल्प.
- ग्रंथालयांमध्ये सामाजिक शा"वतता उपक्रम.

- स्थानिक, प्रादे"ाक आणि जगभरात हरित ग्रंथालय उपक्रमाच्या विकासाला चालना देण्यासाठी.
- सर्व प्रकारच्या ग्रंथालयांना त्यांचे हरित उपक्रम सक्रीयपणे आंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रेक्षकांसमोर सादर करण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहीत करणे.

5.2. ए.एल.ए परिषदांच्या कार्बन तटस्थेसाठी प्रस्ताव वर्ष जून 2021 मध्ये स्विकृत करण्यात आला जो 2025 पर्यत कार्बन तटस्थेच्या उद्दिष्टाची पूर्तता करण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो.

5.3. भारतामध्ये सुध्दा ए.आय.सी.टी.ई. ही संस्था पर्यावरणावर कोणत्याही प्रकारे हानिकारक उत्सर्जन करणाऱ्या क्रियांमध्ये भाग घेत नाही. ए.आय.सी.टी.ई हे पाहते की मान्यता प्राप्त तांत्रिक संस्थांमधून बाहेर पडणारे अभियंते जगातील जबाबदार नागरीक बनावेत आणि पर्यावरणा"ी संबंधित समस्या आणि त्यावर उपाययोजना करण्याची जबाबदारी स्वीकारावी. ए.आय.सी.टी.ई सतत हरित तंत्रज्ञानावर भर देत आहे.

5.4. याचप्रमाणे एन.बी.ए. सुध्दा हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाला प्राधान्य देते. हे पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करण्यासाठी विविध उपाययोजना करत आहे.

5.5. नॅक ने एस.एस.आर. मध्ये निकष 7 अंतर्गत "पर्यावरणीय संवेदन"ीलता आणि हरीत तंत्रज्ञान""बाबत काही महत्वाचे निकष दिले आहेजण या निकषांचा मुख्य उद्दे"ा विद्यापीठे आणि महाविद्यालयाना पर्यावरणीय दृष्टीकोनातून कार्य करण्यासासाठी प्रेरीत करणे हा आहे.

6. भौक्षणिक ग्रंथालयात वापरली जाणारी हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचे प्रकार.

6.1. ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम पायाभुत सुविधा

ग्रंथालयात ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम उपकरणांचा वापर अत्यंत आव"यक आहे. उदा. एलईडी दिवे, स्मार्ट थर्मोस्टॅट्स,उर्जा कार्यक्षम एचव्हीएसी प्रणाली, आणि उष्णता आणि थंडावा कमी करणारे इमारत साहित्य याचा वापर करता येतो.

6.2. नविकरणीय ऊर्जा स्त्रोतांचा वापर

ग्रंथालयाची ऊर्जेची गरज कमी करण्यासाठी सौर पॅनल,पवन ऊर्जा किंवा भुगर्भ ऊर्जा वापरणे उपयुक्त ठरते.या ऊर्जा स्त्रोतांचा वापर करणे पर्यावरणासाठी फायदे"ीर आहे.

6.3. टिकाऊ सामुग्री आणि बांधकाम

ग्रंथालय इमारती टिकाऊ बांधकाम सामुग्रीने तयार केल्या जातात, जसे स्टील, पुनर्नवीनीकरण केलेले लाकुड, आणि कमी प्रदुषण करणारे रंग, पाणी पुनवापर प्रणाली, ग्रीन रूफ्स आणि नैसर्गिक लॅडस्केपिंग यांचा वापर देखील वाढत आहे.

6.4 कचरा व्यवस्थापन आणि पुर्नवापर

हरीत ग्रंथालयात कचरा कमी करण्यावर आणि पुर्नवापरावर जोर दिला जातो. कागद,प्लास्टिक आणि इतर साहित्याचे पुर्नवापर करण्याचे उपाय कार्यान्वीत केले जातात. काही ग्रंथालयात जैविक कचराचे कम्पोस्ट खत आणि कागद पुर्नवापर यासारखे पर्यावरणीय उपाय राबविले जातात.

6.5. डिजिटल आणि आभासी सेवा

डिजिटल तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ग्रंथालयांनी शारीरीक सामुग्रीची आव"यकता कमी केली आहे. ई–बुक्स, डिजिटल कॅटलॉग,ऑनलाइन रिफरन्स सेवा आणि मोबाईल बेस सर्विसेस च्या वापरामुळे इतर संसाधनाची बचत होते.

7. भौक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर वाढत आहे, ज्याचा उद्दे"ा टाकाऊपणा प्रोत्साहन देणे, ऊर्जा वापर कमी करणे आणि पर्यावरणावर होणारा प्रभाव कमी करणे आहे. भारतातील अनेक ग्रंथालये टिकाऊ पध्दतींचे महत्व समजून घेत आहेत, जे जागतिक प्रवृत्तीचा भाग आहे. खाली काही हरित तंत्रज्ञान आणि टिकाऊ पध्दतींचे उदाहरणे दिली आहेत, जे शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये वापरली जात आहेत किंवा विचारात घेतली जात आहे.

7.1. ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम प्रका"ायोजना

एलईडी लाइट्सचा वापर ग्रंथालयांमध्ये ऊर्जा वापर कमी करण्यासाठी आणि प्रका"ा कार्यक्षमतेत सुधारणा करण्यासाठी मोठया प्रमाणावर केला जात आहे. या दिव्यांमध्ये पारंपरिक बल्बपेक्षा कमी ऊर्जा जागते आणि त्यांची आयुष्यकालही लांब असतो.

7.2. सौर ऊर्जा

काही शैक्षणिक ग्रंथाालये त्यांच्या छतावर सौर पॅनेल्स स्थापित करून अक्षय ऊर्जा वापरत आहेत. सौर उर्जेत वापर ग्रंथालयांच्या लाइटिंग,एअर कंडि"ानिंग आणि इतर प्रणाली चालवण्यासाठी केला जातो,

7.3. पावसाचे पाणी संकलन

ज्या भागांमध्ये जास्त पाऊस पडतो, अ"ाा ठिकाणांवरील शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये पावसाचे पाणी संकलन प्रणाली स्थापित करतात, ज्यामुळे पाणी गोळा करून ते इतर वापरांसाठी जसे की बागकाम, टॉयलेट फ्ज"िंग किंवा कूलिंग सिस्टीम्ससाठी वापरता येते, ज्यामूळे ग्रंथालयाचे पाणी वापर कमी होतो.

7.4. हरित इमारत डिझाईन्स

नवीन ग्रंथालय इमारती किंवा नूतनीकरण प्रकल्पांमध्ये हरित इमारत डिझाईन्सचा समावे"ा केला ताते. यामध्ये चांगली इन्सुले"ान, ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम HVAC प्रणाली आणि नैसर्गिक प्रका"ााचा वापर करणे यांचा समावे"ा आहे, जे कृत्रिम प्रका"ाच्या वापराची आव"यकता कमी करतात. ग्रंथालये देखील टिकाऊ, पर्यावारणपूरक आणि ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम बांधकाम साहित्य वापरतात.

7.5. कचरा व्यवस्थापन आणि पुनर्नवीनीकरण

ग्रंथालये कचरा वेगळा करण्याची प्रणाली आणि पुनर्नवीनीकरणाला प्रोत्साहन देत आहेत. कागद, प्लास्टिक, आणि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक कचरा व्यवस्थित वेगळा केला जातो आणि पर्यावरणपूरक पध्दतीने पुनर्नवीनीकरण किंवा नष्ट केला जातो. काही ग्रंथालये पेपरलेस पर्याय देखील सादर करत आहेत, ज्यामुळे वापरकर्त्यांना मुद्रित सामग्रीपेक्षा डिजिटल संसाधनांचा वापर करण्यास प्रोत्साहित केले जाते.

7.6. स्त्रोतांची डिजिटायझे"ान

डिजिटायझे"ानकडे वळल्यामुळे कागदी वस्तूंचा वापर कमी होतो,संसाधने जतन होता आणि दीर्घकालीन टिकाऊपणा साधता येतो. भारतातील अनेक ग्रंथालये पुस्तके, जर्नल्स आणि इतर सामग्री डिजिटायझिंग करत आहेत, ज्यामुळे छापील आणि परिवहनासंबंधी कार्बन फूटप्रिंट कमी होतो.

7.7. स्मार्ट ऊर्जा व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली

ग्रंथालये स्मार्ट ऊर्जा व्यवस्थापन प्रणालींचा वापर करत आहेत, ज्यामध्ये सेन्सर्स आणि थंडावा वायपराच्या पॅटर्ननुसार नियंत्रित केला ताते. उदाहरणार्थ, कोणीतरी रूमध्ये नसल्यास दिवे आपोआप बंद होतात, किंवा हामान प्रणाली दिवसा वेळ आणि उपस्थिती स्तरांनुसार समायोजित होते.

7.8. टिकाऊ फर्निचर आणि सामग्री

ग्रंथालयांमध्ये फर्निचर टिकाऊ, पुनर्नवीनीकरण किंवा नूतनीकरणीय साहित्यापासून तयार केला जात आहे. ग्रंथालये दीर्घकालीन टिकाऊपणासाठी आणि पर्यावरणूरक, विषाणुरहित सामग्रीच्या वापरासाठी फर्निचर निवडतात.

7.9. हरित जागा

ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या परिसरात हरीत जागा आणि हरित बाग तयार करीत आहेत, ज्यामुळे पर्यावरणाची गुणवत्ता सुधारते आणि आरामदायक वाचन आणि अध्यनाचे ठिकाण उपलब्ध होते.या जागांमध्ये नेटिव्ह प्लांट्सचा वापर केला जातो, तेथे कमी पाण्याची आणि देखरेखीची आव"यकता असते.

7.10. ई–स्त्रोत व्यवस्थापन

ग्रंथालये ई–बुक्स,ऑनलाइन जर्नल्स आणि इतर डिजिटल संसाधनांनचा वापर वाढवत आहेत, ज्यामुळे मुद्रित सामुग्रीचा वापर कमी होतो. यामुळे मुद्रित साहीत्याच्या वितरणासंबंधी होणारे परीवहन –निर्भरता,आणि कार्बन उत्सर्जनही कमी होते.

7.11. हरित प्रमाणपत्र

काही शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या इमारतीसाठी लीड प्रमाणपत्र मिळविण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आहेत.हे प्रमाणपत्र मिळविण्यासाठी टिकाऊ इमारत पध्दतीचा अवलंब करणे आव"यक आहे,ज्यामध्ये ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम वापर, पाणी संरक्षण आणि विषाणुरहित सामुग्रीचा वापर समाविष्ट आहे.

8. हरीत तंत्रज्ञान य"ास्वीरित्या अमलात आणणारी ग्रंथालय

भारतात सध्या काही प्रमुख हरित ग्रंथालये आहेत, ज्यांनी हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा अवलंब केला आहे. यामध्ये खालील ग्रंथालयांचा समावे"ा होतो.

8.1.आन्ना भाताब्दी ग्रंथालय, चन्नई.

हे ग्रंथालय हरित ग्रंथालय तत्वाचे पालन करते आणि विविध पर्यावरणीय उपक्रम राबविते.

8.2. कर्नाटका विद्यापीठ ग्रंथालय,धारवाड.

या ग्रंथालयाने हरित बांधकामाचे तत्व आणि ऊर्जा बचतीचे उपाय अवलंबले आहे.

8.3. दिल्ली विद्यापिठ ग्रंथालय.

या ग्रंथालयात पर्यावरणीय जागरूकतेसाठी विविध कार्यक्रम आयोजित केले जातात.

8.4. कोलकाता विद्यापीठ ग्रंथालय.

येथे हरित पध्दतींवर आधारित अनेक उपक्रमांवर कार्यरत आहे.

या ग्रंथालयांच्या माध्यमातून हरित तंत्रज्ञानाला प्रोत्साहन मिळते.

9. ग्रंथालयामध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञान राबविण्यातील आव्हाने

9.1. वित्तीय आणि बजेट संबंधी अडचणी

हरित तंत्रज्ञानात प्रारंभिक गुंतवणुकीची आव"यकता असते, ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम पायाभूत सुविधा आणि डिजिटल प्रणालीसाठी आव"यक असलेली गुंतवणुक ही छोटया ग्रंथालयायांना एक आव्हान असु शकते. यासाठी सरकारकडुन अनुदान मिळवणे किंवा खाजगी क्षेत्रा"ाी भागीदारी करणे आव"यक आहे.

9.2. जागरूकतेचा आणि ज्ञानाचा अभाव

बहुतेक ग्रंथालयांना हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा योग्य वापर कसा करावा याबद्दल कमी माहिती असते. याकरीता कर्मचाऱ्यांना प्रशिक्षीत करणे आणि तंत्रज्ञानाच्या नव्या विकासांबद्दल जागरूक करणे महत्वाचे आहे.

9.3. बदल स्विकारण्यास विरोध

परंपरागत पध्दतीचा वापरकर्त्यांना आणि कर्मचाऱ्यांना हरित तंत्रज्ञान स्विकारण्यास विरोध असु शकतो. हे विरोध कमी करण्याकरीता अधिक संवाद आणि प्रशिक्षणाची आवश्यकता आहे.

9.4. मुद्रित आणि डिजिटल संसाधनाचे संतुलन

ग्रंथालयांनी मुद्रित संग्रह आणि डिजिटल स्वरूपामध्ये संक्रमण करणे यामध्ये संतुलन राखणे.

या आव्हानांना न जुमानता ग्रंथालये संस्था,सरकारे आणि तंत्रज्ञान प्रदात्यांशी सहकार्य करून हरित उपक्रमासाठी निधी आणि समर्थन मिळवु शकतात.

10. ग्रंथालयात हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचे फायदे.

10.1. पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव

हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर ग्रंथालयामध्ये पर्यावरणीय परिणाम कमी करतो. उर्जा बचत, कचरा निर्मीती कमी होते त्यामूळे कार्बन उर्त्सजन कमी करण्यास आणि संसाधन संवर्धनास हातभार लागतो.

10.2. खर्च बचत

उर्जा कार्यक्षम प्रणाली आणि डिजीटल संसाधने दीर्घकालीन खर्चात लक्षणीय बचत करतात.

10.3. कार्यक्षमतेत सुधारणा

हरीत तंत्रज्ञानामुळे ग्रथालयाच्या कार्यक्षतेत सुधारणा होते. डिजिटल संसाधने आणि क्लाउड–आधारित प्रणाली संशोधकांना माहीती आणि सहयोगी साधनांपर्यंत सहज प्रवेश प्रदान करतात. कमी वेळात जलदसेवा देता येते.

10.4. वापरकर्त्यास पर्यावरण अनुकूल वातावरण

ग्रंथालये शाश्वततेचे मॉडेल म्हणुन काम करू शकतात. प्राकृतिक प्रकाश, ताजी हवेची प्रणाली आणि शांत वातावरणाने वापरकर्ता पर्यावरणपुरक पध्दती स्विकारण्यास प्रेरित करतात.

11. शिफारसी

- हरित तंत्रज्ञान स्विकारणाऱ्या ग्रंथालयांनी हरित इमारत प्रमाण्पत्र प्राप्त करावे.
- हरित उपक्रमांना समर्थन देण्यासाठी निधी आणि भागीदारी म्हणजेच बाहय वित्तीय स्त्रोताची मदत घ्यावी.
- वेळोवेळी येणाऱ्या नविन तंत्रज्ञानाबाबत कर्मचारी आणि वापरकर्त्यांना प्रशिक्षण दयावे.
- ग्रंथालयाच्या कामकाजात शाश्वततेला प्राधान्य देणारी धोरणे विकसित करावी.
- पर्यावरणीय जागरूकता वाढविण्यासाठी शैक्षणिक समुदायाशी संलग्न व्हावे.

12. निश्कर्श

हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाच्या उपयोगाने ग्रंथालयांनी आपल्या कामकाजाला अधिक स्थिर,कार्यक्षम आणि पर्यावरणीय दृष्टिकोनातून सुधारणा केलेली आहे.ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम पायाभुत सुविधा, डिजिटल संसाधन व्यवस्थापन आणि शाश्वत पध्दतीचा अवलंब करून,ग्रंथालये त्यांचा पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव कमी करू शकतात. हरित तंत्रज्ञान हे खर्चीक असले तरी याचे फायदे खुप जास्त आहेत. ग्रंथालयात हरित तंत्रज्ञान लागु करणे हे केवळ पर्यावरणाची रक्षा करणे हाच नसुन त्या संस्थेच्या दीर्घकालीन कार्यक्षमतेसाठी देखिल महत्वाचे आहे.

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Digital Libraries and Future ready Librarianship

Leadership in Next-Generation Libraries: Digital Literacy and Strategies

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Abstract

The role of libraries has evolved significantly in recent years, particularly with the integration of digital technologies. The modern library landscape now encompasses the need for digital literacy, robust technological infrastructure, and leadership that can guide institutions toward innovation, inclusivity, and relevance. This paper explores the emerging role of leadership in next-generation libraries, focusing on the strategic integration of digital literacy initiatives and the leadership competencies required to navigate this transformation. By examining current trends and case studies, this paper presents a framework for effective leadership in shaping libraries that meet the needs of diverse, digitally-savvy communities.

Keywords: Leadership, next-generation libraries, digital literacy, library innovation, technology integration, digital divide, community engagement, digital citizenship, information literacy, transformational leadership, staff training, digital inclusion, library partnerships, educational programs, digital tools, library technology, strategic leadership, change management, program development.

Introduction

Libraries have long been central to the educational, cultural, and informational fabric of society. Traditionally seen as repositories of books and print materials, libraries have undergone profound changes due to technological advancements, especially the advent of the internet and digital media. Today's libraries are not just physical spaces for borrowing books; they are dynamic learning environments that facilitate digital access, support information literacy, and foster community engagement.

As libraries continue to evolve into "next-generation" institutions, effective leadership is more crucial than ever. In particular, leadership in the digital age demands an understanding of how technology intersects with library services, a commitment to digital literacy, and the ability to guide staff and communities through technological shifts. This paper explores the role of leadership in fostering digital literacy and outlines strategies for adapting libraries to the challenges and opportunities of the digital age.

Objective:

The primary objective of this research is to explore the role of leadership in next-generation libraries, specifically focusing on the integration of digital literacy initiatives and the strategies required for fostering a digitally inclusive and innovative library environment. The study aims to identify key leadership competencies, digital literacy strategies, and best practices for guiding libraries through technological transformations to enhance access, engagement, and community empowerment.

Hypothesis:

Effective leadership in next-generation libraries, through the strategic implementation of digital literacy programs and technological resources, positively influences the development of digitally literate communities, enhances library engagement, and bridges the digital divide, resulting in more equitable access to information and opportunities for all users.

The Evolution of Libraries in the Digital Age

A Shift from Print to Digital

Libraries have historically been sanctuaries for print-based materials, but the rise of the digital age has led to a shift in both the format of materials available and the ways in which information is accessed and consumed. According to the Pew Research Center (2020), the vast majority of Americans now have access to the internet, and digital platforms like e-books, audiobooks, online journals, and multimedia resources have become integral to modern libraries.

While this transition to digital resources has brought numerous advantages—such as improved access, convenience, and enhanced user experiences—it has also posed challenges, particularly in terms of bridging the digital divide and ensuring that all community members are equipped with the skills necessary to navigate the digital world. Libraries have responded to these challenges by embracing new technologies and adapting their services to ensure equitable access to information.

The Role of Digital Literacy

At the heart of this transformation is the concept of digital literacy, which refers to the ability to access, evaluate, and create content using digital tools. Digital literacy goes beyond the simple use of technology to encompass a deeper understanding of how digital platforms and tools affect society, education, and personal life. As the demand for digital

skills continues to grow, libraries are in a unique position to serve as centers for digital literacy education.

Digital literacy is not just about teaching people how to use a computer; it also involves equipping individuals with critical thinking skills to navigate the complexities of the digital world. Libraries play an essential role in providing access to digital tools and technologies, as well as offering programming that helps community members develop the skills needed for informed digital citizenship.

Leadership in Next-Generation Libraries

Key Leadership Competencies

As libraries continue to evolve, effective leadership is essential for navigating the digital landscape. Leadership in next-generation libraries requires a blend of traditional library management skills and new competencies related to technology, community engagement, and innovation. Some of the key leadership competencies required include:

1. **Visionary Thinking**: Leaders must have a forward-thinking vision that aligns with the future of digital libraries. They should be able to anticipate trends in technology and information access and position their institutions to meet emerging needs.
2. **Digital Literacy Advocacy**: Leaders must be strong advocates for digital literacy initiatives, working with staff, patrons, and community stakeholders to promote the importance of digital skills.
3. **Technological Proficiency**: While library leaders need not be technologists themselves, they must have a solid understanding of the technologies that are reshaping the library field, from digital cataloging systems to virtual reference services.
4. **Change Management**: The shift to a digital environment requires a leadership style that can guide organizations through periods of transition. Effective leaders are those who can foster a culture of adaptability and resilience in the face of constant change.
5. **Community Engagement**: Libraries are increasingly becoming hubs for community involvement. Leaders must be adept at fostering partnerships with local organizations, schools, and other institutions to ensure that libraries remain vital community resources.
6. **Collaboration and Team Building**: Leadership in next-generation libraries also involves building strong, collaborative teams. Leaders must create environments

where staff are encouraged to innovate, share knowledge, and engage in professional development.

Transformational Leadership and Innovation

Transformational leadership is particularly relevant in the context of next-generation libraries. This leadership style focuses on inspiring and motivating staff and stakeholders to embrace change and innovation. Transformational leaders in libraries encourage creativity, value new ideas, and foster an atmosphere of continuous improvement.

In a library setting, transformational leaders might implement innovative programs, such as coding workshops for young people, digital storytelling projects, or virtual reality spaces for community learning. These initiatives not only enhance the library's role as an educational institution but also demonstrate a commitment to technological advancement and community engagement.

Strategies for Leading Digital Literacy Initiatives

To successfully integrate digital literacy into library programs and services, library leaders must adopt specific strategies that promote both access and engagement. Some of the most effective strategies include:

1. Developing Targeted Digital Literacy Programs

Libraries can create programs tailored to the diverse needs of their communities. These may include introductory computer skills classes for seniors, coding workshops for youth, or online safety sessions for parents and caregivers. By understanding the specific needs of their users, libraries can create more meaningful and impactful programs.

2. Investing in Technology and Infrastructure

Effective digital literacy programs depend on access to technology. Library leaders should prioritize investments in hardware, software, and internet access to ensure that users have the tools they need to participate in digital learning activities. Providing public access to computers, Wi-Fi, and digital media can help bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable access.

3. Training Library Staff in Digital Literacy

Library staff play a key role in delivering digital literacy programs. Therefore, it is essential for leaders to provide ongoing professional development opportunities that equip staff with the skills and knowledge to teach digital literacy effectively. Training might include

workshops on how to teach digital tools, understanding online privacy and security, and supporting patrons with diverse digital needs.

4. Partnering with Schools and Community Organizations

Libraries can expand the impact of their digital literacy initiatives by forming partnerships with local schools, community centers, and other organizations. Collaboration can lead to the development of joint programs, shared resources, and a more unified approach to digital literacy education.

5. Fostering Digital Inclusion

Digital literacy efforts should prioritize inclusivity, ensuring that marginalized or underserved populations have access to the resources they need. Libraries can offer special programs for people with disabilities, low-income families, or individuals who are new to technology. Through these efforts, libraries can help close the digital divide and ensure that no one is left behind.

Case Studies of Digital Literacy Leadership in Libraries

Several libraries have demonstrated strong leadership in digital literacy initiatives, serving as models for others. Some notable examples include:

1. The Boston Public Library (BPL)

The BPL has developed a robust digital literacy program that includes classes on coding, job-searching, digital citizenship, and internet safety. BPL also partners with local schools to offer digital literacy training to students and teachers. Its library cardholder app allows access to digital materials, including e-books, audiobooks, and research databases.

2. The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)

SFPL has established a "Digital Literacy Academy" that offers a wide range of technology classes, from basic computer skills to more advanced topics like web development. They also run programs to train residents on how to use digital tools for employment, education, and civic engagement.

3. The Library of Congress

As the national library of the United States, the Library of Congress has taken a leading role in advancing digital literacy, especially through its digitization efforts. The library offers a variety of online resources and initiatives aimed at fostering a better understanding of digital archives and their implications for research and education.

Conclusion

The leadership required for next-generation libraries must adapt to the ever-changing landscape of digital technology. Effective library leaders will prioritize digital literacy, creating inclusive, accessible, and engaging programs that equip individuals with the skills needed to thrive in a digital society. By investing in technology, collaborating with community organizations, and fostering a culture of innovation and change, library leaders can ensure that libraries continue to serve as vital, relevant institutions in the digital age. As libraries move into the future, their role in advancing digital literacy will remain at the core of their mission to promote knowledge, education, and community empowerment.

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RENDERIZATION OF COMPUTERIZED LIBRARY SERVICES

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ABSTRACT

Computerization in the field of library and information science has brought about significant changes in library management. Traditional library services, which were mainly based on physical documents, have been facilitated by the use of computer tools to provide efficiency and speedy service. Computerized library services include Automated Library Management System (LMS), Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), digital databases and web-based library services.

These enable users to get 24x7 information retrieval, online loan management and easy access to digital materials. These systems have made the workflow faster and more efficient for library staff and users. Similarly, computerization has also improved data security, privacy and data backup processes. Its effective use is improving various types of library services, which has ushered in a new era in terms of easy and instant access to information.

Keywords: Computerization, Library Management, Digital Library, OPAC, Online Database, Web Based Services, Efficiency.

INTRODUCTION

Computerization is considered to be a significant revolutionary change in the field of library and information sciences. Traditional library management systems, which were mainly based on paper records, have been made more effective, faster and more streamlined by using computer tools. Computerization has increased the efficiency of library services, and users can get convenient and instant access to various types of services, data and resources. Computerized library services are the monitoring and management of library functions through computer systems. This includes automated management of libraries, data storage, searching, classification and user services. Computerization has made library management more consistent and time-saving, which enables library staff to provide services more efficiently. Modern computerized library services provide various online tools for users. For example, online catalogues (OPAC), digital databases, electronic journals, and e-books. This makes the information in the library easy to find, and users can get 24x7 facilities. In addition, digitization of library materials and remote access make the work of the library more flexible and comprehensive. Computerized library services have improved all aspects of library management. Using these services, information exchange, storage and management have become more effective. The advancement of computing in this field has given a new direction to library management, which has facilitated the users to get information quickly, effectively and available.

OBJECTIVES

1. To find out the work of the library more consistent and efficient with the help of Automation of library management

2. To find out the Quick and easy access to information.

3. To find out the Data security and privacy.

4. To find out the Providing user-friendly services.

5. To find out the Reach and expansion of library services.

6. To find out the Use of online and digital content.

7. To find out the Improvement of workflow efficiency.

8. To find out the Development of smart library systems.

COMPUTERIZATION

Computerization has become an important and essential component in the field of library and information sciences. The traditional library management systems which were based on physical paper records have been greatly improved in their workflow using computer technology. Computerization has made all the procedures and user services of the library easier, more efficient and faster. It is a significant step for library management, which affects every level of the workflow of libraries.

Computerization is the automation of library operations using computers. In this process, all the paper records, documents, book lists, user data, cataloguing, classification, searching, record keeping, loan management and other functions of the library are harmonized through a computer system. This improves the workflow of the library and makes it faster, more organized and easier.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

Library management is the proper management and administration of library resources, services, staff management, and user requirements. Traditional library management systems were generally based on paper records, card lists, but computerization has revolutionized all these processes. Computerized Library Management System (LMS) has made library management more efficient, easy and responsive.

Computerized Library Management is the management of various library workflows, such as cataloguing, book lending management, data security, searching, and user services, on a computer-based basis. Computerization makes all library processes faster, automated, and mechanically improved. Computerized library management systems bring about significant improvements in library efficiency and provide faster and more effective services to users.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

A digital library is a computerized library system, in which all types of information sources are digitally converted and made available to users through the Internet or other computer networks. Like the traditional paper library system, a digital library also works for the storage and distribution of information, but it operates in digital media and provides services to users without the constraints of time, place and method.

A digital library is a computerized library system that stores, organizes, and distributes a variety of educational, research, cultural, and technical materials in digital form. It includes e-books, digital journals, research papers, academic databases, video, audio, and various other multimedia sources. A digital library provides users with instant access to various information sources.

OPAC (ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE)

OPAC stands for Online Public Access Catalogue. OPAC is a computerized system used for cataloguing and easy retrieval of library materials (books, journals, magazines, etc.). Through this system, searching the library resources, checking their availability, and using other library services becomes easier and faster for the users.

OPAC is a system that catalogues every item in the library (such as books, journals, e-books, etc.) and makes them easily accessible through the Internet or the library infrastructure. It allows users to search the library resources. All the information in the library is created in digital form and is available to the users online, through PR, or other computerized methods.

ONLINE DATABASE

Online database is a very important computerized service in libraries. Through this service, users can access digital resources in libraries in a more efficient and convenient manner. Online database is an Internet-based system that stores and provides information

related to various academic, research, and other materials available in the library. This database can contain articles, theses, research papers, journals, books, and other educational materials.

Online database is an online collection of various resources in the library. It contains various types of information, such as academic journals, e-books, research papers, magazines, or other educational materials. Library members can search, download, and read through this database from home or any other place.

Online databases are used as an important tool in library management for searching, classifying, and retrieving resources.

WEB BASED SERVICES

Web based library services are the provision of library resources and services to users through a web-based platform. These types of services provide easy and fast access to library educational resources, databases, and other services through an internet connection to the users. Web based library services have become a very important tool for comprehensive use and to make the functioning of libraries more efficient.

Web based library services are the presentation of library content and various services to users through an online portal, website, or web application. These services include library educational materials, digital catalogues, search engines, e-books, e-libraries, and other educational resources. This allows users to use library resources 24x7, from any location.

EFFICIENCY

Library services can be made more efficient, faster and effective through computerization. Computerized library services are those in which the work of the library is based on computers, thereby facilitating easy and immediate use of various services. The improvement in the efficiency of these services has made library management easier and more effective for the users.

Computerization in libraries makes service delivery faster, systematic and error-free. Efficiency means improving the various processes in the functioning of the library to do more work more efficiently and in less time. Due to computerization, users can search, register, return resources, etc. more easily and correctly.

COMPUTERIZED LIBRARY SERVICES: IMPORTANT COMPONENTS

1. Automated Library Management System (LMS): A Library Management System (LMS) is used to automate all the functions in a library. These include:

- o Finding out which books are available.
- o Borrowing management of books.
- o Registering users and managing required information.
- o Classification and cataloguing of books.

This makes library management more organized and makes it easier to find information.

2. Electronic Database and Digital Library: With the help of a computerized system, the books, journals, papers, research materials, etc. of libraries are available in digital form. Due to this:

- o Users can search online.
- o 24x7 availability of information.
- o Information management of book details becomes easy.

Popular digital databases include IEEE, JSTOR, Google Scholar, etc.

3. Online Catalogue (OPAC - Online Public Access Catalogue): A computerised catalogue is used instead of the traditional card catalogue, which allows users to easily search for books. Using the OPAC system:

- o Details of books can be checked.
- o Search can be done by category and subject.
- o Borrowing and return can be checked.

4. Electronic Information Management (EIM): The collection, classification, compilation and retrieval of various types of information received in the library is facilitated. These include:

- o Digitisation of documents.
- o Digital archiving of various types.
- o Integration of various forms of information.

5. Web-based library services: A major transformation is the provision of web-based services by libraries with the help of the internet. These include:

- o Providing library services using web portals or mobile applications.
- o Users can get online registration, online renewal and online search services.
- o Making digital content available through e-books and e-journals.

6. Smart Library and Robotics: In the future, robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) will be used for library operations. These include:

- o Self-borrowing of books.
- o Arrangement of books and literature through robotics.
- o Using self-service kiosks, users can be served instantly.

7. Data Security and Privacy: Data security and privacy are also important in a computerized system. To ensure the security of library data, user information and digital content:

- o Secure login system.
- o Data encryption.
- o Backup and data recovery process is ensured.

ADVANTAGES OF COMPUTERIZED LIBRARY SERVICES

1. Fast and effective information retrieval: Users can easily search the library catalogue and database.
2. Availability of books: Availability of books can be checked online.
3. User experience: Users can get 24x7 service due to computerization.
4. Remote access: Users can search for information and use the e-library via the Internet.

CONCLUSION

Computerized library services are a revolutionary change for library management. It makes library services more efficient, user-friendly, and user-centric. In the future, many

more digital and smart technologies will be incorporated in libraries, which will further improve the use of information.

Computerized library services have brought about significant changes in the functioning of library management. OPAC, online databases, web-based services, and functionality have brought about greater efficiency and advancement in the workflow of libraries. The use of these services is crucial for providing quick and easy services to the library users. Computerization has made the work of library management easier, faster, and user-friendly.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: RESHAPING THE LANDSCAPE OF MODERN LIBRARIANSHIP

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Abstract:*Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming numerous sectors, and libraries are experiencing a significant paradigm shift. This paper delves into the transformative potential of AI within the library ecosystem, exploring its evolution, diverse applications, and integration within smart library frameworks. We analyze how AI is impacting key library functions, including educational support, information dissemination, accessibility enhancements, and community engagement, while also considering the associated challenges and opportunities.*

Key words:*Modern Librarianship, Artificial Intelligence, Intelligent Services*

Introduction:

Artificial intelligence (AI), characterized by the ability of computational systems to mimic human cognitive functions, is revolutionizing various industries, including the information sector. Libraries, as vital hubs of knowledge and learning, are embracing AI to enhance their services and adapt to the evolving needs of their users. This paper explores the multifaceted role of AI in contemporary libraries, examining its historical development, current applications, and future potential within the context of smart library initiatives. We investigate how AI is being leveraged to improve educational resources, streamline information access, foster inclusivity, and facilitate community building, while also acknowledging the ethical and practical considerations associated with its implementation.

Historical Context and Trajectory of AI:

The conceptualization of artificial beings has permeated human imagination for millennia, appearing in myths and folklore across cultures. However, the formal study of AI as a scientific discipline emerged in the mid-20th century. The seminal Dartmouth Workshop in 1956, organized by John McCarthy, is widely recognized as the birth of AI as a field of

research (McCarthy et al., 1955). Early AI research concentrated on symbolic reasoning and problem-solving, employing techniques like rule-based systems and search algorithms. The field has since undergone periods of both rapid advancement and relative stagnation, often referred to as "AI winters." Recent resurgence has been fueled by breakthroughs in machine learning, particularly deep learning, which have enabled significant progress in areas like natural language processing and computer vision (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

The Evolving Role of AI in Library Services:

AI is fundamentally changing how libraries operate and interact with their patrons. Key areas of impact include:

1. Personalized Resource Discovery: AI algorithms analyze user profiles, borrowing patterns, and information-seeking behaviors to deliver customized recommendations for books, articles, multimedia resources, and other materials. This personalized approach enhances discoverability and fosters a more engaging user experience.
2. Advanced Information Retrieval: AI-powered search engines, leveraging Natural Language Processing (NLP), are enhancing information retrieval by understanding the semantic meaning behind user queries. This allows for more precise and contextually relevant search results within library catalogs and digital repositories.
3. Digital Preservation and Archiving: AI plays a crucial role in the preservation and management of digital collections. Techniques like Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and image recognition, coupled with AI-driven indexing and metadata generation, facilitate the digitization and organization of archival materials.
4. Intelligent Virtual Assistance: Libraries are deploying AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants to provide instant support to users. These conversational agents can answer frequently asked questions, guide users through library resources, and offer 24/7 assistance.
5. Data Analytics and Knowledge Management: AI enables libraries to extract valuable insights from large datasets. Data mining and sentiment analysis can be used to understand user preferences, inform collection development strategies, and evaluate the impact of library programs.
6. Automated Content Enrichment: AI tools can automate the creation of metadata, abstracts, and summaries for library resources, streamlining cataloging processes and freeing up librarians' time for more complex tasks.
7. Enhanced Accessibility Services: AI is instrumental in improving accessibility for users with disabilities. AI-powered assistive technologies, such as text-to-speech software, screen readers, and translation tools, make library resources more accessible to a wider audience.
8. Predictive Analytics for Collection Development: AI algorithms can analyze usage data, circulation trends, and emerging research areas to predict future resource demand,

enabling libraries to make data-driven decisions about collection development and budget allocation.

9. Cybersecurity and Fraud Prevention: AI enhances security measures by detecting anomalies, monitoring access control systems, and preventing fraudulent activities.
10. Multilingual Support: AI-powered translation tools facilitate access to library resources for users who speak different languages, promoting inclusivity and global reach.

AI-Driven Smart Library Initiatives:

Smart libraries utilize AI to create more personalized, interactive, and efficient services:

1. Intelligent Resource Management Systems: AI and big data analytics enable the development of intelligent resource procurement systems that anticipate user needs and optimize resource allocation.
2. Automated Library Operations: AI-powered robots and automated systems can handle tasks like book sorting, shelving, and inventory management, improving efficiency and freeing up staff for user-facing roles.
3. Personalized Learning Environments: AI can be used to create personalized learning experiences for library users, tailoring educational resources and recommending relevant content based on individual learning styles and interests.

Use Cases and Implementation Considerations:

AI Application	Library Function	Required Expertise	Benefits	Challenges	Adoption Likelihood
Robotic Process Automation	Back-end Operations	Programming, RPA Tools, Workflow Analysis	Increased Efficiency, Reduced Manual Errors	Integration Complexity, Maintenance Costs	High

Automated Storage/Retrieval	Collection Management	Project Management, Robotics Engineering	Space Optimization, Improved Retrieval Times	High Initial Investment, Infrastructure Changes	Medium
Knowledge Discovery	Research Support	Data Analysis, Machine Learning, Subject Expertise	Enhanced Research Capabilities, Faster Insights	Data Quality, Algorithm Bias	High (Research)
Natural Language Processing	User Services	NLP Expertise, Knowledge Engineering	Improved Search Accuracy, Personalized Support	Model Training Data, Computational Resources	High
Chatbots/Virtual Assistants	User Assistance	Dialogue Design, Knowledge Base Development	24/7 Availability, Scalable Support	Development Costs, Maintaining Accuracy	High
Data Science/Analytics	Collection Development	Statistical Analysis, Data Visualization	Data-Driven Decision Making, Resource Optimiza	Data Privacy, Ethical Considerations	High

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Information Literacy Training	User Education	Pedagogy, AI Literacy, Curriculum Development	Enhanced Learning Outcomes, Personalized Instruction	Integrating AI Tools, Faculty Training	High
User Management/Engagement	Library Administration	Data Analysis, User Experience Design	Personalized Services, Improved User Engagement	Data Security, Privacy Concerns	High

Conclusion:

AI is a powerful catalyst for innovation in libraries, enabling them to provide enhanced services, improve operational efficiency, and better serve their communities. From personalized recommendations to intelligent virtual assistants, AI-driven solutions are transforming the library landscape. While challenges related to data privacy, ethical considerations, and implementation costs exist, the potential benefits of AI in libraries are substantial. Continued research, development, and collaboration between librarians, AI specialists, and technology providers will be essential for realizing the full potential of AI in shaping the future of libraries as dynamic and inclusive hubs of knowledge and learning.

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MODERN SKILLS FOR LIS PROFESSION IN DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract

In the 21st century, academic libraries are encountering numerous challenges due to the digital landscape. Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals are increasingly serving as consultants, guiding users through the complexities of the technological age. Libraries, as social institutions, are committed to providing accurate information tailored to users' needs. Consequently, it is imperative for LIS professionals to enhance their skills to effectively address these challenges and contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society. Merely possessing professional degrees in library and information science is no longer sufficient; adapting to technological advancements is essential. This paper examines the current state of the LIS profession, its challenges in utilizing technology, and emphasizes the importance of soft skills for library and information professionals operating in IT environments.

Keywords: *Soft Skills, LIS Professionals, LIS Education, Electronic Resources*

INTRODUCTION

The advent of technology has introduced both challenges and opportunities within the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). As a dynamic profession in the knowledge society, LIS has experienced significant transformations across various sectors, including education, healthcare, defense, and industry. The discipline of LIS has evolved into a distinct field, necessitating librarians to possess a multifaceted skill set encompassing technical expertise, administrative capabilities, and a strong focus on user-oriented services. This comprehensive skill set is complemented by essential soft skills, which are crucial for effective communication and service delivery. Library and Information Science programs have consistently faced challenges in achieving a balanced curriculum that adequately addresses these diverse areas. The impact of technology is evident in the profession, with libraries increasingly adopting electronic resources for information storage and dissemination. Consequently, LIS professionals must continually update their

knowledge and skills to manage and provide access to information through these digital platforms.

- To excel as a library professional, it's essential to cultivate a diverse set of soft skills that enhance both personal effectiveness and user engagement. Here are some key competencies: Effective Listening skills
  a) Effective listening skills
     Attentively understanding user needs and concerns to provide accurate assistance.
  b) Effective Communication Skills
     Clearly conveying information and instructions to users and colleagues
  c) Interpersonal
     Building rapport and fostering positive relationships with diverse individuals.
  d) Public Relations
     Engaging with the community to promote library services and programs.
  e) Leadership and Teamwork
     Guiding teams effectively and collaborating to achieve common goals
  f) Writing Skills
     Crafting clear and concise documents, reports, and communications
  g) Presentation Skills
     Delivering engaging talks and workshops to diverse audiences.
  h) Teaching Skills
     Educating users on information literacy and library resources.(Project management libraries by carpenter juile)
     By developing these competencies, library professionals can enhance their effectiveness and better serve their communities.(slideshare.net)

Library and Information Science (LIS) education equips professionals with the essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage and deliver library services. The curriculum is designed to be interdisciplinary, integrating various fields to provide a comprehensive understanding of information management.

Core Components of LIS Education:

- **Information Technology Fundamentals:** Understanding the basics of information technology is crucial for managing digital resources and utilizing modern tools in library settings.
- **Research Methodologies in Library Management:** Training in research methods enables professionals to assess and improve library services effectively.

- **Classification and Cataloguing:** Learning classification systems and cataloging techniques ensures efficient organization and retrieval of information.
- **Information Consolidation and Retrieval Systems:** Developing skills in consolidating and retrieving information is vital for effective information dissemination.
- **Systems Analysis:** Analyzing and designing information systems helps in creating efficient library management systems.
- **Library Automation:** Implementing automation tools streamlines library operations and enhances user experience.

The interdisciplinary nature of LIS education draws from fields such as computer science, psychology, sociology, and education, reflecting the diverse skills required in the profession. This approach ensures that library professionals are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of information management.

Technology and Libraries

UNESCO defines Information Technology as a discipline that involves the scientific, technological, and engineering methods used for handling and processing information. This includes the use of computers, their interactions with humans and machines, and the socio-economic and cultural aspects associated with them.

Technology has revolutionized every sector, and libraries are no exception. The use of computers and related equipment in libraries is an example of how information technology is applied in this field. Technology plays a crucial role not only in generating, storing, and preserving information but also in the transmission, retrieval, and dissemination of data. By automating these processes, libraries can offer enhanced services to their users (Feldmann, L., 2006).

The Need for Technology in Libraries

Information is expanding rapidly every day, making it increasingly difficult to manage in today's technological era. Users often encounter challenges when searching for and retrieving information. Technology offers a clear solution to these issues. Libraries contain a variety of resources, including books, journals, electronic materials, and audio-visual content. Technology is essential for managing and processing this information, utilizing computers and communication tools. Technological advancements have transformed traditional libraries into online platforms, enabling automation, digitization, internet access, resource sharing, consortia, web-based catalouge (OPAC), electronic institutional repositories, and many other resources.

Skills Required for an Electronic Environment

A) **Generic Skills**: Innovation, self-confidence, creativity, problem-solving abilities, effective communication, customer relationship management, continuous learning, presentation skills, stress management, and proficiency in tools like XML3 (Deshmukh, S., 2012).

B) **Managerial Skills**: A global and local mindset, planning and organizational abilities, financial management skills, team building, decision-making, leadership, database searching, negotiation skills, technical expertise, time management, resource management, and understanding of metadata (Kawdey, D., 2012).

C) **Professional Skills**:

Information Technology Skills:

a) Hardware, software, and networking
b) MS-Office Suite
c) Presentation software (e.g., PowerPoint)
d) Internet tools (e.g., email)
e) Scanning techniques
f) Networking proficiency
g) Content development
h) Digitization
i) Web-based services
j) Virtual learning (Deshmukh, S., 2012; Kawdey, D., 2012)

Advantages of Technology in Libraries

- Time-saving
- Cost-effective
- Eliminates duplicate work
- Increases work efficiency
- Enhances accuracy in services
- Ensures reliable outcomes
- Provides easy access to information
- Delivers the right information at the right time to the right user
- Boosts productivity, motivation, skills, and management of Library and Information Services (LIS)

LIS Professionals in the Technological Age

An information professional is someone who collects, organizes, preserves, retrieves, and disseminates both printed and digital information. The term "LIS professional" is often used interchangeably with "librarian." Traditionally, LIS professionals have focused on managing information in print formats. However, with the widespread use of modern technology in libraries today, the role of librarians has evolved and expanded (Wikipedia, 2016).LIS is considered one of the most dynamic and challenging professions in the digital age. LIS professionals are highly aware of the impact of technology on the library field, and they are often referred to by various titles such as information scientists, document specialists,

information managers, librarians, and cybrarians. These professionals possess the necessary skills to effectively handle and manage information in library environments.

LIS Professionals and the Integration of Technology

LIS professionals have developed innovative solutions to traditional challenges in libraries by embracing technology. Several modern technological tools and approaches now require serious consideration for their effective use in managing information. These include:

- CD-ROM search capabilities
- Metadata standards
- Information portals
- Online databases
- Online networking
- Online book reservations
- Online learning resources
- ICT trends
- Cloud computing
- Web technologies

Conclusion

Academic librarians and their teams play a crucial role in meeting the complex and diverse information needs of their users. They must utilize technological tools that are user-friendly and aligned with the needs of their patrons in order to thrive in a customer-driven environment Technology plays a pivotal role in advancing library services. Information Technology has brought about transformative changes in the management of various information resources in libraries. As a result, LIS professionals must continuously enhance their skills to effectively disseminate information according to user needs. Traditional, linear workflows and hierarchical structures are no longer adequate and are being gradually replaced by more flexible organizational models and innovative management approaches.

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AN INSIGHT INTO THE ROLE OF ICT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE USE OF WEB-BASED LIBRARY SERVICES OFFERED BY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

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Abstract :

To examine the contribution of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure in facilitating the use of web-based library services in NAAC-accredited A and above grade colleges. The study used a survey method and a questionnaire tool and collected data from 27 students and faculty. The study also revealed increased use of ICT infrastructure such as computers and internet facilities for learning and research purposes. However, the use of other facilities such as printers, scanners, LCD projectors, audiovisual equipment and photocopiers was less. The study revealed that users perceived web-based services as significant and were satisfied with the resources and support provided by ICT infrastructure to access and utilize web-based services. In addition, the study revealed various problems while accessing ICT infrastructure, such as poor printing facilities, lack of guidance from library staff, internet connectivity issues, technical issues, as well as hardware and software issues and issues related to the operations of the e-resource segment. The study lays emphasis on augmentation of ICT infrastructure to ensure optimum utilization of web-based library services. Furthermore, the study emphasizes the introduction of effective ICT systems that support providing effective web-based services and providing resources to enhance the library experience.

Keywords:ICT infrastructure, Web-based services, Electronic Services, NAAC Accredited Colleges, User Study.

1. Introduction

"The effectiveness of web-based library services largely depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure. ICT infrastructure enables the use of web-based library services in a rapidly growing digital world. Libraries are important sources of information, resources and services. Integration of state-of-the-art ICT infrastructure is required to provide services to users without delay (Krishnamurthy and Rupa, 2019). The ICT infrastructure includes a wide range of technologies such as computers, internet facilities, Wi-Fi, digital databases and cloud computing services, which enable them to provide real-time and remote access to information. The integration of ICT infrastructure into library systems has transformed the traditional way of delivering services, allowing libraries to overcome geographical barriers (Pagor, 2024). The use of advanced ICT systems enables libraries to provide more diverse services such as digital catalog e-books, online magazines, and multimedia resources, ensuring that information is available to users 24 hours a day and from any location (Ali, 2024). Furthermore, ICT infrastructure enhances user experience with personalized services, which increases user satisfaction and participation (Atanda & Olafimihan, 2021). Therefore, the use of ICT in library services addresses the increasing need for electronic resources, but it goes beyond the problem of physical space and available resources. It

depends on the availability and accessibility of ICT infrastructure (Haridasan & Firdaus, 2021),(Roopa & Krishnamurthy, 2012). However, to be successful with web-based services, libraries face technical problems, lack of budget, lack of manpower, lack of skilled staff, lack of training, lack of cooperation from the management, non-availability of computer systems and non-availability of automation software(Sampath Kumar & Biradar, 2010).Which can limit the utilisation of web-based services.Therefore,a well-established and well-maintainedICT infrastructure is essential for users to access, use and benefit from the vast information provided through web-based library services.This paper will explain the role of ICT infrastructure in enabling the use of web-based library services, emphasising its impact on accessibility, user satisfaction, and the efficiency of library services in the digital age."

1.1Objectives of the Study

- To evaluate the impact of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services offered by NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra
- To identify the level of user satisfaction with the ICT infrastructure in NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra
- To understand the problems in using ICT infrastructure users of NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra

1. Literature review

(Ali, 2024) identified the average level of impact of ICT on technical and reference services of college libraries.Further, the author found that the users who had received ICT training positively influenced the use of technology in library services compared to those who had not received training.Thestudy also found that a lack of digital hardware and untrained library staff were significant obstacles to effectively utilising ICT.Similarly, (Faizan, 2023) identified the high impact of ICT on the use of e-resources, Web 2.0, Audio-video resources, CAS, and online databases and the low impact of institutional repository,OPAC, Electronic document delivery, digital reference services and academics supportive service on IIT Roorkee and IIT BHU users.(Rafique, Subhpoto, & Idrees, 2023)identified that a lack of ICT infrastructure impacts the use and provision of web-based services.Further, they found that website services, access to the digital library, web OPAC, e-document delivery, online reference service and institutional repositories and critical services for Sutrisno et al. (2021) argued that the availability of ICT infrastructure and resources in university libraries is essential in enhancing the quality and outcomes of education.Utilisingthe users

and gratification theory (UGT). The authors identified that students'attitudes, social support, and focus on control are interveningvariables that influenced students' gratification and satisfaction with ICT utilisation.Furthermore, their research confirms that the utilisation of ICT facilities and resources has a direct influence on studentsatisfaction. (Asogwa, Ugwu, & Ugwuanyi, 2015) assessed Nigerian university library ICT infrastructures to expose Nigerian university managers, library administrators and other university authorities in African countries to the required ICT infrastructures, information resources and electronic services.Theyfound that the Nigerian university library e-services are underutilised.Theyalso found that though ICT infrastructure was available in Nigerian university libraries for information access, they were not extensively used by users, and they were insufficient.Toevaluate the Internet usage level for academic purposes (Abdulsalami & Ubogu, 2018)surveyed 54 undergraduate students at the Federal UniversityLafia. The authors identified that most users were aware of the Internet and frequently used it for academic purposes. Additionally, they identified that most of them use the Internet more than the library for research, entertainment and social networking. (Bhoi, 2017)highlighted the use of ICT infrastructure in libraries,discussed the different dimensions of ICT to create awareness of technology in libraries and explained the need to comprehend the use of ICT in libraries to provide users with improved library services and information.Theauthor determined that ICT infrastructure should be utilised to accelerate the dissemination of information and improve services.

2. Methodology

A quantitative survey method was adopted for the study to quantify the impact of ICT infrastructure on the use of web-based library services by NAAC-accredited degree college users.The questionnaire tool was used to gather data from students and faculty who used the web-basedlibrary services provided by the NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra . A simple random sampling technique was adopted to select respondents. The data was collected using a structured questionnaire tool, which included questions on demographics, ICT infrastructure and web-based library services.Datacollected through questionnaires was analysed using Ms-excel and descriptive statistics were used to analyse the data.Atotal of 30 questionnaires were distributed to 3 A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra, and 27 completely filled questionnaires were received, resulting in a 90% response rate. Among them, 63% were students and 37% were faculty. Thelibrary users majorly (44.4%) visited the library daily or twice a week (29.6%), and the rest, 27.0%, visited fortnightly or once a month.

3. Data Analysis and Interpretation

4.1Mode of Knowing About Web-Based Services

To understand the users' mode of knowing about web-based services provided by the college libraries, the data was collected from 27 library users and tabulated in Table-1. The analysis indicated that 63.0% of users learned about the services through the college website.Thisshows that the college website is a robust promotional platform for web-based services and is most likely the primary information dissemination source.Further, 59.3% of users learnt about web-based services during library orientation.Thisshows the significance of orientation programs in familiarising new students and staff with the library services and facilities, and thus, it supports enhancing their awareness and usage of the services.Asignificantly lesser percentage (44.4%) of users learnt about the web-based services through library walls.Thisshows that physical notices and posters in the library are still effective in informing users about the facilities and services offered.Theanalysis indicates that the college website and library orientation were the most effective means of informing users about web-based services.

Table-1: Mode of Knowing about Web-Based Services Offered by NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

N=27

Mode of Knowing	No. of Users	Percentage
College website	17	63.0
Library Orientation	16	59.3
Library Walls	12	44.4

4.2Opinion of Users on the Importance of ICT Infrastructure

To know the importance of ICT infrastructure provided by college libraries for users' data was collected and tabulated in Table-2. Theanalysis indicated that the majority (77.8%) of users considered ICT infrastructure to be very important.Thisindicatesthe need for modern technology tools for the user to enhance their academic activities and library experience.While,22.2% of users considered ICT infrastructure to be not at all important.Thisnegative opinion indicates that the users are not dependent on the library to use modern technology tools. Alternatively, they may not use modern technology tools to

utilise library resources.Theanalysis indicates that college libraries can meetusers' information needs through ICT infrastructure.

Table-2: Opinion of Users on the Importance of ICT Infrastructure Provided by NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

Importance of ICT infrastructure	No. of Users	Percentage
Very Important	21	77.8
Not at All Important	6	22.2
Total	27	100.0

4.3ICT Infrastructure Used by Users

ICT infrastructure available in the college libraries indicates the most utilised resources by the users.Itemphasises the contribution of computers andthe Internet in facilitating the effective utilisation of web-based library services. Thedata presented in Table-3 indicates the ICT infrastructure available and utilised by users in the college library. It was found that 77.8% of users utilised computers, which indicates the importance of computers in accessing library resources and services. This was closely followed by Internet services, with 70.4%.This suggests that users are reliable on the library for Internet connectivity, which is vital in facilitating the effective utilisation of e-resources and web-based library services. A significantly small percentage (37.0%) of users utilised printers, 29.6% utilised LCD projectors and 25.9% utilised scanners, indicating that the printers, scanners and LCD projectors are vital, but they are not as commonly needed as computers or the Internet. Acomparatively lesser percentage (11.1%) of users utilised audio-visual equipment and photocopiers (7.4%), which indicates that they are helpful in some academic contexts or that users are not dependent on the library for utilising these infrastructure facilities.

Table-3: ICT Infrastructure Used by Users in NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

ICT Infrastructure	No. of Users	Percentage
Computers	21	77.8
Internet	19	70.4
Printer	10	37.0

Scanners	7	25.9
LCD projectors	8	29.6
Audio-Visual equipment's	3	11.1
Photocopier	2	7.4

4.5Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services

To understand the extent to which ICT infrastructure helps users utilise web-based services and enhance their experience with library services, data was collected and tabulated in Table 4.The analysis indicates that the majority (81.5%) of users agreed that the ICT infrastructure is effective in enabling the use of web-based services, which suggests that most users have easy access to web-based services. While 18.5% of users disagreed,indicating that a small percentage of users faced difficulties or had limitations in using the available ICT infrastructure for web-based services.Thefindings suggest that though the support of ICT infrastructure is high, there may be scope for improvement to ensure consistent and optimal delivery of services to all users

Table-4: Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services

Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services	No. of Users	Percentage
Yes	24	81.5
No	3	18.5
Total	27	100.0

4.6Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities

To assess users' perceptions on the usefulness of web-based services in supporting their academic activities data was collected and tabulated in Table-5.The findings revealed that most (74.1%) of users perceived web-based services as useful for their academic activities.This indicates that most users consider web-based services offered by their college libraries to enhance their learning and research. While 25.9% of users did not

consider web-based services to be helpful. This suggests that few users did not utilise these services to the maximum potential for their academic activities.

Table 5: Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities

Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities	No. of Users	Percentage
Yes	20	74.1
No	7	25.9
Total	27	100.0

4.7Level of Satisfaction in Using ICT Infrastructure

To identify the perception of users on using ICT infrastructure for accessing resources, using resources, using web-based services and accessing web-based services, data was collected and analysed in Figure-1.The analysis revealed that the majority (18 users (66.7%)) of the users were satisfied with the support provided by ICT infrastructure in using e-resources offered by the libraries, five users (18.5%) were highly satisfied, which indicates that the ICT infrastructure has a positive impact on the use of e-resources however, a significantly small percentage of users (14.8%) had a neutral stand, which indicates that they are still evaluating the usefulness of ICT infrastructure. Further, the analysis revealed that the majority (17 users (62.9%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in getting easy access to resources, and six users (22.2%) were highly satisfied. However, three users (11.1%) were dissatisfied, which indicates that there is room for improvement in ICT infrastructure.Theanalysis also revealed that a comparatively majority (14 users (51.9%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services, and five users (18.5%) were highly satisfied.This indicates that the user has a positive attitude towards available ICT infrastructure in libraries. Five users (18.5%) had a neutral stand, and three users (11.1%) were dissatisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services, which again confirms that there is some scope for improvement in ICT infrastructure.Furthermore, the analysis revealed that the majority (22 users (81.5%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in accessing web-based services, and three users (11.1%) were highly satisfied, which shows a high level of satisfaction with ICT infrastructure.Only two users (7.4%) took neutral stands, which shows that their

library ICT infrastructure was adequate and helpful in facilitating web-based access for most users, and there is little scope for improvement.

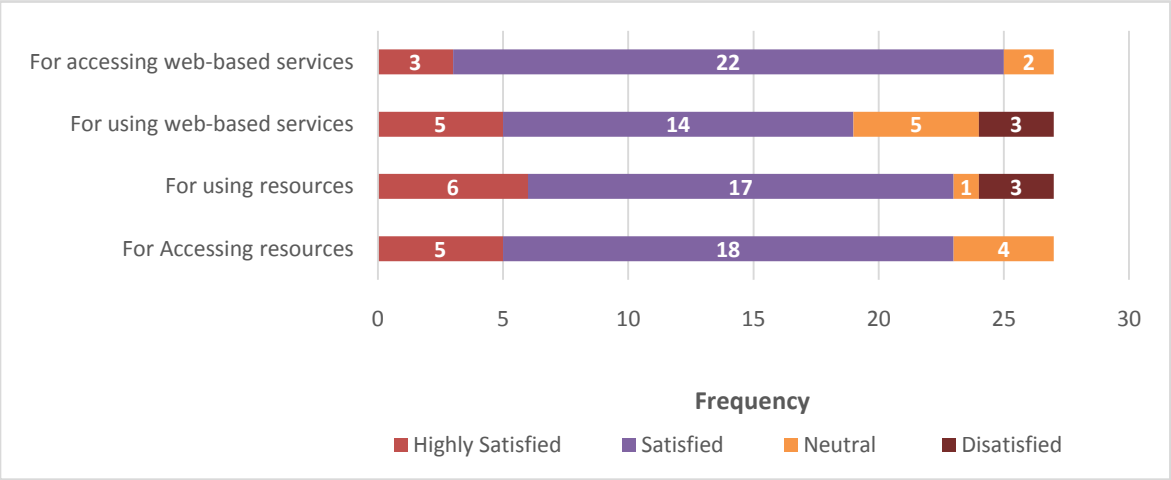

Figure-1: Level of Satisfaction in Using ICT Infrastructure

4.8Problems In Using ICT Infrastructure

To understand different problems encountered by users in utilising the ICT infrastructure for usingweb-based resources andservices, their opinions were gathered with open-ended questions and analysed.It was found that a small percentage (22.2%) of users expressed problems in using the ICT infrastructure, which impacted their overall satisfaction with it.The stated problems were grouped under seven headings such as lack of printing facilities, lack of proper guidance from library staff, problems with Internet connectivity, technical problems, hardware and software problems and problems with the functioning of the e-resources section.Although, these issues were reported less frequently they still suggest the need for addressingthese problem and improving the facilities.

4. Conclusion

ICT infrastructure is vital in ensuring the long-term relevance and effectiveness of library services in academic institutions.Thisresearch emphasises the role of ICT infrastructure in enabling the utilisation of web-based library services in NAAC-accredited degree colleges. ICT infrastructure in these colleges has played a significant role in enabling the utilisation

of web-based services, which they consider vital for their academic activities. Users considered ICT infrastructure highly useful for learning and research activities.Usersatisfaction with ICT infrastructure was high, especially in the context of Internet connectivity and computer availability. Mostusers acknowledge the role of ICT infrastructure and its contribution towards effectively utilisingweb-based services.However, there is still scope for improvement; thus, it is recommended that ICT infrastructure be upgraded and staff training programs conducted to boost the utilisation of web-based services.

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DIGITAL INITIATIVE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND E- GOVERNANCE IN INDIA

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Abstract: *As we know, there are 21 million Students across the globe and India has 11% of those learners but unfortunately less than 20% Indian Students are able to secure admission to Tier 1 colleges.According to some recent survey, 80% Graduates are not fit for the Job. This whooping number has really alarmed the government to take some serios steps in the filed of Education. Therefore, Government come up with many Digital Initiative to strengthen the education. Along with Digital Initiatives in Higher Education, Government also brought transparency and accountability in its own governance by introducing E- Governance, which is inspired by the vision* ***Less Government, More Governance.****In this paper author has talked about all the significant Digital initiative taken in the field of Higher Education and E- Governance in India.*

Keyword:*Digital Initiatives, E-Governance, Higher Education. MOOC*

1. Introduction:

In the age of current era, digital technology has become more advanced, common, affordable, and portable, most of the people from all community are starting to increase their online and digital participation. As, we are living in 21st century and the meaning of literacy has expanded with time. 30 years back, Internet was a rarely known term, but now it is the most commonly used term among every generation.

E-governance is the use of advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to improve the transparency, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of government services.

The Ministry of Education of India has initiatives various digital platforms, tools and devices like e (MOOC, SWAYAM, SWAYAM PLUS, SWAYAM PRABHA, National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Shodhganga, Shodhshuddhi, e-PG Pathshala, Virtual Labs, DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing), NAD (National Academic Depository), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), Spoken Tutorial, NPTEL, FOSSE, GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks), SAMARTH, IRINS, and Virtual Labs and so on)

Digital initiatives in higher education in India are efforts to use technology to improve the quality of education. These initiatives include the use of digital learning, online courses, and open resources.

According to UNESCO, e-Governance is the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to improve government services and make the government more accountable. It also aims to encourage citizen participation in decision-making.

"Governance refers to the exercise of political, economic and administrative authority in the management of a country's affairs, including citizens' articulation of their interests and exercise of their legal rights and obligations.

E-governance may be understood as the performance of this governance via the electronic medium in order to facilitate an efficient, speedy and transparent process of disseminating information to the public, and other agencies, and for performing government administration activities.

E-governance can bring forth new concepts of citizenship, both in terms of citizen needs and responsibilities. Its objective is to engage, enable and empower the citizen" (Defining e-Governance, 2005)

2. Review of Literature:

E-governance is generally considered as a broad concept than e-government, it can bring about a change in the way how users connect to governments and to each other.

As per MHRD, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development concludes in Digital Initiative in Higher Education NMEICT stated that the Local Chapters (Digital Learning Monitoring Centres) should act as Digital Learning Clubs, in discussing and disseminating the information on various digital initiatives, motivating the students to register and get enrolled, facilitating credit transfer, suggesting new courses, exam registration and helping students during the delivery of courses.

Chhangani and Hussain (2023) concludes that the digital transformation of higher education in India through the integration of e-Governance holds immense potential for revolutionizing the sector. Explaining about the challenges such as bureaucratic in capabilities, manual processes, and limited access to information and resources, e-Governance can bring about improved transparency, efficient administrative processes, strengthen accessibility to educational resources, and increased collaboration between stakeholders. Kamble, V. (2014) discuss in the earlier research paper entitled "Use of G2C

Information Services Under E-governance in Wardha District: A Survey" state about the implementation of E-Governance requires strong vision and continuity of government plans to produce their services to the end of the users and make it accessible into the largest context to their significance.

Datta and Mete (2021) discuss that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 initiative aims to revitalize higher education in India. It will utilize the international community cooperation and experience. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 demonstrates that education is much more than overfill courses, meeting deadlines and getting grades the bonafied purpose of education is to acquire knowledge, skills and values and make progress in the field in which one discovers one's own interests. We accept the real fact that there is no doubt if the full policy is used properly, it can take Indian education to the next level.

3. Aim:

Digital initiative in Higher Education aims to improve the standards of learning through digital education through National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

4. Objectives:

- To enable government services more efficient and transparent.
- It can help to make services fair and easy to use.
- To save money by replacing written records with smartphones and the internet.

5. Methodology:

This research is a descriptive study. For this study, substantial literature review was take on. The primary objective of the literature review was to gather relevant information and insights from scholarly articles. This process helped to set up a theoretical base for the study, enabling a deeper understanding of the current state of digitalization and e-governance implementation in Indian higher education.

6. Digital Initiatives in Higher Education:

Firstly, Digital India is a campaign initiated by the Government of India under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in 2015 aims to transform the country's economy by promoting inclusive growth in electronic services, product manufacturing and job prospects. Education is essential for the nation's social and economic progress. The Government of India has taken various digital initiatives in higher education to promote access to higher education for all the country's citizens. The Central Ministry of Human Resource Development implement the digital initiatives in higher education in partnership with different organisations. With technology and internet access, the Government of India has launched various digital initiatives in higher education to improve the quality of higher education in the country.

Keeping this point in view Government has taken many crucial steps in the field of education. Some of the initiatives are as below

6.1. MOOC:

MOOC stands for Massive Open Online Course. The main purpose of this online course is the unlimited participation and open access via the web. MOOC is a platform which offer certification from the top International Institute like Stanford, University of Michigan, Princeton, University of California, etc. MOOC is based on the philosophy of **AAA.** i. e,Anytime, Anyone & Anywhere. UGC has also approved the Quality mandate to be achieved by 2022 in its meeting held on 24.5.2018 by promoting MOOC.

Some of the popular MOOC platforms across the world.

1. WizIQ
2. Open2study
3. Udemy
4. Udacity
5. EdX
6. Coursera

India's MOOC platform is SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus:

6.1.1. SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds):

• A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform providing free online courses across various disciplines.

• Offers certification with university recognition.

6.1.2. SWAYAM Plus:

- A premium version of SWAYAM aimed at skill development and professional upskilling.

6.2. SWAYAM PRABHA:

- It is a group of 34 DTH channels broadcasting high-quality educational content on 24/7.
- Helps students in remote areas with limited internet access.

6.3. National Digital Library of India (NDLI):

- A vast digital repository providing free access to books, research papers, thesis documents, and learning materials.

6.4. e-PG Pathshala:

- A platform for postgraduate students offering e-books, videos, and interactive modules on various subjects.

6.5. Virtual Labs:

- Provides students access to virtual simulations of science and engineering experiments.

6.6. DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing):

- A platform for teachers and students to access educational resources, assessments, and interactive content.

6.7. NAD (National Academic Depository):

- A digital repository for storing and verifying academic degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

6.8. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):

- Allows students to accumulate and transfer academic credits across universities under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

6.9. E-ShodhSindhu:

- Provides access to e-journals, e-books, and research databases for universities and colleges.

6.10. E-Shodhganga:

- A digital platform for submitting and accessing Ph.D. theses and dissertations.

6.11. Spoken Tutorial:

- IIT Bombay initiative providing video tutorials on various software tools in multiple languages.

6.12. NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning):

- A joint initiative of IITs and IISc offering high-quality online courses in engineering, science, and humanities.

6.13. FOSSEE (Free/Libre and Open Source Software for Education):

- Promotes the use of open-source software in education and research.

6.14. GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks):

- Facilitates short-term courses by international faculty in Indian universities.

6.15. Manodarpan

- A mental health initiative providing psychological support to students, teachers, and families.

These initiatives are part of India's broader effort to integrate technology in higher education and ensure that students have access to affordable, high-quality learning resources.

6.16. E- Governance:

E-Governance refers to the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to deliver government services, exchange information and integrate various self-contained systems and services between government-to-citizen (G2C), government-to-business (G2B), government-to-government (G2G), and government-to-employees (G2E). The primary goal of e-governance is to intensify the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of government services and processes.

Examples of E-Governance in India:

DigiLocker: Secure digital document storage.

UMANG App: Access to multiple government services in one app.

Aadhaar: Digital identity verification.

e-Courts: Online case tracking and judgments.

RTI Online: Digital Right to Information (RTI) filing.

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN): A comprehensive IT platform for the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Unified Payments Interface (UPI): A real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

e-NAM (National Agriculture Market): An online trading platform for agricultural commodities.

MyGov: A citizen engagement platform that allows users to participate in governance and policy-making.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): A financial inclusion program aimed at providing banking services to the unbanked population.

Passport Seva: An online portal for passport-related services.

BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money): A mobile app developed by NPCI to facilitate quick payments using UPI.

e-Tendering and e-Procurement: Online platforms for government tenders and procurement processes.

Toll-free helpline numbers for various government services in India:

Emergency Services:

- Police: 100
- Fire & Rescue: 101
- Ambulance: 102
- Disaster Management: 1077
- Women Helpline: 1091
- Child Helpline: 1098
- Senior Citizen Helpline: 1291

Health Services:

- National Health Helpline: 1800-180-1104
- AIDS Helpline: 1097
- Hospital on Wheels: 104
- Accidents and Emergency Relief on Highways: 1033

Railway Services:

- Railway Enquiry: 139
- Railway Accident Helpline: 1072
- Indian Railway Security Helpline: 1322

Women and Child Services:

- Women Crisis Response: 1091
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline: 181
- Child Abuse Hotline: 1098

Agriculture Services:

- Kisan Call Centre: 1551

Other Services:

- Citizen's Call Centre: 155300
- Tourist Helpline: 1363
- LPG Emergency Helpline: 1906
- Voter Helpline: 1950
- NIC Service Desk: 1800-111-555

7. Conclusion:

Technology has hold up all areas of our life and education is not different. After the COVID pandemic, government encourage to use the digital platform in the routine modes and more education institutions are looking towards online learning as a permanent teaching method along with traditional classroom teaching. But while most of the institutes have used some form of online teaching in the past year, they lack a systematic approach to virtual learning. In order for the teaching staff or the students to be updated with what's happening around the globe and how great the tech industry is doing, they need to have the support of virtual learning and communication to improve the way of learning and delivery of education in every way. In order for the teaching staff or the students to be updated with what's happening around the globe and how great the tech industry is doing, they need to have the support of virtual learning and communication to improve the way of learning and delivery of education in every way. Government has taken this problem in to the consideration and taken up plethora of initiatives through digital medium and offered many platform for the learner. Beside this Government started E-Governance through Digital India Mission and came up with many E-Governance Platform to bring transparency and accountability in the Governance. This helped citizen at large and made their life easy and convenient.

8. Suggestions:

The study identifies potential approaches for offering thorough details regarding digital efforts. Design robust and Scalable Learning Management Systems (LMS) customised to successfully implement digital initiatives in higher educational institutions. For effective implementation of digital initiatives in higher educational institutions, more digital literacy programs are needed, especially in rural areas.

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN COLLEGE LIBRARIES

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Abstract

Without the adoption of information technology in the library today, the library cannot fulfill its purpose. Libraries are developing due to technology. Information has a great impact on the society.

While transforming from a traditional library to a modern virtual library, today a lot has changed due to technology. Today, library rooms are increasing.

The present article will study the plans adopted at the college level to adopt information technology including management financial hardware software and developmental activities.

Keywords: Information , Information Technology , Library Software , Hardware

Information

Computers have become very important due to the various tasks that can be done by computers. By connecting more than one computer, food is being eaten. If you list one, the information you receive can be of any type. (पाटील प. आ.-प., २०१९)

Information Technology

The concept of information technology has been developed. The twenty first century is known as the century of information technology. There is a huge store of information on the internet or it is an ocean of information. Services and facilities are being made available by information technology, economic and educational transformation of the society is taking place as a result is accelerating

Definition

Various new technologies used in library and information center for creation, communication, dissemination, marketing and retrieval and processing of information are called information technology.

Definition of Trade Industry in Great Britain

Information technology is the process of creating, storing, disseminating, communicating, and retrieving information through microelectronic devices such as computers and telecommunications

Elements of Information Technology

Web of information, telecommucications, online service, electronic phublishing, micropt

Development of Information Technology in Libraries in India

The significant contribution of the information technology industry in India to the country's economic development is the culmination of an evolution guided by the government planning process with market capitalization. Information Technology started with Computer Policy of 1984, Software Import-Export and Training Policy of 1986 , Economic and Financial Policy of (सुतार, २०२०)1991-95 .

in various fields of Information Technology in India usage, In government and private offices,In the advertising sector,In the printing area, In the transport sector,in the field of education,in the field of cinema,In the field of sports,In space,In the field of defense,in the medical field,In the banking sector,In the field of communication, In industry and commerce

Adoption of Information Technology in College Libraries

Due to computers and internet, information technology is being adopted even in villages and remote to remote areas. Just as information technology is being adopted in education, the influence of electronic media is also visible in college libraries. The technology used is information technology

Why is information technology adopted in libraries?

A library is a charitable institution, with the influence of information technology, all services are provided through the library and the reader gets the following benefits:

- Helps to provide easy and accurate service
- Controlling the growth of information
- The library of the future takes shape
- It helps to offer new services
- New technology can be used
- Preservation of rare materials by photographing
- Multimedia can be stored and transmitted.

- Development plans implemented for information technology in libraries

For adoption of information technology some processes have to be done at the college level which are done at various levels

- Managerial
- Finance _
- Hardware Rs
- Software Rs
- Developmental activities
- Exhibition
- seminar
- Training
- Workshop etc

Managerial Plan

The following functions are carried out in the management plan

1. Proper planning is essential
2. It is necessary to have a library staff organization
3. The number of employees must be correct
4. It is necessary to have a guide for guidance
5. A spirit of cooperation is essential in the organization
6. It is important to have a report of the work to be done or the work done
7. It is important to have a budget for savings

Along with the above tasks, the managerial process is useful and the process is carried out as follows.

1. Document verification. Catalogue

2. Presenting proposals to your committee.

3. Consideration of the proposal by the Manager (Chairman).

4. Taking approval from the Head of Office.

5. Unanimously approve the decision.

Financial Plan :

Libraries are adopting information technology When considering finance it is important to consider its economics. It is the librarian's job to make a report in that regard. While purchasing various tools in the library , the cost of its finer components must be considered. It is necessary to study whether each part of it is profitable and useful in terms of price . For that, it is necessary to conduct an analysis called Cost benefit and Cost effective analysis . The following different costs are taken into account in the overall financials .

(a) Capital Cost

1) Cost of machinery

2) Cost of building and other overheads .

(b) Recurring Cost (Operational Cost)

1) Expenditure on implementation

2) Opportunity cost

(c) Expenditure on execution

1) Expenditure on manpower

2) Fuel cost

3) Expenses to be paid to repair contractor

4) Other instruments

(d) Opportunity cost

1) Training

2) Education to be imparted to the computer user i.e. the reader

3) Marketing

4) Publicity

(f) Development Cost

1) Cost of system development (method upgrading) and updating.

2) New type of improved mechanism.

3) New Services. (फडके, २०१२)

Hardware

Library hardware refers to the physical devices and equipment used in libraries to facilitate various functions and services. This can include things like bookshelves , tables , chairs , computers , barcode scanners , self-checkout machines , security gates , printers, and more .

Software

A library management system is software designed to manage all functions of a library. It helps librarians to maintain a database of new books and books borrowed by members along with their due dates.

This system fully automates all your library activities. Implementing library management system software is the best way to maintain , manage and handle countless books systematically.

A library management system is used to maintain library records. It keeps records of the number of books in the library , how many books have been issued or how many books have been returned or renewed or late fines have been levied etc.

Using this system you can search books instantly , issue/reissue books and manage all data efficiently and effectively. A library management system aims to provide instant and accurate data related to any type of book , thereby saving a lot of time and effort.

The first version of the software was SOUL 1.0 CALIBER released in 2000. SOUL 2.0 software was released in January 2009 and the latest version of the software i.e. SOUL 3.0 was released in February 2021. (फडके, २०१२)

Development Plan

Developmental activities such as exhibitions, seminars, training and workshops are widely used to promote knowledge exchange, skill development, networking and innovation. An overview of each of the following activities is given:

1. Exhibition

Objective: Display products, services or projects to a target audience. This activity is adopted to showcase innovations, research or creative works.

The main benefits of this developmental scheme can be stated as follows.

- Exhibition to a large audience.
- Opportunity to demonstrate applications to the world.
- Networking with industry professionals and potential customers.
- Example: Science fair showcasing research projects or trade show showcasing new technologies.

2. Seminar

Objective: Focused session to discuss specific topics, often led by experts, is equally important.

The main benefits of this developmental scheme can be stated as follows.

- Deep dive into a topic
- Challenges experts and peers
- Promotes intellectual discussion

Example: Organizing a seminar on sustainable development methods or the latest AI advancements.

3. Training

Objective: Hands-on training can be organized to enhance specific skills or capabilities.

The main benefits of this developmental plan can be stated as follows.

- Structured learning approach.
- Improves practical skills and knowledge.
- Increases workforce efficiency.

Example: Training in coding languages, project management or leadership skills.

4. Workshop

Objective: Interactive, activity-based workshops that focus on practical problem solving or skill development are a developmental plan.

The main benefits of this developmental plan can be stated as follows.

- Encourages participation and creativity.
- Provides tools and frameworks for real-world application.

- Encourages teamwork and collaboration.

Example: Design thinking workshops or entrepreneurship boot camps.

How these activities support development: Knowledge enhancement: Share and gain new information or updates in a specific field.

- Skill development: Improve technical, managerial, or soft skills.
- Networking: Build relationships with peers, mentors, and industry experts.
- Innovation: Encourage creative problem solving and the discovery of new solutions.
- Engagement: Increase interest and involvement in a given field.

Conclusion

Pre-planned adaptation enhances sustainable technological integration, enabling libraries to remain relevant and flexible in an ever-evolving digital landscape. This study highlights the need for a systematic and proactive approach to IT transformation in libraries, ensuring that technology enhances the core mission of libraries - providing equal access to knowledge and information for all .

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The Role of Digital Libraries in Open Educational Resources (OER)

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Abstract

The rise of digital libraries has dramatically altered the landscape of education and learning by enabling unprecedented access to information and knowledge. This research investigates the role of digital libraries in the development, distribution, and use of Open

Educational Resources (OER). Digital libraries improve the accessibility and discoverability of OER by utilising advanced search tools, metadata standards, and centralised repositories, empowering educators and learners worldwide. They also help to preserve and curate resources, assuring their validity and longevity. Digital libraries act as a link between institutions and marginalised populations, encouraging collaboration and resolving educational disparities. However, issues like as copyright complexities, technology inequalities, and budget limits impede their full integration with OER. This study highlights the revolutionary potential of digital libraries in advancing inclusive, equitable, and sustainable education internationally and provides strategic recommendations to fortify this relationship.

Keywords: - OER, digital library, technology, preservation,

Introduction

The digital revolution has had a dramatic impact on many aspects of human life, including education. Over the last few decades, the fast growth of technology has created new opportunities for knowledge transmission, collaboration, and learning. Traditional educational approaches, which are frequently limited by geographical and economic constraints, have been complemented with new digital alternatives that prioritise accessibility and inclusivity.As a cornerstone of this revolution, digital libraries enable access to huge collections of information resources, including academic journals, books, multimedia items, and archival papers. Digital libraries, unlike their physical counterparts, are not limited by area or location, making them important resources for students and educators in even the most remote parts of the world. Complementing this trend is the advent of Open Educational Resources (OER), which seek to provide free and open access to high-quality educational information. These open-source tools allow educators and learners to alter and repurpose materials to meet their individual needs, encouraging pedagogical creativity.

This article examines the symbiotic link between digital libraries and OER, emphasising their combined potential to improve global education. By examining their roles, problems, and opportunities, this study hopes to shed light on how these technologies might be used to eliminate educational inequalities and build a more equitable and inclusive learning environment.

What is OER?

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials that can be freely used and reused without fee or permission. Unlike typical copyrighted resources, OER are produced or produced by a person or organisation who decides to allow their work to be reused and adapted.

In some circumstances, this indicates that a resource can be downloaded and distribute it to classmates and students. In some circumstances, You might be able to obtain a material, make some changes to it, and then publish it again as a remix. How do you understand your options? OER frequently include a license under Creative Commons or another authorisation to specify how the substance can be utilized, recycled, changed, and shared.

Literature Review

Atkins, Brown, and Hammond (2007) highlight how digital libraries might help people overcome constraints related to geography and income. They contend that by offering free and open resources to students all across the world, digital libraries in conjunction with OER may democratise access to high-quality education.
Bailey (2005) talks on how crucial digital libraries are to the preservation of cultural and intellectual assets. Digital preservation, according to the author, not only protects priceless materials but also guarantees their accessibility for upcoming generations, which is in line with OER's objectives.
A thorough analysis of the effectiveness and opinions around the implementation of OER in higher education can be found in Hilton (2016). According to his research, OER has a practical utility when disseminated via digital libraries since it dramatically lowers student expenses while preserving or enhancing learning results.
Yuan, MacNeill, and Kraan (2008) list the main obstacles to using digital libraries to implement OER. These include the need for strong infrastructure, ignorance, and technological obstacles. To solve these problems, their paper urges stakeholders to work together.Wiley and Green (2012) support educational transparency, emphasising the contribution of digital libraries to the advancement of open access regulations. They contend that the development of ecosystems that facilitate the sharing and adaption of OER depends heavily on digital libraries.

International recommendations for OER promotion are provided by UNESCO (2019), which highlights the necessity of digital platforms such as libraries to support their distribution and use. The suggestion emphasises how crucial it is for governments, organisations, and tech companies to work together in order to fully utilise OER

Objective

This article aims to investigate the complex function of digital libraries in furthering Open Educational Resources (OER). Objectives include:

1. Exploring how digital libraries might improve access to OER by leveraging technology and metadata standards.
2. Examining how digital libraries help to preserve, curate, and disseminate OER.
3. Looking at how digital libraries might encourage cooperation and innovation in the production of educational materials.
4. Recognizing issues and obstacles, such as copyright, technology infrastructure, and sustainability, that prevent digital libraries from integrating 2 with free educational resources.
5. Making suggestions and methods for improving the communication between open educational resources and digital libraries in order to advance inclusive, accessible, and egalitarian education globally.

Digital Libraries: An Overview

Digital libraries are repositories that offer digital access to a diverse range of resources, such as books, journals, multimedia, and archives. Unlike traditional libraries, digital libraries are not limited by geography and provide users with resources at any time and from any location. Digital libraries' enhanced search capabilities allow for efficient retrieval of material, responding to the different demands of learners, educators, and researchers.

Beyond access, digital libraries serve an important role in preserving cultural legacy and intellectual activity. They ensure that rare manuscripts, historical papers, and other precious treasures are preserved for future generations by digitising them. Furthermore, the use of metadata and indexing enables users to find and use resources more effectively, hence increasing their instructional potential.

Open Educational Resources (OER): Definition and Importance

Teaching, learning, and research materials that are publicly accessible and distributed under open licenses are known as open educational resources, or OERs. These resources enable instructors to share, adapt, and repurpose content, enabling collaborative and innovative pedagogy. OER tackles crucial issues such as escalating educational material costs and the demand for customisable learning resources.

OER are especially important in underdeveloped countries, where access to quality educational resources is sometimes hampered by budgetary or logistical obstacles. By making learning materials available for free, OER help to bridge the educational divide, facilitate lifelong learning, and promote educational justice on a worldwide scale.

The Role of Digital Libraries in OER

1. **Facilitation of Access**:-Digital libraries provide as centralised venues for hosting OER, making them widely available to a global audience. By incorporating modern search capabilities and metadata standards, digital libraries ensure that users can efficiently discover and use relevant items.
2. **Preservation and curation**:-Digital libraries play an important role in the preservation and curation of open educational resources, ensuring their longevity and validity. To ensure the integrity of digital resources, these libraries use standardised formats and protocols. To avoid the loss of valuable content, preservation activities include regular upgrades and backups.
3. **Promotion of Collaboration:-**Digital libraries facilitate cooperation by offering venues for educators, researchers, and institutions to share and co-create open educational resources (OER). Collaborative technologies such as annotation features, discussion forums, and resource sharing help to improve collective learning.
4. **Equity &Inclusion:-**Digital libraries bridge the digital divide by providing free access to educational materials. They provide resources to underserved and marginalised communities, which promotes educational equity.

Challenges in Integrating Digital Libraries with OER

Copyright and Licensing Issues:-Navigating the complexity of copyright and licensing is still a considerable task. Digital libraries must ensure that OER adhere to open access ideals while protecting intellectual property rights.

Technological barriers:-The digital gap exists in many areas, limiting access to digital libraries and open educational resources. Issues like as infrastructure, connectivity, and computer literacy impede efficient use.

Sustainability and Funding:-Maintaining digital libraries necessitates significant financial and institutional support. Developing countries frequently struggle to allocate funds for the upkeep and expansion of digital libraries.

Recommendations

Policy Development:-Governments and educational institutions should develop policies that encourage the integration of digital libraries with OER. These policies should cover copyright, finance, and infrastructure development.

Capacity Building:-Efforts to improve digital literacy and technical abilities among instructors and students are critical. Training programs can assist users in properly navigating and utilising digital libraries.

Collaboration and Partnership:-Collaboration between institutions, technology companies, and funding organisations can help to build digital libraries and open educational resources (OER). Collaboration can assure the programs' long-term viability and scalability.

Conclusion

Digital libraries and Open Educational Resources are transformative instruments for attaining inclusive and equitable education. They have the potential to transform knowledge access and sharing by providing high-quality resources, encouraging innovation, and addressing global educational gaps. However, realising their full potential necessitates overcoming obstacles like as copyright restrictions, technological divisions, and financial constraints. Collaboration among stakeholders, including policymakers, educators, and technology, will be critical in tackling these issues. Moving forward, it is critical to deepen the relationship between digital libraries and OER in order to build a strong, accessible, and inclusive educational ecosystem. Such efforts will not only democratise learning opportunities, but will also empower students and educators around the world, paving the path for long-term and fair educational progress.

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ICT BASED USAGE IN COLLEGE LIBRARY: AN ANALYSIS

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Abstract:

The paper explores the integration and application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in college libraries, emphasizing its role in enhancing library services, improving user experiences, and optimizing library management. The study aims to analyze the various ICT tools used, their benefits, challenges faced, and the impact on both students and faculty.

Keywords : ICT, College Library

Introduction:

- **Context**:
  - Brief introduction to college libraries and their traditional role in academic support.
  - Importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the modern educational landscape.
  - Need for college libraries to adopt ICT to stay relevant in the digital age.
- **Problem Statement**:
  - Challenges libraries face in adapting to digital technology and the extent of ICT usage in college libraries.
- **Objectives**:
  - Analyze the various ICT tools and systems in use in college libraries.
  - Evaluate the benefits and limitations of ICT usage.
  - Understand the impact on students, faculty, and library staff.

Literature Review:

- **ICT in Libraries**:
  - Overview of ICT evolution in library systems, from card catalogs to online databases and e-resources.
  - Global trends in ICT usage in libraries, including digital libraries, library management software, and e-resources.
- **Previous Studies**:
  - Review of relevant academic studies that analyzed ICT integration in libraries.
  - Summary of findings regarding the advantages and challenges of ICT implementation in educational institutions.

ICT Tools and Technologies in College Libraries:

- **Library Management Software**:

  - Overview of software systems used to manage cataloging, circulation, and acquisition of books.
  - Examples: Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS), Koha, and LIBSYS.
- **Digital Catalogs and Online Databases**:
  - Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) and databases (e.g., JSTOR, ScienceDirect).
- **E-Resources and E-Learning**:
  - Access to e-books, e-journals, and digital archives.
  - Online study materials and course-related resources provided by the library.
- **Automated Services**:
  - Self-checkout systems, RFID-based book tracking, and automated circulation.
- **ICT-Based Communication Tools**:
  - Use of email, chatbots, and online reference services to assist users.
- **Social Media and Library Websites**:
  - Libraries using platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for communication and information dissemination.
- **ICT Infrastructure**:
  - Internet access, Wi-Fi availability, and computer stations for students and staff.

Impact of ICT on Library Services:

- **Enhanced Accessibility**:
  - 24/7 access to library resources, including databases, e-books, and journals.
  - Increased availability of remote access for students and faculty.
- **Improved Efficiency**:
  - Streamlining library operations (cataloging, circulation, inventory management).
  - Faster processing of books and materials.
- **User Experience**:
  - Improved searchability and user-friendly interfaces for accessing resources.
  - Personalized recommendations and services based on user behavior and preferences.
- **Collaboration and Research**:
  - Facilitates collaboration on research projects with digital tools and shared resources.
- **Digital Literacy**:
  - Helps students and faculty enhance their digital skills.

Challenges of ICT Implementation in College Libraries:

- **Technical Issues**:
  - Hardware and software failures, inadequate technical support.
- **Infrastructure Limitations**:
  - Poor internet connectivity, insufficient computers, or outdated technologies.
- **Cost of Implementation**:
  - High initial investment in ICT infrastructure and ongoing maintenance costs.
- **Training and Skill Development**:
  - Need for continuous training of library staff and users to effectively use ICT tools.
- **Security Concerns**:
  - Data privacy, cybersecurity issues, and intellectual property concerns with digital resources.
- **Resistance to Change**:
  - Faculty or students reluctant to embrace digital tools and systems.

Case Studies:

- Include case studies or examples of college libraries that have successfully integrated ICT.
  - Example 1: A college library that implemented an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS).
  - Example 2: A library that enhanced student access to online resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis:

- **Data Collection**:
  - Surveys or interviews with library staff, students, and faculty about their experiences with ICT.
- **Findings**:
  - Analyze the responses to identify trends in ICT usage, effectiveness, and satisfaction levels.
- **Comparative Analysis**:
  - Compare ICT usage in libraries in different regions or countries.

Conclusion:

- Summarize the benefits of ICT adoption in college libraries.
- Discuss the ongoing challenges and propose solutions for improving ICT integration.

- Highlight the future of ICT in college libraries and its potential to revolutionize library services.

Recommendations:

- **For Libraries**:
  - Invest in user-friendly and accessible ICT tools.
  - Conduct regular training sessions for both staff and users.
  - Regularly update technology to meet evolving needs.
- **For Students and Faculty**:
  - Encourage greater engagement with digital resources.
  - Improve digital literacy through workshops and awareness campaigns.
- **For Researchers**:
  - Suggest further areas of study, such as the impact of ICT on specific user groups or the role of AI in libraries.

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Library Professional In Integrated Library System

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Abstract :

An integrated library system (ILS) is a software suite that libraries use to manage their resources and services. It combines various functions into one unified system, which helps librarians efficiently handle various tasks in library. Library professionals upgrading is vital in today's rapidly evolving technological and information landscape for updating their traditional Library system into integrated library system.

Keywords:

Libraries play a critical role in communities in nurturing literacy, education, and a love for learning and reading. They provide just access to information, helping to fill the gaps in education and technology, and support lifelong learning. A library serves as a place to store and organize resources, making them accessible to the public. These resources can include books, magazines, journals, digital media, research papers, and more. The goal of a library is to provide individuals with the tools they need for learning, research, recreation, and personal development. Libraries can differ based on their function and the type of resources and to whom they provide service. Public Library, Academic Library, Research Library, Special Library, Digital Library are the types of library.Innovations in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have brought about drastic changes in the day to day functioning of libraries. Technological aids have been used in libraries to facilitate and enhance the library services as and when they are introduced. In the late 1800s the typewriters revolutionized the working of the libraries. Introduction of the microcomputers brought about a transition from manual systems to automated systems in housekeeping operations of the libraries. The library collections have also changed over the years. More and more multimedia resources are getting added to the library collection.

Integrating Library System

An integrated library system (ILS) is a software set that restructures library operations. A cloud-based integrated library system (ILS) is a software solution used by libraries to manage their collections, patrons, and services in a centralized and accessible

way. Distinct from old-style traditional library systems, a cloud-based ILS is hosted on remote servers and can be accessed by the internet from anywhere. An integrated library system (ILS), also known as a library management system (LMS), is an enterprise resource planning system for a library, used to track items owned, orders made, bills paid, and patrons who have borrowed. The use of cloud-based library management systems has increased drastically since the rise of cloud technology started. An ILS is usually made up of a relational database, software to interact with that database, and two graphical user interfaces one for clients, one for staff. Now ILSs are mostly based on relational database architecture. In such systems files are interlinked so the deletion, addition and other changes in one file automatically activate changes in related files. It means integrated library management system is sharing a common database to perform all the basic functions of a library.

Integrated Library System's primary objectives are basically three

- Efficient housekeeping operations of library
- Well-designed Information Retrieval
- Integration of library Materials with open datasets

The modern ILSs are now capable to be integrated seamlessly with linked open data like name authority data, subject access systems etc., open contents like book reviews, table-of-contents, cover images and social networking tools like Facebook, twitter through semantic web technologies and information mashup.

Features of Integrated Library System

- **Ease of use**: The software should be simple and easy to use
- **Technical companionability**: The software should run on the library's hardware and support the latest operating system version
- **Data import and export**: The software should allow users to import and export data from other systems
- **Data integration**: The software should allow users to integrate data into the system
- **Support**: The software should provide support, such as online training, on-site training, and a help desk

It includes various modules, including cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, serials, and an online public access catalogue (OPAC).

Mechanisms of an Integrated Library System

An Integrated Library System (ILS) is a sophisticated software system designed to streamline and manage all aspects of a library's operations.It's essentially a comprehensive platform that integrates various library functions into one unified system. Here's a breakdown of its key mechanisms

1. Core Components

2. Data Flow and Integration

3. User Interfaces

Key Features and Technologies

1. Core Components
   - Relational Database: At the heart of an ILS is a robust relational database. This database stores all the library's information, including:

     - Bibliographic data (details about books, journals, etc.)
     - Patron information (member details, borrowing history)
     - Circulation data (loans, returns, holds)
     - Acquisitions data (orders, invoices)
     - Serials data (journal subscriptions)

   - Software Modules: The ILS software is divided into modules, each handling a specific library function.These modules interact with the central database and with each other, ensuring seamless data flow. Common modules include:

     - Acquisitions Module:Tracks purchasing processes, budgets, and inventory for acquiring new materials and manages the ordering, receiving, and invoicing of library materials.
     - **Cataloguing Module:**Creates and maintains bibliographic records, often using standards like MARC. allowing for easy organization and retrieval of library materials.
     - Circulation Module:Manages the check-in and check-out of library materials, tracks borrowing history, due dates, overdue items, and fines.

- Serials Module: Tracks journal and magazine subscriptions, issues, and holdings.
- Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC): Provides a user-friendly interface for patrons to search the library's catalogue and manage their accounts.
- **User Management**: Helps maintain and manage user accounts, including personal details, borrowing privileges, and fines.
- **Reporting**: Generates data for library usage, inventory, finances, etc. This helps administrators make informed decisions.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL)**: Facilitates borrowing and lending items between libraries within a network.

2. Data Flow and Integration:

- **Centralized Data:** The ILS ensures that all library data is stored in one central database. This eliminates data redundancy and inconsistencies.
- **Module Interaction:** The different modules in the ILS are designed to interact seamlessly. For example, when a librarian catalogues a new book, that information is automatically available in the OPAC for patrons to search.
- Workflow Automation: The ILS automates many library tasks, such as sending overdue notices, generating reports, and managing interlibrary loans.This improves efficiency and frees up staff time for other tasks.

3. User Interfaces:

- **Staff Interface:**The ILS provides a dedicated interface for library staff to manage all library operations. This interface is typically designed with tools and features specific to each module.
- Patron Interface (OPAC): The OPAC allows patrons to search the library catalogue, place holds on items, renew loans, and manage their library accounts.Modern OPACs are often web-based and accessible from anywhere.

4. Key Features and Technologies:

- MARC Standards: ILS systems often use MARC (Machine-Readable Cataloguing) standards for bibliographic data, ensuring consistency and interoperability.
- Barcode Integration: Barcodes are used to quickly and accurately identify items during circulation and other processes.

- Web-based Access: Many ILS systems offer web-based interfaces for both staff and patrons, enabling access from any device with an internet connection.
- API Integration: Some ILS systems provide APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that allow them to integrate with other library systems and services.

The integration aspect of the system is crucial because it streamlines workflows, ensures consistency across different library functions, and offers a better user experience for both patrons and staff. There are many popular ILS options such as Alma, Koha, and Evergreen, each with unique features. It sounds like you're working in library management or library technology, particularly with integrated library systems (ILS). These systems are essential for managing and automating various library functions such as cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, and user management.

Library Professional in ILS

Library professionals play a crucial role in the implementation and effective use of an Integrated Library System (ILS). They act as the bridge between the technology and the library's mission to serve its users. Here's a breakdown of their key responsibilities:

1. System Selection and Implementation:

- Needs Assessment: Library professionals are involved in assessing the library's specific needs and requirements for an ILS. They understand the library's workflows, collections, and user base, which helps in selecting the most suitable system.
- System Evaluation: They participate in evaluating different ILS products, considering factors like functionality, cost, vendor support, and compatibility with existing systems.
- Implementation Planning: Library professionals contribute to developing an implementation plan, which includes data migration, system configuration, staff training, and go-live strategies.
- Data Migration: They oversee the migration of existing library data (bibliographic records, patron information, etc.) to the new ILS, ensuring data integrity and accuracy.

2. System Administration and Maintenance:

- System Configuration: Library professionals configure the ILS to meet the library's specific needs, including setting up circulation rules, defining cataloguing standards, and customizing the OPAC interface.
- User Management: They manage user accounts, permissions, and access levels within the ILS, ensuring security and data protection.
- System Maintenance: They perform regular system maintenance tasks, such as software updates, database backups, and troubleshooting technical issues.
- Vendor Liaison: They act as the primary point of contact with the ILS vendor, reporting problems, requesting support, and staying informed about system updates and new features.

3. Training and Support:

- Staff Training: Library professionals train library staff on how to use the ILS effectively, covering all modules and functionalities.
- User Support: They provide support to library users, helping them navigate the OPAC, access digital resources, and troubleshoot any issues they may encounter.
- Documentation: They create and maintain documentation for the ILS, including user manuals, training materials.

4. Data Management and Analysis:

- Cataloguing and Metadata: Library professionals are responsible for creating and maintaining high-quality bibliographic records in the ILS, using standards like MARC and RDA.
- Data Analysis: They use the ILS to generate reports and analyse data on library usage, collection trends, and circulation patterns. This information helps in making informed decisions about collection development, resource allocation, and service improvements.

5. User Experience and Outreach:

- OPAC Enhancement: Library professionals work to enhance the user experience of the OPAC, ensuring it is user-friendly, accessible, and provides effective search and discovery capabilities.
- Promotion and Outreach: They promote the library's resources and services through the ILS, utilizing features like online book displays, virtual exhibitions, and personalized recommendations.

In heart of library system, library professionals are essential for the successful implementation and ongoing use of an ILS. They possess the knowledge and skills to manage the system, train users, ensure data quality, and leverage the technology to enhance library services and meet the evolving needs of their communities. Automated library system may support as a decision-making tool for library manager and policy makers, this is very important because Library Automation system can generate a huge set up data and Statistics. On the basic of that data and Statistics, library policy makers, library managers can take different effective decisions. So, Library Automation at the one hand, you are supporting your user, on the other hand you are supporting your staff for better efficiency and thirdly you are also supporting your library manager and policy maker to take different effective decision and automation of library may take also the benefits of changing nature of the resources

Library Automation as a whole provide increased operational efficiencies, these are achieved through different kind of computer application in Libraries; Automation of housekeeping operation also relieves professional staff from routine clerical tasks and thereby makes themselves much more productive; betterment of library services in terms of speed, qualities and efficiencies. At the same time, through the use of different kind of Web 2.0 technologies, automation may create interactive, collaborative and participative platform for user-centric library services. We always talk that user is at the centre stage, so Library Automation is basically supporting to go for a user at the centre stage model and at the same time, it supports improvement of existing services and introduction of new services. So as a whole, after Library Automation we can achieve different kind of pool factor for our library, we can make library free from two fundamental barriers to information access that is time and space. But the moment you are using a Web-enabled Library Automation system and your OPAC is available through the web, you are free from time and space. That means users can access your library database right from their home, right from their office and from any time, at anywhere, in any format. So, this is actually changing your library fundamentally and you are getting read of two fundamental barriers of information communication.

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Study of Digital Information Literacy Among Post Graduate Students of G.S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur.

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Introduction:

Digital literacy in education refers to the ability of students' education administration to effectively use digital tools, technologies and resources to access evaluation, create, and communicate information during their curriculum. It is a critical component of modern education as it prepares learners for the demand of a technology-driven world. Basic proficiency in digital devices and software Mobility to find access and use of information from digital resources responsibly and ethically.

Digital Literacy in libraries refers to the ability of individuals to access, evaluate, and use digital technologies and resources effectively. Libraries play a vital role in fostering Digital literacy by providing access to technology; training and resources that help users navigate the digital world confidently.

Objective of the study:

- To study digital information literacy among P. G. Students.
- To know awareness among P. G. Students about E-learning Resources.
- Find out the purpose for which e- resources are used.
- Find out Problem facing by students while accessing e- resources.

Scope of Study:

Scope of the study is limited to the G.S. College of Commerce and Economics, Nagpur. Target group restricted to Post Graduate Students only i.e. M.Com. (English Marathi and Hindi medium) only.

About G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur :-

G. S. College of Commerce and Economics, Nagpur city's first commerce college and through seven decades of academic excellence it has carved a niche for itself as a premier Commerce college in the region run by Shiksha Mandal Wardha. It is known for its high academic standards Qualitative growth and ethical practices. It is reaccredited by NAAC and RUSA beneficiary institution. It also stands tall as the first Autonomous Commerce college in the RTM Nagpur University. The college successfully adopted NEP 2020 during the session 2023-2024.

About the Nagpur Library at G.S. College of Commerce & Economics: With approximately 70,000 printed volumes and a variety of digital and e-resources, the library of G. S. College of Commerce and Economics in Nagpur is a reputable hybrid library. The library is located in a unique section of the campus. It is centrally located with an area size of 839.61 Sq. Mts. The entire ground floor covers the stalk area, reading room with e-library capabilities, processing area, reference area, librarian room, and issue counters. It makes use of LIBMAN, a multiuser integrated library management system. Wi-Fi connectivity is available, and CCTV cameras are monitoring it. The library includes a wealth of collections in the areas of management and commerce. Additionally, it created a unique collection of competitive exams and books on different industrialists and entrepreneurs in the form of autobiographies and biographies. They subscribe to essential and up-to-date newspapers, publications, and journals. Additionally, it offers a wide range of general and reference books to help staff and students with their academic needs. In addition to its own collection, the library provides complete online access to thousands of e-books and e-journals via NLIST and J-GATE. Its clients can access the DELNET database services. Additionally, the library belongs to the NDLI club. Additionally, the library enters into agreements with some of the city's top academic institutions to use the Interlibrary Loan

service. It also has a special ABRAR (Audio Book Reader & Recorder) facility for 'Divyangajan'.

E-Resources available in the library:

The various Open access e-resources are available in the Library such as **E-Repository,** NDLI, **Free E-BOOKS,** Google books, E-balbharati, E-pathashala, E-Shakespeare collection, Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) , Project Gutenberg, Various Indian language literature available in the form of e-books like Hindi, Mararthi, Gujarati, Urdu, ,Bangla, Panjabi etc. publishers open E-resources like. Springer publisher, Oxford press, E**-Journals,** J-stor: Econbiz, **E-Thesis and Dissertations** in Shodhganga

E-resources:

Electronic information resources refer to any form of digital content that is used for reference, research or education. These resources can include online databases, e-books digital journals and other electronic materials that provide information to users. They are often accessed through the internet or other digital networks and can be used for a wide range of purposes, academic research, professional development and personal learning. Electronic information resources are valuable tools for accessing up to date reliable information on a wild range of topics and are an essential part of modern information access and knowledge dissemination.

- Information explosion.
- Diversity of user needs.
- Financial Crunch.
- Impossibility of self Sufficiency

Examples of electronic information resources

Electronic information resources encompass a wide range of materials and platforms; here are a few examples of these resources.

1) Online Database
2) Digital Libraries
3) Online Journals
4) E-Books
5) Online Archives
6) Websites
7) Online learning Platforms
8) Multimedia Platforms
9) Social Media

Data Analysis

In the present study, researchers used questionnaire-based survey methods in order to achieve the set objectives. For this purpose a well-structured questionnaire is designed to

collect the data.100 questionnaires were distributed in Postgraduate students of G. S. College of commerce and economics, Nagpur out of which 68 duly filled questionnaires are received and evaluated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of **68** responses were received from the sample population of **100** postgraduate students who completed the questionnaire. Statistical techniques were used to categorize, examine, and tabulate the gathered data.

Table 1: Gender Wise Distribution of Respondents

Gender	Respondents	Percentage
Male	49	27.9%
Female	19	72.1%

Fig No.1 Gender Wise Distribution of Respondents

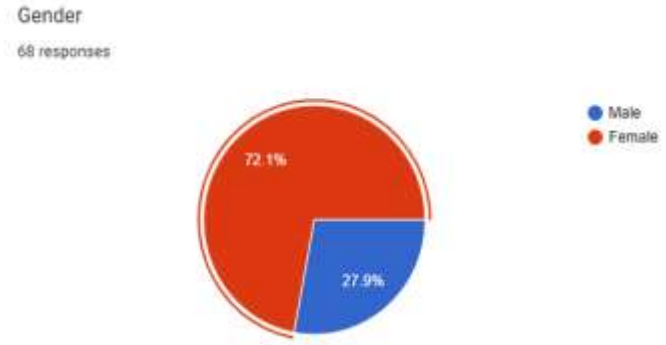

Table 1 and figure 1 shows the Gender wise distribution of respondents, out of 68 respondents, (73.7 %) of the respondents are female and (26.3%) of the respondents are male. The study observes that female students are more compared to male respondents.

Table No. 2 Students aware of digital illiteracy

Sr. No.	Awareness	Responses	Percentage
1	**Fully aware**	**62**	**91.2**
2	**Not aware**	**06**	**8.8**

Fig. 2 Students aware of digital illiteracy

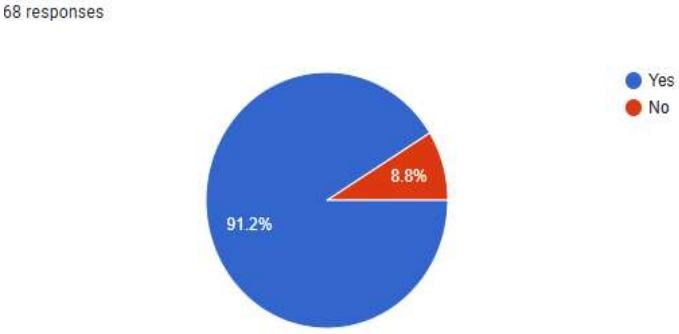

Table no. 2 and Figure No. 2 indicate a level of awareness of e-resources and services in G.S. College Library. About 62 (91.2%) of the respondents are well aware and use e-resources available in G. S. College, Nagpur Library, while 6 (8.8%) are not aware about E-resources and digital literacy.

Table 3: Used Frequency of E-resources

Sr No.	Frequency	Respondents	Percentage
1	Daily	20	20.6%
2	Twice a week	4	5.9%
3	Weekly	16	29.4%
4	Monthly	10	14.1%
5	Occasionally	20	29.16%

Fig. 3: Using frequency of E-resources

Table 4: P.G Students access of E-Resources available in G. S. College Nagpur Library

Sr. No	E-resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	N-List	40	58.8%
2	J-Gate	6	8.8%
3	DELNET	8	11.8%
4	NDLI	17	25%

Fig. 4: Access of E-Resources available in G. S. College Library

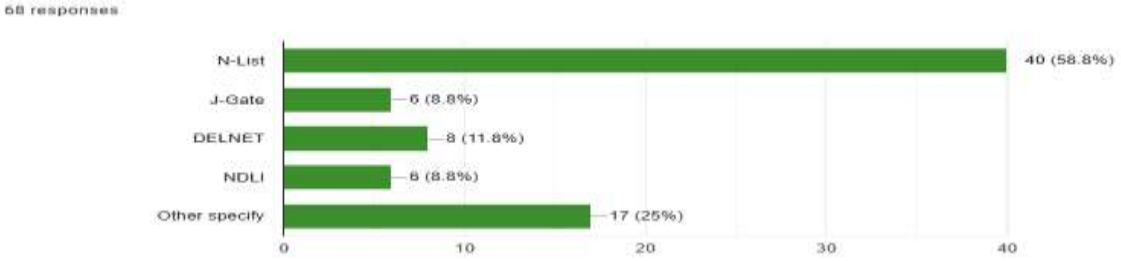

Table 4 and figure 4 indicate the level of access for e-resources and services in G. S. College, Nagpur Library. About 48(63.2.9%) of the respondents mostly use N-list ,6(7.9%) respondents use J-gate.4(5.3%) students use DELNET 6(7.9%) students use NDLI. 24(31.6%) of students use any other electronic resources. The study shows that most of the students use inflibnet N-List consortia

Table 5: Websites visited by students for educational purposes

Sr No.	E-Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	Swayam	48	70.6%
2	e-shodhsindhu	12	17.6%
3	Shodh ganga	13	19.1%
4	DOAJ	1	1.5%
5	Epg –Pathashala	4	5.9%
6	Other	18	26.5%ss

Fig. 5: Websites visited by students for educational purposes

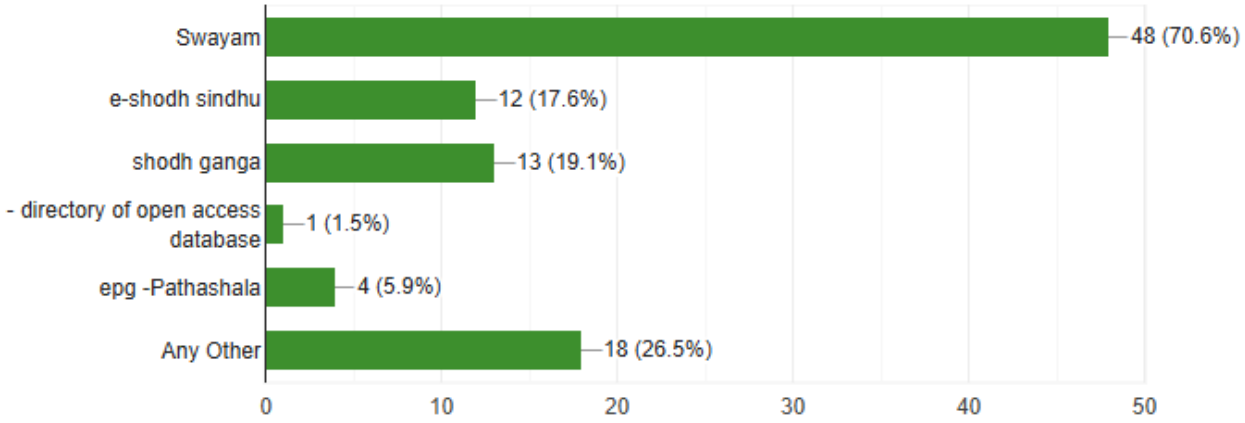

Table No. 6 Place Where students use e-resources

Sr. No.	Place	Responses	Percentage
1	In College	51	75%
2	At Home	40	58.8%
3	Net Café	6	8.8%
4	Any Other	13	19.1%

Fig. 6 Place Where students use e-resources

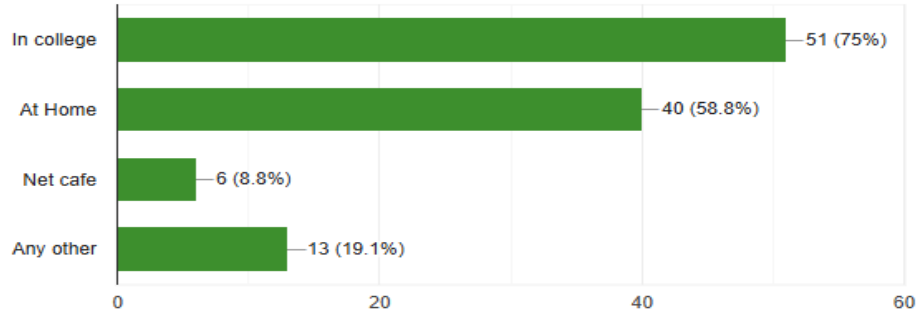

Table No 6 and Fig. No.6 show the place where the students were used the E-resources 51(75%) students use electronic resources in the college. 40 students (58.4) use the e-resources at home. only few students that is6(8.8%) use e-resources at the net café and 13(19.1%) students use electronic resources any other places. The result of the study is that most of the students use e-resources in college.

Table No.: 7 students regularly used E-resources Format

Sr. No.	Type of E-Resources	Responses	Percentage
1	E-Books	51	75%
2	E-Journals	27	39.7%
3	E-Lectures	20	29.4%
4	Others	12	17.6%

Fig No. 7 students regularly used E-resources Format

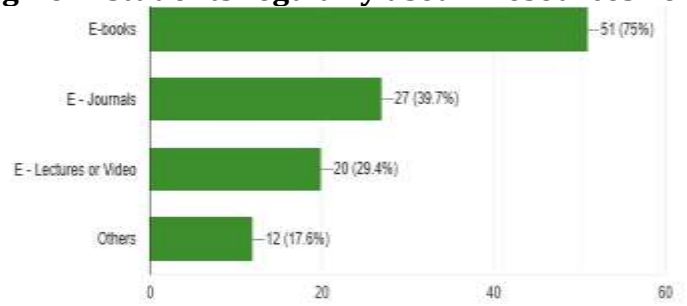

Table no.7 and Fig No7 indicate that most of the students 51(75%) read electronic books and 27(39.7%) read E-Journals rather than 20(29.4%) students watched video lectures for their educational purpose .and only 12(17.6%) students read any other electronic format.

This study indicates that most of the students read E-books and watched video lectures to fulfil their educational needs.

Table No.: 8 Student required training program on digital literacy

Sr No.	Require Training	Responses	Percentage
1	Yes	48	68.3%
4	No	20	31.7%

Fig No.: 8 Student required training program on digital literacy

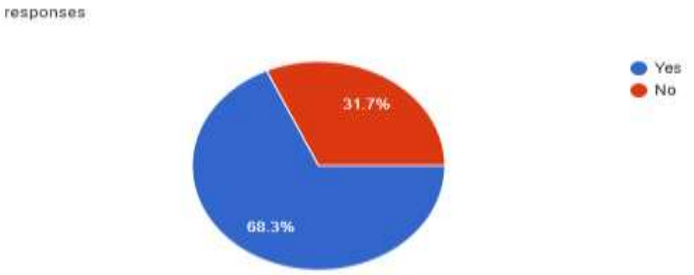

Table no. 8 and Fig No. 8 show that 68% of students want to train on digital literacy is essential and 31.7% responded that training is not required. More students wanted training.

Table No. 9 E-resources are useful in the study

Sr No.	Responses	Respondents	Percentage
1	Yes	58	85.3%
2	No	03	4.4%
3	May be	10	10.3%

Fig No. 9 E- resources are useful in the study

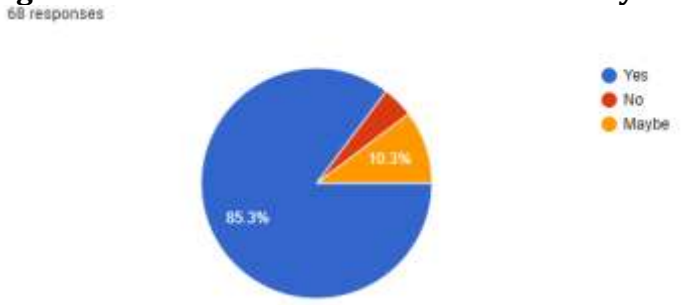

Table No.9 and Fig No.9 show that maximum students answer that 58(86.8%) e-resources are useful in their study only 8 (10.3%) students said may be E-resources useful none of the students response in favor of not useful The result of study indicate that E-resources are most useful essential in students education.

Table No. 10 Students Register online courses

Sr No.	Responses	Respondents	Percentage
1	Yes	58	57.4%
2	No	10	42.6%

Fig. 10 Students Register online courses

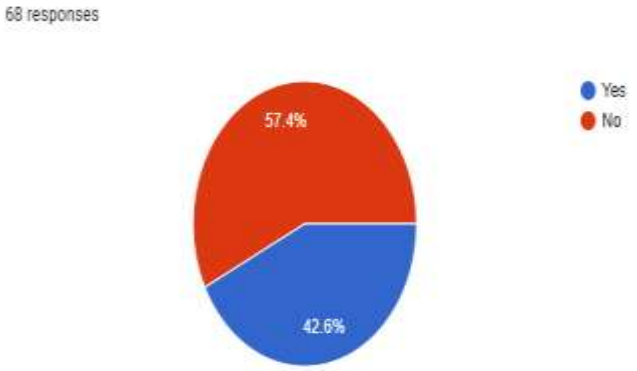

Table No. 10 and Fig No. 10 show that 57.4% of students registered in online courses, most of the students registered on Swayam platform, some students register on online statistical course and some students register for online research methodology course.

Table 11: Students face the problem while accessing E-resources in college Library

Sr. No.	Barriers	Respondents	Percentage
1	Lack of awareness	24	35.3%
2	Internet problem	36	52.9%
3	Downloading problem	27	39.7%
4	Power Failure	6	8.8%

Fig. 11: Students face the problem while accessing E-resources in college Library

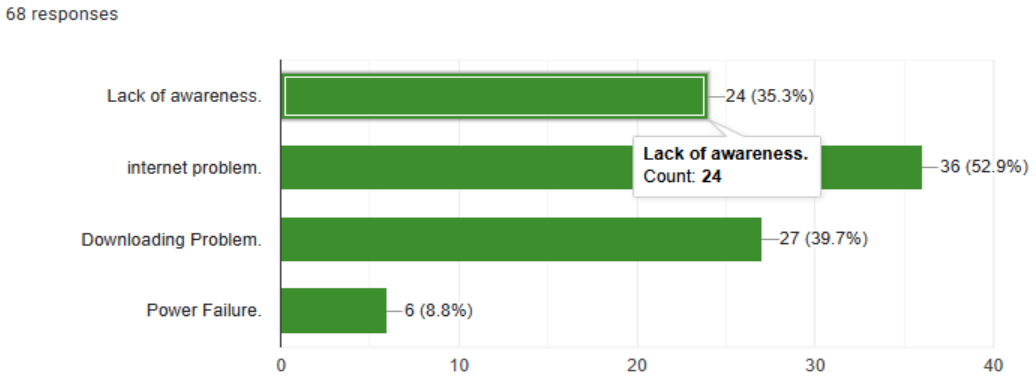

Table 11 and Figure 11 shows the barriers faced while accessing E-Resources. About 24(35.3%) of the respondents opined that lack of awareness. And the internet is the main problem while accessing e-resources, followed by 26(24%) are stated that network problem speed and network capacity while accessing e-resources, 27(39.7%) of them

indicated that downloading problem to access and e-resources and remaining 6(8.8%) of the respondents opined that power failure is the main problem.

Findings of the study

- This study indicates that most of the students read E-books and watched video lectures to fulfil their educational needs
- The results of the study indicate that E-resources are most useful essential in students' education

Conclusion and Recommendations

The importance of electronic information sources to the academic community is growing. These sources provide timely and up-to-date information. Nowadays, more people use electronic resources than print ones. The result of the study shows that majority of students are aware of e-resources. The students can give more practical training or hands on experience or sensitization program so that they can become experts and use e-resource to achieve their academic excellence.

Recommendations are:

G.S. College, Nagpur Library should conduct more and more practice-based training programs to educate its users to access and use electronic resources effectively. Attending different user awareness/orientation and training programs, webinars, etc., allows students to access e-resources for learning and help them reach their educational objectives.

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Open Educational Resources (OER): A Comprehensive Review and Future Directions

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Abstract:

Open Educational Resources (OER) have revolutionized the way educational materials are created, shared, and accessed globally. As a cornerstone of the open education movement, OER provides freely available, openly licensed resources that can be adapted and redistributed without significant restrictions. This paper offers a comprehensive review of the OER landscape, exploring its historical development, current applications, benefits, challenges, and future opportunities. Drawing on existing literature, case studies, and empirical evidence, the review underscores the potential of OER to enhance educational equity, reduce costs, and foster innovation in teaching and learning. At the same time, it critically examines barriers such as quality assurance, sustainability, and institutional resistance. The paper concludes with actionable recommendations for advancing OER adoption and outlines key areas for future research.

Keywords: Open Educational Resources, OER, open access, education technology, digital learning, educational equity.

1. Introduction:

The rise of Open Educational Resources (OER) marks a significant shift in the global education paradigm. Defined by UNESCO as "teaching, learning, and research materials that are freely accessible, openly licensed, and available for use, adaptation, and redistribution," OER has gained momentum as a tool for promoting educational access, affordability, and innovation. Since its inception in the early 2000s, the OER movement

has grown exponentially, driven by advancements in digital technology, increasing demand for affordable learning materials, and a growing emphasis on educational equity.

This paper provides a critical review of the OER movement, examining its evolution, current state, and future prospects. By synthesizing insights from academic literature, policy documents, and real-world case studies, the review highlights the transformative potential of OER while addressing the challenges that hinder its widespread adoption. The paper concludes with recommendations for stakeholders and identifies areas for further research.

2. Evolution of Open Educational Resources:

The OER movement traces its origins to the broader open access and open knowledge initiatives that emerged in the late 20th century. A landmark moment in the history of OER was the launch of MIT OpenCourseWare in 2001, which made course materials from MIT's undergraduate and graduate programs freely available online. This initiative set the stage for a global wave of OER projects, including OpenStax, Khan Academy, and the OER Commons.

Over the past two decades, OER has evolved from a niche concept to a global phenomenon. Governments, international organizations, and educational institutions have played pivotal roles in promoting OER through policy frameworks, funding, and advocacy. For instance, the 2012 Paris OER Declaration by UNESCO called on member states to integrate OER into their education systems, further legitimizing the movement.

3. Key OER Initiatives in India:

- **SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds):** Launched by the Government of India in 2017, SWAYAM is one of the largest OER platforms in the country. It offers free online courses across various disciplines, from school education to higher education and skill development. SWAYAM courses are designed by experts from top institutions like IITs, IIMs, and central universities, ensuring high-quality content.
- **National Digital Library of India (NDLI):**
  The NDLI, initiated by the Ministry of Education, provides free access to a vast

collection of educational resources, including textbooks, articles, videos, and lectures. It serves as a one-stop platform for learners, researchers, and educators.

- **e-PG Pathshala:**
  Developed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), e-PG Pathshala offers open access to postgraduate-level course materials in various subjects. The platform is designed to support students and teachers in higher education.
- **DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing):**
  DIKSHA is a national platform for school education, providing teachers and students with access to curriculum-aligned resources, including textbooks, videos, and interactive content. It is available in multiple Indian languages, making it accessible to a wide audience.
- **NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning):**
  A joint initiative by IITs and IISc, NPTEL offers free online courses and certification programs in engineering, science, and humanities. It is widely used by students and professionals for skill development.
- **Open Educational Resources University (OERu):**
  While not India-specific, OERu has partnered with Indian institutions to provide free online courses and pathways to accredited qualifications.

4. Benefits of Open Educational Resources

The adoption of OER offers numerous advantages for educators, learners, and institutions:

•**Cost Reduction:** One of the most immediate benefits of OER is its ability to reduce the financial burden on students. With the rising cost of textbooks and other educational materials, OER provides a viable alternative that is both affordable and accessible.

•**Enhanced Access and Equity:** OER has the potential to bridge educational disparities by providing free access to high-quality resources. This is particularly impactful in underserved communities and developing countries where access to traditional educational materials is often limited.

- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Unlike traditional textbooks, OER can be easily modified to suit the specific needs of learners and educators. This adaptability allows for more personalized and contextually relevant learning experiences.
- **Collaboration and Innovation:** OER fosters a culture of collaboration among educators, encouraging the sharing of knowledge and best practices. This collaborative environment can lead to the development of innovative teaching methods and resources.

5. Challenges of Open Educational Resources

Despite its many benefits, the adoption of OER is not without challenges. Some of the key barriers include:

- **Quality Assurance:** Ensuring the quality and reliability of OER remains a significant concern. With resources being created by a diverse range of contributors, there is a need for standardized evaluation frameworks to maintain consistency and credibility.
- **Sustainability:** Many OER initiatives rely on short-term funding or grants, raising questions about their long-term viability. Sustainable models for funding and maintaining OER projects are essential for their continued success.
- **Institutional Resistance:** Some educational institutions are hesitant to embrace OER due to concerns about intellectual property, the perceived value of traditional textbooks, and the lack of incentives for faculty to create and share open resources.
- **Digital Divide:** While OER has the potential to democratize education, the digital divide remains a significant barrier. Limited access to technology and internet connectivity in certain regions can hinder the effective use of OER.

6. Current State of OER Implementation

The implementation of OER varies across different educational contexts. In higher education, OER adoption has been driven by the need to reduce textbook costs and improve student outcomes. Initiatives like the Open Textbook Network and the Open Education Consortium have been instrumental in promoting OER in this sector.

In K-12 education, OER adoption has been slower but is gaining traction, particularly in regions like the United States where states such as California and Washington have implemented OER policies. In developing countries, OER holds immense potential to address resource gaps, but challenges related to infrastructure, capacity, and policy support persist.

7. Future Directions for OER Research and Practice

To fully realize the potential of OER, several areas require further research and attention:

- **Developing Quality Assurance Frameworks:** Establishing standardized criteria for evaluating OER quality is essential to build trust and credibility among educators and learners.
- **Exploring Sustainable Models:** Research is needed to identify sustainable funding and operational models for OER initiatives, including partnerships between governments, institutions, and private organizations.
- **Promoting Policy Support:** Policymakers must play an active role in advancing OER adoption through supportive legislation, funding, and awareness campaigns.
- **Addressing Equity Gaps:** Efforts must be made to ensure that OER is accessible to all learners, regardless of their socioeconomic status or geographic location. This includes addressing the digital divide and providing offline access to OER.
- **Measuring Impact:** Further research is needed to assess the impact of OER on learning outcomes, retention rates, and overall educational equity.

8. Conclusion

Open Educational Resources represent a powerful tool for transforming education, making high-quality learning materials accessible to all. However, realizing this potential requires addressing significant challenges related to quality, sustainability, and equity. By fostering collaboration among educators, policymakers, and researchers, and by investing in the development of robust OER frameworks, we can create a more inclusive and equitable educational landscape.

The future of OER lies in its ability to adapt to the evolving needs of learners and educators, while remaining grounded in the principles of openness, accessibility, and

innovation. As the OER movement continues to grow, it is imperative that stakeholders work together to overcome barriers and unlock the full potential of open education.

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RE-SKILLING AND UP-SKILLING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS: NAVIGATING A TRANSFORMING INFORMATION LANDSCAPE

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Abstract:

The library profession stands at a critical juncture. Driven by rapid technological advancements, evolving user needs, and a shifting information landscape, the traditional roles of library professionals are undergoing a profound transformation. This paper argues that re-skilling and up-skilling are not merely optional professional development activities, but essential imperatives for library professionals to remain relevant, effective, and impactful in the 21st century. It examines the key drivers necessitating this shift, identifies critical skill areas for contemporary librarianship, explores strategies for effective re-skilling and up-skilling initiatives, and addresses the challenges and opportunities inherent in this ongoing evolution. Ultimately, this paper emphasizes that proactive and strategic investment in the skills of library professionals is vital for ensuring the continued vibrancy and societal value of libraries in the digital age.

Key phrases: Digital Literacy, Digital Transformation, Information & Research, User Services & Engagement, Management & Leadership,

Introduction:

Libraries, historically the cornerstones of knowledge preservation and access, are experiencing unprecedented change. Once primarily defined by their physical collections, they are now increasingly recognized as dynamic information hubs, community anchors, and vital navigators in an overwhelming sea of digital information. This transformation necessitates a parallel evolution in the skills and competencies of library professionals. The familiar image of the librarian solely focused on cataloging and circulation is rapidly becoming outdated. Instead, libraries require professionals equipped with a diverse and evolving skillset capable of harnessing technology, engaging with diverse communities, and adeptly guiding users through the complexities of the modern information landscape.

The terms "re-skilling" and "up-skilling" become central to this discussion. **Re-skilling** refers to learning entirely new skills to transition to a different role or function within the library or even beyond the traditional library setting. **Up-skilling**, on the other hand, focuses on enhancing existing skills or acquiring new competencies that build upon existing expertise to improve performance and expand professional capabilities within the current or evolving role. Both are critical components of a proactive approach to professional development in the library field. This paper will delve into the necessity of these processes, exploring the key drivers, essential skills, and strategies for successful implementation, ultimately affirming that re-skilling and up-skilling are not just trends, but fundamental requirements for the future of the library profession.

The Evolving Library Landscape: Drivers of Change

Several converging forces are driving the imperative for re-skilling and up-skilling in libraries:

- **Technological Advancements:** The digital revolution has fundamentally altered how information is created, disseminated, accessed, and consumed. Libraries are no longer solely repositories of physical books. They are now deeply engaged with digital resources, online databases, multimedia content, and emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and virtual reality (VR). Library professionals need to be proficient in utilizing these technologies effectively, ethically, and accessibly for themselves and their users.
- **Shifting User Needs and Expectations:** Library users today are increasingly digitally native and accustomed to on-demand information access. Their expectations for speed, personalization, and digital convenience have risen significantly. Libraries must adapt to these evolving needs by offering relevant digital services, engaging users through online platforms, and providing personalized information support. Furthermore, libraries are serving increasingly diverse communities with varying levels of digital literacy and information needs, requiring professionals skilled in inclusive and adaptable service delivery.
- **Information Overload and Misinformation:** The abundance of information available online is both a boon and a challenge. Users struggle to filter, evaluate, and discern credible information from misinformation, disinformation, and "fake news." Library professionals are crucial in empowering users with information literacy skills, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to navigate this complex information ecosystem effectively. This requires a shift from simply providing resources to actively teaching information evaluation and digital citizenship.
- **Evolving Roles of Libraries:** Libraries are moving beyond their traditional role as book lenders to become vibrant community hubs, learning centers, digital literacy centers, and spaces for collaboration and innovation. This expanded role demands

professionals who are not only information experts but also community engagement specialists, facilitators, and advocates for lifelong learning.

- **Economic Constraints and Resource Scarcity:** Many libraries face budgetary pressures and resource limitations. Re-skilling and up-skilling become crucial for maximizing efficiency, streamlining workflows, and leveraging technology to do more with less. Professionals equipped with diverse skills and adaptability are essential for navigating these resource constraints and ensuring the sustainability of library services.

Essential Skills for the Modern Library Professional:

To navigate this evolving landscape, library professionals need to cultivate a wide range of skills encompassing technical, soft, and domain-specific expertise. Key areas include:

- **Technical Skills:**
  - **Digital Literacy & Technology Proficiency:** Advanced digital literacy is foundational. This includes comfort with various software, online platforms, social media, content management systems, and library management systems. Understanding and utilizing emerging technologies like AI, data visualization tools, and cloud computing is increasingly important.
  - **Data Analysis & Management:** Libraries collect vast amounts of data. Skills in data analysis, data visualization, and data management are crucial for understanding user behavior, evaluating service effectiveness, and making data-driven decisions.
  - **Coding & Web Development:** Basic coding skills and web development knowledge are becoming increasingly valuable for creating interactive online resources, managing library websites, and developing digital tools to enhance user experience.
  - **Digital Preservation & Curation:** As libraries increasingly manage digital collections, skills in digital preservation, metadata creation, and digital curation are essential to ensure long-term access and usability of digital assets.
- **Soft Skills:**
  - **Communication & Interpersonal Skills:** Effective communication, both oral and written, remains paramount. Librarians need to communicate complex information clearly and concisely to diverse audiences, build rapport with users, and facilitate group discussions. Interpersonal skills are vital for teamwork, collaboration, and conflict resolution.
  - **Teaching & Instruction:** Information literacy instruction is a core function of modern libraries. Librarians need to be skilled educators, capable of

designing and delivering engaging and effective learning experiences, both in-person and online.

- **Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking:** Navigating the complex information landscape requires strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Librarians must be able to analyze user needs, diagnose information challenges, and develop creative solutions.
- **Adaptability & Flexibility:** The library profession is constantly evolving. Adaptability, flexibility, and a willingness to embrace change are crucial for thriving in this dynamic environment. This includes being open to learning new skills and adapting to new roles and responsibilities.
- **Empathy & User-Centered Approach:** Understanding and responding to the diverse needs of library users is fundamental. Empathy, active listening, and a user-centered approach are essential for providing inclusive and effective services.

- **Evolving Domain-Specific Skills:**
  - **Information Architecture & Organization:** While the format of information changes, the need for effective organization and access remains constant. Skills in information architecture, metadata creation, taxonomy development, and knowledge organization are crucial for making information discoverable and usable in digital environments.
  - **Community Engagement & Outreach:** Building strong relationships with the community and actively reaching out to underserved populations is increasingly important. Skills in community engagement, partnership building, and outreach program development are essential for making libraries relevant and accessible to all.
  - **Copyright & Intellectual Property:** Navigating copyright and intellectual property issues in the digital age is complex. Librarians need to be knowledgeable about copyright law, fair use, and open access to guide users and ensure ethical information access.
  - **Advocacy & Leadership:** Libraries need strong advocates and leaders to ensure their continued relevance and funding support. Skills in advocacy, public speaking, grant writing, and leadership are crucial for promoting the value of libraries in the 21st century.

Strategies for Re-skilling and Up-skilling Library Professionals:

Successful re-skilling and up-skilling initiatives require a multi-faceted approach involving both individual professional development and institutional support:

- **Formal Education and Training:** Enrolling in relevant courses, workshops, certificate programs, and advanced degrees (e.g., data science, digital humanities, user experience design) can provide structured learning experiences and formal

credentials in new skill areas. Library schools and professional organizations play a vital role in offering updated and relevant curricula.

- **Informal Learning and Self-Directed Development:** Embracing a culture of continuous learning is essential. This includes actively engaging with online resources (e.g., MOOCs, webinars, and online tutorials), participating in online communities, attending conferences and workshops, reading professional literature, and engaging in self-reflection and skill gap analysis.
- **Mentorship and Peer Learning:** Mentorship programs, both formal and informal, can provide valuable guidance and support for professional development. Peer learning opportunities, such as communities of practice and collaborative projects, foster knowledge sharing and skill development within library teams.
- **On-the-Job Training and Experiential Learning:** Libraries should provide opportunities for staff to develop new skills through on-the-job training, cross-training, and participation in projects that require the application of new technologies and approaches. This includes fostering a culture of experimentation and innovation within the library.
- **Institutional Support and Resource Allocation:** Libraries must invest in professional development opportunities for their staff. This includes allocating budget for training, providing time for learning and development activities, and creating a supportive organizational culture that values and encourages continuous learning. This also involves adapting job descriptions and performance evaluations to reflect the evolving skill requirements of library professionals.
- **Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations:** Libraries can leverage partnerships with other institutions, organizations, and experts to access specialized training and expertise. Collaborations with technology companies, educational institutions, and community organizations can provide valuable opportunities for skill development and knowledge sharing.

Challenges and Opportunities:

While the need for re-skilling and up-skilling is evident, several challenges exist:

- **Resistance to Change:** Some library professionals may be resistant to change or hesitant to embrace new technologies and approaches. Addressing this resistance requires open communication, demonstrating the benefits of new skills, and providing adequate support and training.
- **Time and Resource Constraints:** Finding time for professional development amidst busy workloads and managing limited budgets for training can be challenging. Libraries need to prioritize professional development and explore cost-effective training solutions.

- **Keeping Pace with Rapid Technological Change:** The pace of technological innovation is rapid, making it challenging to keep skills current. Emphasizing foundational skills, adaptability, and a lifelong learning mindset is crucial.
- **Equity and Access to Training:** Ensuring equitable access to re-skilling and up-skilling opportunities for all library professionals, regardless of their background, location, or institutional affiliation, is essential. Libraries and professional organizations should actively work to address disparities in access to training.

Despite these challenges, the imperative for re-skilling and up-skilling also presents significant opportunities:

- **Enhanced Professional Relevance and Job Satisfaction:** Developing new skills and expanding professional capabilities can lead to increased job satisfaction, career advancement opportunities, and a sense of professional fulfillment.
- **Improved Library Services and User Experience:** Re-skilled and up-skilled library professionals are better equipped to deliver innovative, user-centered services that meet the evolving needs of their communities.
- **Strengthened Role of Libraries in Society:** By adapting to the changing information landscape and equipping their professionals with the necessary skills, libraries can solidify their position as vital community resources and essential navigators in the digital age.
- **Fostering Innovation and Creativity:** Re-skilling and up-skilling can foster a culture of innovation and creativity within libraries, leading to the development of new programs, services, and approaches to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Conclusion:

Re-skilling and up-skilling are not merely trends in the library profession, but rather essential imperatives for navigating a rapidly transforming information landscape. The forces of technological advancement, evolving user needs, and the changing role of libraries demand a proactive and strategic approach to professional development. By embracing continuous learning, developing a diverse skillset encompassing technical, soft, and domain-specific expertise, and fostering a culture of innovation, library professionals can not only remain relevant but also thrive in the 21st century. Libraries that invest in the re-skilling and up-skilling of their professionals are investing in their own future, ensuring their continued vibrancy, societal value, and enduring role as cornerstones of knowledge and community in the digital age. The future library is not just about books; it is about people – well-skilled, adaptable, and passionate professionals who empower individuals and communities to navigate and flourish in a complex and ever-evolving world of information.

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PARTICIPATION OF LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS INICT TRAINING PROGRAMMES – A STUDY

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Abstract : *The present study has made an attempt to know the participation of LIS Professionals in ICT Training Programmes. This study throws light upon the various parameters of training programs such as Mode of participation, Types of ICT training programmes, Preferences given to Library Automation Software Training and Challenges faced by LIS Professionals to attend the training program. The study recommends that Library Personnel should develop the ICT Skill, participate proactively in various training programmes and implement the ICT Tools to uplift the status of Library profession.*

Keyword:*ICT Training, LIS Professionals*

Introduction:

Librarians need to have ICT (information and communication technology) training in order to adjust to the changing needs of library services in the digital age. The training enables library professionals to capture the necessary skills to enhance user experiences, manage and use digital resources, and streamline library operations.

Training typically covers areas such as:

●**Digital literacy**: Enabling librarians to effectively access and evaluate online information and resources.
●**Library management software**: Familiarity with systems like Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) for cataloguing, circulation, and user management.
●**Digitization and preservation**: Techniques for converting physical materials to digital formats and ensuring long-term digital preservation.
●**Virtual reference services**: Using tools like video calls and chat systems to assist users remotely.
●**Cloud computing and data security**: Managing data storage, privacy, and security through cloud-based platforms.
●**Web and social media management**: Promoting library services and engaging users through websites and social media platforms.

Through such training, librarians can enhance their technological competence, improve service delivery and keep libraries relevant in an increasingly digital world. Considering this, the study has brought light to investigate the participation of ICT training programs for library professionals.

Literature Review:

Review of the literature reveals some research on library professionals' involvement in ICT training programs.

Reddy (2014) studied ICT Skills among Library Professionals working in Engineering colleges, Warangal District in Telangana State. The data analysis shows how much and how well these institutions' library personnel are proficient in ICT. The deployment of ICT abilities was seen favorably by all library personnel. **Zulfeen (**2019) highlighted in her paper the use of ICT tools in academic libraries. The paper emphasizes the advantages of implementing computer systems, resource sharing, and digital libraries to enhance user services. The use of ICT in

libraries has altered the way that information is stored and retrieved, acquired, cataloged, and classified, as well as how items are circulated, serials control, management statistics, and administrative tasks like budgeting as well as the difficulties academic libraries encounter when implementing ICT tools and the actions that must be performed to get beyond these obstacles. **Swaminathan et.al.,** (2022) discussed the fundamental technological tools and methods that a library professional needs to manage academic libraries and the millions of pieces of information that are produced every day in this digital age. To successfully use information technology in libraries, a library professional should have the knowledge and skills listed in this paper. Further, **Akpelu et.al.(2022)**in theirstudy investigated the work performances and information and communication technology training of library professionals at the University of Port Harcourt and Rivers State University. For the study, a descriptive survey design was chosen. All librarians and paraprofessionals from the two universities under investigation made up the study's population. 51 employees of the library were chosen through the technique of purposive sampling. Data was gathered using a standardized questionnaire. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the data. Nevertheless, the study found that ICT training has a major influence on library professionals' job performance and that infrequent ICT training programs have an impact on staff productivity and efficient job performance at all times. Per the study, training sessions should be held at least twice a year. Similarly, **Mahanta (2016)** explored the ICT proficiency of LIS professionals in Assam in connection with knowledge of ICT-based applications, knowledge of library automation software, knowledge of digital library software, knowledge of electronics resource management, knowledge of ICT-based library services, and knowledge of the barriers to learning ICT. The study recommends there should be a training program for all working professionals at adequate intervals so that the professionals can cope with the latest ICT-based applications**. Ahmed & Rehman(2016**) in their paper investigated the level of ICT competency among library professionals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, as well as the training requirements for updating these competencies. The research methodology employed for this study was a descriptive survey. The study's sample consisted of 105 library professionals who were employed by Pakistan's 14 public universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The results of the survey showed that the region's library professionals' ICT proficiency is lacking. Their primary requirement for training is in the construction of institutional repositories and digital libraries. This study offers useful information about the degree of ICT proficiency as well as a framework for library professionals to improve their ICT proficiency. **Enakrire (2019)** in thisarticle examined information technology-related training and support initiatives for information workers. This study used a quantitative research design. The quantitative method was a survey that used a questionnaire to gather information from respondents in a few African university libraries. The results showed that ICT-related training and support programs for information workers improved the way libraries operate today and provide services to patrons. Information workers are creating and harvesting knowledge as a

result of the pedagogical learning phenomena, which makes re-skilling important. LIS Professionals can use the exposure, experience, knowledge, and abilities they have gained to defend themselves when applying and using ICT-related hardware and software in any situation. **Naheem (2015)** discussed Perceptions of Library Professionals towards the Technology Skills & Competencies for Modern Librarianship. The study was conducted to investigate the level of importance of various technology skills and competencies to their professional duties like –perform routine activities, manage e-resources and provide IT based services using a restructured online questionnaire. Data collected were analyzed using different statistical techniques such as frequency count and percentile methods. The results of the study revealed LIS professionals who responded to this survey showed a favorable attitude towards all areas of technology skills and competencies.

Objectives:

This research paper aims to ascertain the participation of LIS Professionals in ICT Training Programmes. Below are the objectives of the present study:

A.To identify the mode of participation in ICT Training programmes
B.To determine the involvement of library professionals in different ICT-related activities
C.To determine an inclination towards active engagement with automation software
D.To investigate the challenges while attending the training

Scope and Limitations:

The scope of the study encompasses the participation of Library professionals in ICT training working in various institutes. The sample study was taken into consideration. There were 32

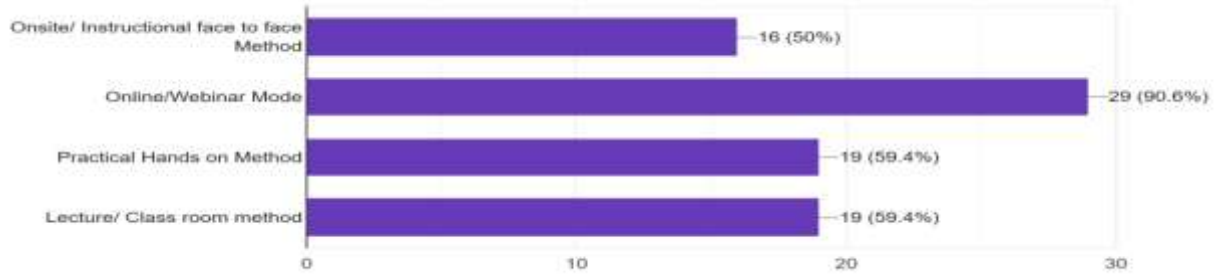
LIS Professionals participating in which 19 were Male and 13 were Female participants. Majority of the participants were from Maharashtra state This study was limited to identifying only ICT Skills adopted through various training programmes.

Methodology:

The methodology adopted here is descriptive research. A survey technique was used and questionnaires as a tool to collect primary data from the respondents. A structured questionnaire was designed and circulated among Library professionals. An online survey using Google Forms was used for data collection. The collected data was analysed and presented in the form of charts.

Data Analysis and Interpretation:

Fig 1: Mode of Training Methods



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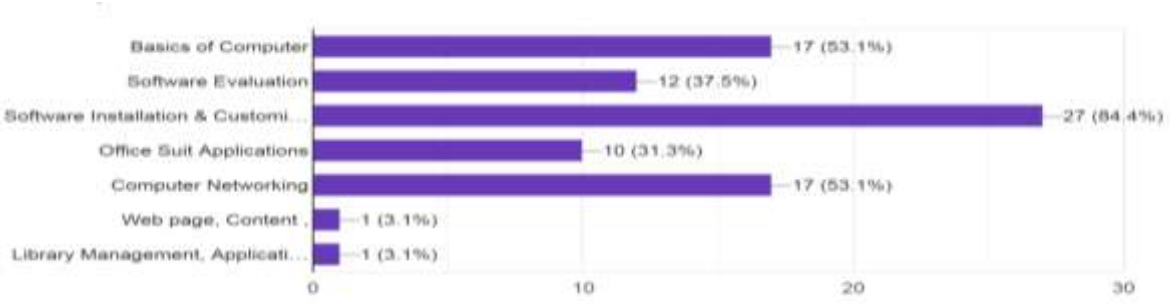
The above graph indicates the participation through the mode of training delivery methods. This graph shows that 29 (90%)LIS Professionals participated through Online mode, 19(54.4%) of LIS Professionals participated through the Practical as well as Lecture/Classroom method and 16 (50%) participated through the Onsite/Instructional face-to-face Method. The majority of participation is through Online Mode.

Fig 2: Participation of ICT Training



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This graph shows the participation of LIS professionals in basic areas of ICT Training.

From the above graph, it is revealed that there is majority of LIS Professionals in software installation and customization i.e. 27(84.4%), followed by 17 (53.1%)) participated in Computer Networking and Basic Computer, 12(37.5%) Participation in Software Evaluation, 10 (31.3%) participation in Office Suit Applications and only 1(3.1%) participation in Library Management Webpage Training Application.

Fig 3: Training of Library Automation Software

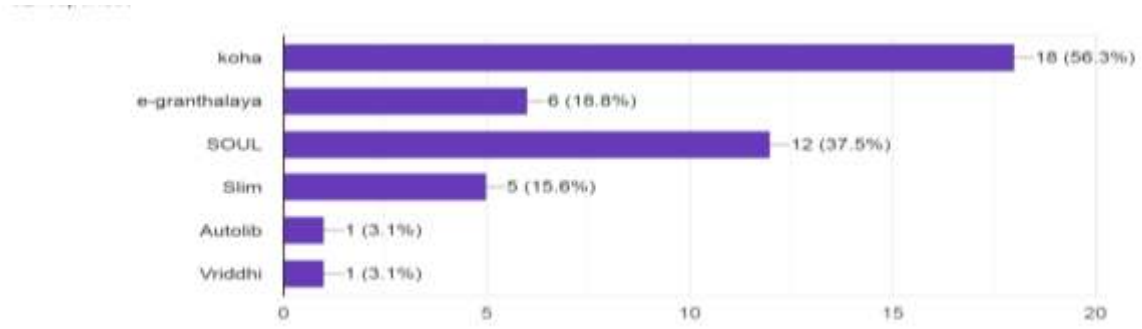

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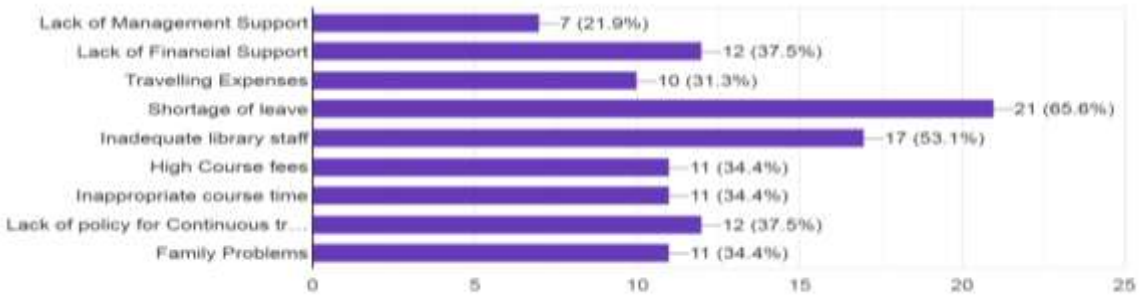
Fig 4: Challenges for attending the various training programmes



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The above graph shows the challenges faced by LIS professionals to attend the various training sessions. From the above figure, it is revealed that 21 (65.6%) face the biggest challenge to attend the training programme as a shortage of leaves, followed by 17 (53 %) as inadequate library staff, 12(37.5%) response showed Lack of Financial Support and Lack of Policy for Continuous training, 11 (34.4%) responded as High Course fees, Inappropriate Course timing and family problems, 10 (31.3%) responded Travelling Expenses and 7 (21.9%) responded Lack of Management Support. The majority of LIS Professionals revealed the issue of Shortage of Leave.

Observations and Findings:

From the data analysis, it is observed that LIS Professionals actively participate in various ICT-based training programs including the basic areas of ICT, and training of Library automation software through online as well as offline mode. It is also observed that there are various challenges faced by LIS Professionals to attend the programs.

From the study, it is found that the Online mode of training has become convenient for LIS Professionals hence there is maximum participation through Online mode. Most of the LIS Professionals always give the highest preference to learn Software skills. Basics of computers, software evaluation and office suite applications were also in the most priority. Library Automation training has become essential and always in the top preference in ICT Training. It was found that there was a high preference for KOHA software and hence the majority of LIS professionals actively participated in the Library Automation software training program. There are various challenges faced by LIS professionals. In this study, it was found that the biggest challenge for LIS professionals was the shortage of leave.

After taking or attending the various training sessions, LIS professionals became confident to implement the various ICT tools and technologies in the library. The training programmes showed the positive impact among LIS Professions and this reflection was also in their professional as well as personal growth. Library automation using Library software was a major initiative. Creation of Digital library, Developed Library Webpage, Information Literacy Sessions organised for Staff and Students of the College. Institutional Repository was also developed with the help of DSpace Software. Google Scholar Profile was created and teachers were able to see their research impact and citation statistics. LIS Professionals also trained their library staff for library development and hence automation and digitization of libraries was easily done. This has resulted in library work culture. This enrichment in the work culture of the Library has changed the perspectives of users' towards the Library among the staff and students of the institution.

Recommendations:

ICT training has become an integral part of the LIS Profession. Libraries can be developed only when the Library Professionals are ICT literate and adopt ICT Skills. Hence this study recommends consistent upgradation of ICT Skills.

Conclusion:

ICT (Information and Communication Technology) training for library professionals is essential for modernizing library services and facilities. Libraries can now offer their patrons access to a vast array of digital information resources and value-added information service due to ICT tools. Regular training for library staff in evolving technology is unavoidable in the current environment, where ICT is being updated constantly and digital forms are replacing conventional ones. The library professional needs to be sufficiently knowledgeable about new ICT skills, such as web-based library services, e-resources management, content management, library automation, and the creation and upkeep of digital libraries and institutional repositories. These updates and upgrades in the library uplift the library profession and expand the horizons of the Library.

Suggestions:

This study suggests that library personnel should make investments in cutting-edge equipment and technology to advance both their professional development and libraries' reputation. Below are some recommendations for enhancing library personnel's ICT proficiency based on an extensive review of the current study.

After careful observation of the present study, some suggestions have been made below for the improvement of ICT skills of Library professionals.

●Authority should encourage Library professionals to participate in various ICT Based training programs

●Sufficient funds should be made available by the authorities for development of ICT infrastructures, Digital resources development and application of ICT-enabled services.

●Librarians have to work proactively for the Digital Development Library and expand the library horizons by applying the various ICT tools and technology.

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NEXT GENERATION LIBRARY SERVICES: INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY FOR ENHANCED USER EXPERIENCE

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Abstract:

Libraries are evolving to meet the changing needs of the next-generation users by integrating technology, interactive services, and personalized experiences The rapid evolution of technology and changing user expectations necessitate innovative library

services tailored for next-generation users. Modern libraries must integrate digital resources, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and user-centric services to remain relevant. This paper explores emerging trends in library services, focusing on digital transformation, personalized experiences, and innovative service delivery, innovative library services tailored to digital natives, incorporating artificial intelligence (AI), virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR), personalized learning platforms, and collaborative spaces. The analysis presents how libraries can remain relevant in an increasingly digital world, ensuring accessibility, engagement, and lifelong learning opportunities. The study also highlights the role of technology in enhancing accessibility, engagement, and knowledge dissemination. By leveraging advanced tools and methodologies, libraries can create dynamic, inclusive, and efficient spaces that cater to the needs of future generations.

Keywords: Library innovation, Digital transformation, Next-generation libraries, Artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries, Virtual reality (VR) in libraries, Augmented reality (AR) in libraries

Introduction:

Libraries have always been crucial in providing access to knowledge, education, and research. However, the digital revolution has significantly altered how users seek, consume, and interact with information. Next-generation users, primarily digital natives, demand more dynamic, personalized, and technology-driven library services. To meet these evolving needs, libraries must embrace innovation and adopt cutting-edge technologies. This paper examines modern library services and explores how libraries can adapt to serve the next generation effectively.

The rapid advancements in technology and the changing preferences of users have necessitated a transformation in library services. Traditional library models are being replaced by dynamic, technology-driven services that cater to the next generation, often referred to as digital natives. Libraries are no longer mere repositories of books but are evolving into interactive hubs for information access, digital literacy, and collaborative learning. This paper examines various innovative services that libraries are adopting to meet the demands of the modern user.

Objectives:

1. To explore emerging trends and innovations in library services.
2. To identify technologies that enhance user engagement and accessibility.
3. To analyze the role of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and digital platforms in modern libraries.
4. To recommend strategies for libraries to evolve and cater to next-generation users.

Library Services for the Next Generation:

Digital and Cloud-Based Libraries

- Implementation of digital repositories and cloud storage for easy access to information.
- Online databases and e-books providing remote access to library resources.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

- AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants for user support.
- Personalized recommendations based on user behavior and preferences.

Virtual and Augmented Reality

- Interactive learning experiences through VR-based educational programs.
- Augmented reality applications for enhanced library navigation and information retrieval.

Mobile and App-Based Library Services

- Development of mobile applications for book searches, reservations, and virtual consultations.
- Integration of push notifications for personalized alerts and updates.

Maker Spaces and Collaborative Learning Environments

- Establishment of innovation labs and maker spaces for hands-on learning.
- Encouraging collaborative research through digital tools and platforms.

Open Access and Digital Scholarship

- Promotion of open-access journals and resources.
- Support for digital research and publishing tools.

Gamification and Interactive Learning

- Use of gamification to enhance engagement and learning experiences.
- Implementation of digital badges and rewards for reading and research activities.

AI-Powered Library Assistants

- Virtual chatbots for instant queries and recommendations.
- AI-based book suggestions and automated cataloging.

Digital and Mobile Libraries

- Cloud-based access to e-books, journals, and databases.
- Mobile applications for remote library services.

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in Libraries

- AR for interactive storytelling and historical reconstructions.
- VR-based immersive learning experiences and virtual field trips.

Collaborative Learning Spaces

- Makerspaces with 3D printing, robotics, and coding workshops.
- Group study pods with digital collaboration tools.

Personalized Learning and Smart Library Systems

- AI-driven personalized learning modules.
- Smart shelves and RFID technology for efficient book tracking.

Open Educational Resources (OER) and Digital Repositories

- Access to open-source learning materials and research databases.
- Institutional repositories for scholarly publishing and knowledge sharing.

Data-Driven Decision Making in Libraries

- Analytics tools for understanding user behavior and preferences.
- Adaptive resource allocation based on data insights.

Table: Comparison of Traditional and Next-Generation Library Services:

Sr. No.	Feature	Traditional Libraries	Next-Generation Libraries
1	Information Access	Physical books & journals	Digital repositories & mobile apps
2	User Interaction	Librarian assistance	AI-powered chatbots & virtual assistants
3	Learning	Reading & research	AR/VR-based immersive

	Experience		learning
4	Study Environment	Silent reading spaces	Makerspaces & collaborative hubs
5	Collection Management	Manual cataloging	Smart shelves & RFID tracking

Analysis:

The integration of technology into library services significantly enhances user experience and accessibility. AI-driven solutions offer personalized recommendations, reducing information overload. Mobile applications and digital repositories ensure that knowledge is available anytime, anywhere. The incorporation of AR/VR technologies enables experiential learning, making libraries more engaging. Collaborative spaces foster creativity and innovation, promoting active participation rather than passive consumption of information.

Conclusion:

To remain relevant and valuable, libraries must evolve by integrating emerging technologies and innovative services. Digital transformation, AI-driven assistance, virtual reality experiences, and mobile accessibility are essential components of next-generation libraries. By embracing these advancements, libraries can continue to support learning, research, and knowledge sharing effectively. Future library services should focus on accessibility, engagement, and adaptability to cater to the ever-changing demands of modern users.

The transformation of libraries into technology-integrated knowledge hubs is essential for catering to the next-generation users. By adopting AI, AR/VR, mobile technology, and personalized learning experiences, libraries can continue to be relevant and effective in the digital age. The future of libraries lies in their ability to innovate, adapt, and create engaging experiences that promote knowledge accessibility and lifelong learning.

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The Impact of Open Educational Resources (OER) on Higher Education and Research

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Abstract

Open Educational Resources (OER) have emerged as a transformative force in the field of education globally, reshaping the way educational content is created, shared, and consumed. In particular, their impact on higher education and academic research has been profound. This paper explores the role of OER in enhancing access, equity, and collaboration within higher education systems, with a particular focus on India. As a developing country with a large and diverse educational landscape, India faces unique challenges and opportunities in the adoption of OER. The paper delves into the significance of OER in India's higher education sector, its potential to bridge educational gaps, and its role in advancing research collaboration, while also discussing the barriers to widespread adoption and strategies for overcoming these hurdles. By integrating insights into global trends with India-specific examples, the paper aims to offer a nuanced perspective on the impact of OER in a rapidly evolving educational environment.

Keywords: Open Educational Resources (OER), Higher Education, India, Access to Education, Cost Reduction, Pedagogical Innovation, Research Collaboration, Open Access,

SWAYAM, NROER, Digital Divide, Educational Equity, Interdisciplinary Research, Educational Technology

Introduction

Open Educational Resources (OER), defined by UNESCO (2012) as teaching, learning, and research materials that are freely available for anyone to use, adapt, and redistribute, represent a radical shift in the education sector. OER offer numerous advantages, including reducing costs for students, enhancing access to high-quality learning materials, and fostering collaborative approaches to teaching and learning. In India, where the higher education sector is one of the largest in the world, OER have the potential to address several key issues, such as the lack of access to high-quality textbooks, limited availability of up-to-date academic resources, and educational disparities between urban and rural areas. The government's emphasis on digital education and the increasing importance of information and communication technology (ICT) in teaching and learning make India a critical case for studying the impact of OER.

This paper examines the impact of OER on higher education and research in India, highlighting both the benefits and the challenges unique to the Indian context.

The Role of OER in Enhancing Higher Education in India

Improving Access to Educational Content

India’s higher education system is characterized by both its large scale and its stark regional disparities. While top universities and institutions in metropolitan areas may have access to world-class educational resources, institutions in rural and remote regions often lack such privileges. OER offers a viable solution to this issue by making high-quality educational materials freely available online, overcoming physical and financial barriers to access.

The National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) launched by the Government of India under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is a notable example of an initiative that supports the use and development of OER. The NROER aims to provide free access to high-quality educational resources, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, thereby ensuring that students in under-resourced regions have access to world-class content.

Moreover, platforms like SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), a government initiative, provide an online portal for courses ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate levels, contributing to the democratization of education in India. SWAYAM offers OER in the form of video lectures, readings, assignments, and exams, all accessible for free. This initiative has made it possible for students in remote areas to access courses offered by top universities and institutions, breaking down the traditional barriers to higher education access.

Affordability and Cost Reduction

One of the most significant impacts of OER on higher education in India is the reduction of educational costs. India faces significant economic constraints, with a large proportion of students coming from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The high cost of textbooks and other educational resources often presents a financial barrier to higher education. According to a study by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), over 80% of students in India rely on textbooks for their studies, and the cost of these textbooks can constitute a substantial portion of a student's education expenses.

By providing free, openly licensed textbooks and other materials, OER can reduce or eliminate the financial burden on students, making higher education more affordable and accessible. A study by the Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources (2012) found that OER could significantly reduce the cost of textbooks, which is particularly important for students in India, where education costs are a major concern.

Promoting Pedagogical Innovation and Flexibility

OER allow educators to go beyond traditional textbook-based teaching by enabling them to remix, adapt, and create resources tailored to the specific needs of their students. This flexibility is especially beneficial in India, where there is a large diversity in student backgrounds, including varying levels of digital literacy, educational preparedness, and language proficiency. OER can be adapted to suit different teaching contexts, making learning more relevant and personalized.

For example, OER can be used to provide materials in multiple languages, addressing the linguistic diversity of India. This is crucial as English-language resources remain limited for many students whose first language is one of India's many regional languages. OER can also incorporate multimedia content, such as videos, animations, and simulations, to cater to a variety of learning styles and increase student engagement.

Fostering Collaboration and Research

OER have significant potential to enhance research collaboration in India, particularly in fostering interdisciplinary research. Open access to academic articles, data, and teaching resources can help researchers stay up-to-date with the latest developments in their fields. OER also promote the sharing of research findings and data, which can help accelerate scientific discovery and innovation.

Several Indian universities, including IIT Bombay and Jawaharlal Nehru University, have initiated OER-based research collaborations with international institutions. These collaborations often involve sharing academic papers, datasets, and other resources, which contribute to a more open and transparent research ecosystem.

The Impact of OER on Research in India

Facilitating Open Access to Scholarly Publications

India's academic research ecosystem faces challenges related to access to scientific journals and publications, which are often behind expensive paywalls. This limits access to cutting-edge research for students, faculty, and researchers, particularly in public institutions that cannot afford expensive journal subscriptions.

OER contributes to the open access movement by providing free access to scholarly publications and research outputs. For example, India's National Digital Library (NDL) provides free access to millions of academic papers, books, and theses. This has significantly improved research accessibility for students and faculty in Indian universities, particularly in remote areas.

Additionally, several Indian journals are adopting open access models, allowing researchers to share their findings without financial barriers. The Indian Academy of Sciences, for instance, offers free access to its journals, thus contributing to the open access ecosystem.

Encouraging Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research

OER platforms facilitate interdisciplinary research by enabling the sharing of knowledge and resources across disciplines and geographical boundaries. India's large and diverse research community, spanning various disciplines, benefits from OER by engaging in collaborative projects, particularly in fields such as public health, climate change, and sustainable development, where cross-border collaboration is essential. Researchers in different parts of India, as well as globally, can use OER to share data and research findings, accelerating innovation and fostering a more inclusive research environment.

Challenges in the Adoption of OER in India

Digital Divide and Infrastructure Constraints

One of the major challenges for the widespread adoption of OER in India is the digital divide. While the government has made significant strides in expanding internet access, a significant portion of the population, especially in rural areas, still faces limitations in terms of internet connectivity and digital literacy. This creates a barrier to

accessing OER, as students in these areas may lack the necessary infrastructure or skills to benefit from online resources.

Cultural and Institutional Resistance

Despite the clear advantages of OER, there remains a level of resistance to adopting these resources within the Indian higher education system. Faculty members may be hesitant to adopt OER due to unfamiliarity with the resources, lack of incentives, or concerns about the quality of available materials. In addition, traditional publishing models that rely on proprietary textbooks and subscription-based journals continue to hold sway in many institutions.

Sustainability and Quality Assurance

The long-term sustainability of OER initiatives in India remains a concern. While the government has launched several initiatives, such as SWAYAM and NROER, these projects require ongoing investment in infrastructure, content creation, and maintenance. Ensuring the quality of OER is another challenge, as content that is freely available may lack proper vetting or peer review.

Conclusion

The impact of Open Educational Resources on higher education and research in India is significant and transformative, offering potential solutions to many of the challenges faced by the country's educational system. By increasing access to quality educational content, reducing costs, fostering innovation, and enhancing research collaboration, OER are playing a pivotal role in the evolution of India's higher education sector.

However, the widespread adoption of OER in India requires addressing challenges related to infrastructure, digital literacy, quality assurance, and resistance to change. To fully realize the potential of OER, concerted efforts from the government, academic institutions, faculty, and students are essential. Continued investment in digital infrastructure, professional development for educators, and support for sustainable OER initiatives will be crucial to ensuring that the benefits of OER reach all corners of India.

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DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND THEIR FUTURE: TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:

Libraries have long been intellectual institutions that house physical collections of books, journals, and other media. However, the advents of the Internet and digital technologies, as well as changes in user behavior, have necessitated a shift from physical documents to digital documents. Digital libraries are platforms for storing, retrieving, and distributing digital content such as e-books, textbooks, media materials, and digital manuscripts. The digital revolution has redefined the role of libraries in education and research, providing unprecedented access to information, but it has also raised significant legal and financial challenges.

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Introduction

In an era of rapid technological advancement and social development, the role of libraries has changed dramatically. Once seen primarily as centers of printed information, libraries are now at the forefront of change, embracing digital transformation, redefining social inclusion, and adapting to the changing needs of a diverse and connected world. The future of libraries is defined by a confluence of questions, challenges, and new solutions that mark the transition from the old paradigm to a new era in which libraries are places of information, learning, and culture. One of the elements that determine the future of libraries is the process of digital transformation.

With the advent of the digital age, a new era has begun in which information is increasingly available in digital format. Libraries are recognizing the need for timeliness and accessibility and are adding a wide range of digital materials to their collections. E-books, audiobooks, and digital archives have become an integral part of library services, providing users with easy access to information in a digital environment. This shift not only responds to changing reading habits, but also extends the reach of libraries beyond physical boundaries to meet the needs of a global audience. At the same time, libraries have transcended their traditional role as quiet rooms and become vibrant community centers. Given the importance of fostering community ties, libraries have become places of work that go beyond the concept of lending books. They organize workshops, discussions and various courses to meet the diverse interests and needs of the community. This change has made libraries an important cultural and social force in an age where connectivity is not limited to the virtual world. In our age of information overload, the ability to navigate and evaluate the web is essential. Libraries and library users (librarians) play an important role in developing reading skills. Librarians are not only the guardians of books, but also guides who help users understand the vast ocean of information, teach them how to identify reliable sources and equip them with the skills they need to navigate this rich source of information. Libraries are using these technologies to create interactive and engaging learning experiences. Virtual library tours, learning simulations, and additional resources are examples of how the New Library is integrating technology to enhance the user experience and support learning in new and exciting ways. One of the biggest challenges is money. Many libraries face financial challenges that impact their ability to quickly adapt to new formats. Adequate budgets are needed to acquire digital resources, improve technology processes, and implement new strategies to meet the changing needs of consumers. Overcoming these financial challenges requires strong advocacy for increased funding and recognition of the important role libraries play in supporting education and public health. Librarians of the future will not only be librarians, but also skilled educators, knowledge creators, and community builders. This shift requires ongoing education and professional development to provide writers with the skills they need to play a more active role in the rapidly

changing information environment. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into library services is improving user experience and efficiency.

AI algorithms support personalized recommendations, answer user questions, and increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of library services. By collaborating with other organizations, community groups, and technology companies, libraries can access shared resources, expertise, and new projects. Collaboration increases the impact of libraries, allowing them to offer a variety of services and meet the needs of different audiences. From eco-friendly design to implementing green initiatives like book recycling and community gardens, libraries are taking environmental stewardship to the next level. A commitment to sustainability not only serves a social purpose, it also supports a leadership role, making libraries not just repositories of information but also stewards of the environment.

The Evolution of Digital Libraries Digital libraries began with digitization projects and expanded with the rise of the Internet and cloud computing. Early projects such as Project Gutenberg and Google Books paved the way for more digital manuscripts. Advances in metadata standards, interoperability, and machine learning are strengthening digital libraries. Key Trends in Digital Libraries.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are increasingly integral to modern library operations, offering innovative solutions to enhance services and user experiences. These technologies enable libraries to manage vast digital collections more efficiently and provide personalized services to patrons.

Applications of AI and ML in Libraries:

Automated Cataloging and Metadata Generation: AI algorithms can analyze and categorize large volumes of information, streamlining the cataloging process. This automation ensures consistency and efficiency in organizing library resources.

Enhanced Information Retrieval: Machine learning models improve search capabilities by understanding user queries and retrieving relevant information more effectively. This leads to more accurate and user-friendly search results.

Personalized User Experiences: By analyzing user behavior and preferences, AI can offer tailored recommendations, helping patrons discover resources aligned with their interests. This personalization enhances user engagement and satisfaction.

Predictive Analytics for Collection Development: AI assists in predicting trends and user needs, guiding libraries in making informed decisions about acquiring new materials and managing existing collections.

Virtual Assistants and Chatbots: AI-powered chatbots provide immediate assistance to users, answering queries, guiding searches, and offering support services, thereby improving accessibility and user support.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data Privacy and Ethics: Implementing AI requires careful handling of user data to maintain privacy and adhere to ethical standards. Libraries must establish policies to protect patron information.

Resource Allocation: Integrating AI technologies can be resource-intensive, necessitating investment in infrastructure and staff training. Libraries must assess the cost-benefit ratio to ensure sustainable implementation.

Technological Obsolescence: Rapid advancements in AI and ML technologies may lead to quick obsolescence. Libraries need strategies for continuous updates and scalability to keep pace with technological changes.

Blockchain for Data Security: Digital libraries are exploring blockchain technology to ensure secure, tamper-proof access to records. Blockchain technology offers a decentralized and immutable framework that significantly enhances data security across various applications. Its unique characteristics provide robust solutions to common security challenges.

Key Features of Blockchain in Data Security:

Decentralization: Unlike traditional centralized databases, blockchain operates on a distributed ledger system where data is stored across multiple nodes. This decentralization eliminates single points of failure, reducing vulnerability to attacks.

Immutability: Once information is recorded on a blockchain, it becomes extremely difficult to alter or delete. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, ensuring that any attempt to modify data would require consensus from the entire network, thereby preserving data integrity.

Transparency with Controlled Access: Blockchain's transparent ledger allows participants to verify and audit transactions independently. However, through the use of permissioned blockchains and cryptographic techniques, access to sensitive data can be restricted to authorized users, maintaining confidentiality while ensuring accountability.

Applications in Data Security:

Identity Management: Blockchain enables secure and decentralized identity verification systems, reducing the risk of identity theft and unauthorized access. Users can have control over their digital identities without relying on centralized authorities.

Data Integrity Verification: Organizations can use blockchain to create tamper-evident logs of data transactions, ensuring that any unauthorized alterations are easily detectable. This is particularly useful in supply chain management and financial services where data integrity is critical.

Secure Data Sharing: Blockchain facilitates secure data sharing among authorized parties by providing a transparent and immutable record of data access and modifications. This is beneficial in sectors like healthcare, where sensitive information needs to be shared securely among providers.

Challenges and Considerations:

Regulatory Compliance: Implementing blockchain solutions must be done in compliance with data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The immutable nature of blockchain can conflict with the "right to be forgotten" principle, necessitating innovative approaches to data management.

Energy Consumption: Some blockchain networks, particularly those using Proof-of-Work (PoW) consensus mechanisms, consume substantial amounts of energy. Transitioning to more energy-efficient consensus algorithms like Proof-of-Stake (PoS) can mitigate this concern.

Cloud Computing and Storage Solutions: Cloud computing and storage solutions have become integral to modern library operations, offering numerous advantages in terms of accessibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.

Benefits of Cloud Computing in Libraries:

Enhanced Accessibility: Cloud-based platforms enable patrons to access digital resources from anywhere at any time, facilitating remote research and learning.

Scalability: Libraries can easily adjust their storage and computing capacities to accommodate growing digital collections without the need for significant physical infrastructure investments.

Cost Efficiency: By utilizing cloud services, libraries can reduce expenses related to maintaining on-site servers and IT infrastructure, allowing for the reallocation of resources to other critical areas.

Collaboration and Resource Sharing: Cloud platforms facilitate seamless collaboration among library staff and with external institutions, promoting resource sharing and joint initiatives.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data Security and Privacy: Ensuring the protection of sensitive patron information and digital assets in the cloud is paramount. Libraries must implement robust security measures and comply with data protection regulations.

Vendor Dependence: Reliance on third-party cloud service providers may lead to challenges related to data ownership, service continuity, and potential vendor lock-in. It's essential to establish clear agreements and contingency plans.

Technical Expertise: Transitioning to cloud-based systems requires staff training and possibly new hires with specialized skills to manage and optimize these technologies effectively

Open Access and Digital Preservation: The push for open access ensures knowledge democratization, while digital preservation strategies safeguard historical records. Open Access and Digital Preservation are pivotal concepts in the modern information landscape, each playing a crucial role in the dissemination and longevity of scholarly and cultural materials.

Open Access : Open Access refers to the unrestricted online availability of scholarly research, allowing anyone to read, download, and utilize content without financial or legal barriers. This movement aims to democratize knowledge, making research outputs accessible to a global audience.

Digital Preservation: Digital Preservation involves the series of managed activities necessary to ensure continued access to digital materials for as long as necessary. This includes the preservation of both digitized analog materials and born-digital content, ensuring their usability over time despite technological changes.

The Intersection of Open Access and Digital Preservation:

The convergence of Open Access and digital preservation presents both opportunities and challenges:

Enhanced Accessibility and Longevity: Open Access initiatives increase the availability of digital content, while digital preservation ensures that this content remains accessible over time. Together, they work to maintain the scholarly record for future generations.

Resource Allocation: While Open Access removes access barriers, it often shifts the financial burden to authors or institutions. Simultaneously, digital preservation requires ongoing investment in technology and expertise. Balancing these demands necessitates strategic planning and resource management.

Legal and Ethical Considerations: Ensuring the long-term preservation of Open Access materials involves navigating complex intellectual property rights and ethical issues, particularly when dealing with sensitive or culturally significant content.

Challenges Ahead:

As libraries and institutions embrace Open Access and digital preservation, they must address several challenges:

Technological Obsolescence: Rapid technological advancements can render file formats and storage media obsolete, posing risks to the longevity of digital content.

Sustainability: Developing sustainable models for funding both Open Access publishing and digital preservation efforts is crucial to ensure their viability.

Quality Assurance:

Maintaining the integrity and authenticity of digital materials over time requires robust verification and validation processes.

Open Access and Digital Preservation: The push for open access ensures knowledge democratization, while digital preservation strategies safeguard historical records.

User-Centered Interfaces and Personalization: Libraries are adopting adaptive interfaces that enhance user experience and engagement User-centered interfaces and personalization are pivotal in enhancing the usability and engagement of digital libraries. By focusing on the specific needs and preferences of individual users, libraries can create more intuitive and effective digital experiences.

User-Centered Interfaces:

A user-centered interface is designed with the primary goal of meeting the needs, preferences, and behaviors of its users. This approach involves

User Research: Conducting studies to understand the target audience's requirements, challenges, and goals.

Usability Testing: Evaluating the interface with real users to identify areas of improvement and ensure ease of use.

Iterative Design: Continuously refining the interface based on user feedback and testing outcomes.

Personalization: Personalization in digital libraries tailors the user experience to individual preferences and behaviors. This can be achieved through:

Adaptive Interfaces: Modifying the layout and content presentation based on user interactions.

Content Recommendations: Suggesting resources that align with the user's interests and past activities.

Challenges and Considerations: While user-centered design and personalization offer significant benefits, they also present challenges:

Resource Intensive: Developing and maintaining personalized, user-centered interfaces require substantial investment in technology and expertise.

Balancing Personalization and Usability: Over-personalization can lead to a fragmented experience, so it's crucial to maintain a balance that serves both individual preferences and general usability.

Challenges in Digital Libraries:

Digital libraries have transformed the landscape of information access and preservation, providing unprecedented opportunities for users around the world. However, their development and maintenance present a multifaceted set of challenges that institutions must overcome to ensure effective service delivery.

Technical Issues: Infrastructure and Maintenance: Building and maintaining the technical infrastructure required for a digital library requires significant investment. This includes servers, storage solutions, and high-speed Internet connectivity. Regular maintenance and updates are required to keep up with ever-changing technology standards.

Interoperability: Ensuring that different systems and platforms work together seamlessly is important. Achieving interoperability between different digital library systems and formats can be complex, often requiring the adoption of standardized protocols and metadata schemas.

Financial constraints: Funding constraints: Ensuring adequate funding for the development, expansion, and maintenance of digital libraries is an ongoing challenge. Financial constraints can make it difficult to introduce new technologies, digitization projects, and hire qualified personnel.

Legal and Ethical Issues: Intellectual Property Rights: It is important to understand the complexities of copyright and intellectual property laws. Digital libraries must obtain appropriate permissions to digitize and distribute materials, and balance the need for access with the rights of creators. The Verge.com Privacy Issues: Protecting user data and ensuring privacy is paramount. Digital libraries must implement robust data security measures to protect personal information and usage patterns.

Preservation and Sustainability: Digital Preservation: Ensuring the long-term preservation of digital content is a significant challenge. Digital materials are subject to quality degradation, technological obsolescence, and data loss, requiring ongoing efforts in digital preservation strategies.

User Acquisition and Accessibility: Digital Divide: Bridging the gap between users with different levels of access to technology is a major challenge. Digital libraries must implement strategies to ensure inclusion and provide access to underserved and underserved communities.

User Education and Support: Providing appropriate education and support to users is essential to effectively utilize digital library resources. This includes providing tutorials, help desks, and user-friendly interfaces. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach that includes collaboration across stakeholders, continuous evaluation, and innovative solutions to ensure that digital libraries can effectively serve their communities now and in the future.

The Future of Digital Libraries:

The future of digital libraries is facing significant changes due to technological advancements, changing user expectations, and a commitment to sustainability. Key trends shaping this future include:

Integration of cutting-edge technologies: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: AI improves information retrieval through improved search algorithms and personalized content recommendations, making digital libraries more intuitive and user-friendly. Blockchain for data security. Blockchain technology is being studied to ensure data integrity and secure transactions in digital libraries, and to address issues related to data tampering and unauthorized access.

Focus on sustainable development: Environmentally conscious initiatives: Digital libraries implement energy-efficient technologies and promote digital collections to reduce their environmental impact while meeting the global Sustainable Development Goals.
Enhanced user interaction: Personalization: Using user data to provide tailored content and recommendations makes the digital library experience more relevant to individual needs, increasing user engagement and satisfaction. User-centered design: By focusing on intuitive interfaces and easy navigation, digital libraries remain accessible to a broad audience, including those with varying levels of digital literacy.

Commitment to Digital Equality: Bridging the Digital Divide: Initiatives such as providing Internet hotspots and digital literacy education help ensure that all community members have access to digital resources. Expanding Digital Collections: Exclusive Digital Content: Publishers partner with digital libraries to offer exclusive eBooks and audiobooks to enhance the diversity and appeal of their digital collections. As digital libraries follow this trend, they will also need to address issues related to data privacy, technological obsolescence, and the need for ongoing funding. By embracing innovation and remaining adaptable, digital libraries can continue to serve as vital hubs of information, learning, and culture in the digital age.

Conclusion Digital libraries have transformed the landscape of knowledge discovery and knowledge sharing. By embracing technological advances and addressing current challenges, they will continue to play a vital role in education, research, and society. The future of digital libraries lies in their ability to integrate new solutions while ensuring continuous access to knowledge.

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THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL LITERACY ON THE UTILIZATION OF E-RESOURCES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Keywords: *Digital Literacy, E-Resources, Academic Libraries, Information Retrieval, User Engagement, Digital Skills.*

Introduction:

In the digital age, the rapid advancement of technology has transformed the landscape of academic libraries, altering how information is accessed, retrieved, and disseminated. One significant factor driving this transformation is digital literacy—the ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use digital information. As academic libraries

increasingly adopt electronic resources (e-resources) such as e-books, online journals, databases, and digital repositories, the role of digital literacy in shaping their utilization becomes critical.

The impact of digital literacy extends beyond mere access to e-resources; it encompasses the skills required for students, researchers, and faculty to navigate complex digital environments, analyze digital content, and integrate these resources into their academic work. With the rise of open access content, institutional repositories, and user-friendly interfaces, academic libraries have the potential to significantly enhance learning and research outcomes. However, the extent to which these benefits are realized largely depends on the digital literacy skills of library users.

This research paper explores the relationship between digital literacy and the effective use of e-resources in academic libraries. It aims to assess how varying levels of digital literacy among library users influence their ability to access and benefit from the wealth of e-resources available. By examining this relationship, the study seeks to offer insights into how academic libraries can better support users in developing the necessary digital competencies, thereby maximizing the value of their e-resource collections.

Objectives of the Research:

1) To examine the relationship between digital literacy and the utilization of electronic resources in academic libraries.
2) To assess the level of digital literacy among users of academic libraries.
3) To evaluate the utilization patterns of e-resources in academic libraries.
4) To determine the influence of digital literacy on the effective use of e-resources.
5) To identify barriers related to digital literacy that hinder the utilization of e-resources.

Literature Review:

The relationship between digital literacy and the utilization of e-resources in academic libraries has been a topic of significant research over the past two decades. Studies have highlighted the importance of digital literacy in maximizing the benefits of e-resources and addressing challenges and strategies for improving digital skills in academic settings. Gurstein (2003) emphasized the importance of "effective use" of digital resources, arguing that access to technology is not enough to empower users. Maughan (2001) found that despite increased access to e-resources, many students lacked the skills to efficiently locate and evaluate digital information. Chisenga (2004) identified challenges in the utilization of e-resources in African academic libraries, citing low digital literacy levels as a primary factor. Beetham and Sharpe (2010) introduced the "digital literacy framework," which aims to help educational institutions create strategies for improving users' digital competencies. Sharma and Sharma (2010) highlighted the importance of digital literacy programs in academic libraries, particularly in developing countries where many users are unfamiliar with e-resources.

The literature reveals that digital literacy is a fundamental prerequisite for the effective use of e-resources in academic libraries. Investing in digital literacy programs can empower users to access, critically evaluate, and apply digital information in their

academic work. Future research should explore innovative approaches for developing digital literacy skills in diverse academic contexts to maximize the benefits of e-resources.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-method research design to examine the influence of digital literacy on e-resource usage in academic libraries. A structured survey has been used to collect numerical data on digital literacy levels and usage frequency. At the same time, in-depth interviews and focus groups have been conducted to gather qualitative insights. The target population includes students, faculty members, and library staff from selected academic institutions. A sample size of approximately 100 respondents was used for the quantitative survey, while 15-20 participants were selected for the qualitative component. Secondary data has been reviewed to supplement the primary data. Descriptive and inferential statistics have been used to analyze the study data.

The Impact of Digital Literacy on the Utilization of E-Resources in Academic Libraries:

Digital literacy is a multifaceted skill that goes beyond basic computer skills and is crucial for navigating the information-driven world. It enables academics to effectively engage with electronic resources, enhancing the research and learning process. Digital literacy involves navigating search engines and databases, evaluating the credibility of digital sources, managing digital data, citations, and references, and using advanced research tools.

As academic libraries shift towards digital collections, the importance of digital literacy has grown. E-resources now include e-books, digital journals, and online databases. However, without adequate digital literacy, users may face challenges such as information overload and difficulty distinguishing between scholarly and non-scholarly content.

Digital literacy is essential for maximizing the benefits of e-resources in academic settings. By developing these skills, users can more effectively engage with digital content, enhancing their learning and research outcomes. As academic libraries shift towards digital collections, the importance of digital literacy has grown more pronounced. By acquiring these skills, users can better utilize e-resources and enhance their learning and research outcomes.

Digital technology has significantly transformed the academic landscape, particularly in terms of access to information through electronic resources (e-resources) in academic libraries. These resources have become indispensable tools for learning, teaching, and research. However, their effective utilization depends on users' digital literacy, which encompasses skills such as using digital tools, navigating complex online databases, evaluating information credibility, and applying these resources in academic work.

Access to e-resources is not sufficient; users must possess the skills necessary to identify relevant sources, filter information, and integrate it into their academic work. Research suggests that users with low digital literacy may struggle to take full advantage

of the vast digital collections available, leading to underutilization of these valuable resources.

Users with limited digital literacy face several challenges, including difficulties in navigating complex databases, assessing information credibility, and applying advanced digital tools. These challenges highlight the critical need for digital literacy training in academic institutions.

Academic libraries play a crucial role in promoting digital literacy by offering workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one training sessions to help users develop the necessary skills to effectively navigate and use digital information. By fostering digital literacy, libraries can bridge the gap between access and utilization, enabling users to better engage with digital content.

Higher levels of digital literacy correlate with more effective use of e-resources, contributing to better academic performance. As the demand for digital resources continues to grow, ensuring that users possess the necessary digital skills is essential for maximizing the impact of e-resources on academic success.

The impact of digital literacy on the utilization of e-resources in academic libraries is profound. While access to e-resources is important, the ability to effectively use them is largely dependent on users' digital literacy levels. Addressing gaps in digital literacy through targeted training and support is crucial for academic libraries to fully harness the potential of their e-resource collections, empowering students and researchers to thrive in the digital age.

The Role of E-Resources in Academic Libraries:

E-resources have significantly transformed academic libraries by offering vast, accessible collections of digital information. Key types of e-resources include e-books, online journals and databases, institutional repositories, and open access resources. E-books offer a wide range of academic literature across various disciplines, providing flexibility for casual reading and in-depth research. Online journals and databases offer access to vast collections of peer-reviewed articles, scholarly publications, and historical archives, enabling researchers to stay updated in their fields. Institutional repositories showcase research outputs from within the academic institution, promoting knowledge sharing and preserving academic work. Open access resources provide free, unrestricted access to high-quality academic content, leveling the playing field for learners and researchers worldwide.

However, the effective use of e-resources depends on users' digital literacy skills. Users must be equipped with the necessary skills to navigate digital platforms effectively, conduct focused searches using advanced search techniques, critically evaluate the credibility and relevance of information, and integrate digital resources into their academic work using tools like citation management software. The vastness of e-resources available in academic libraries can be overwhelming, especially for users without strong digital literacy skills. Therefore, academic libraries play a crucial role in providing these resources and ensuring users are trained to make full use of them.

Impact of Digital Literacy on E-Resource Utilization:

The efficient use of e-resources in academic libraries is significantly influenced by the digital literacy levels of users. Users with advanced digital literacy skills can efficiently navigate, retrieve, and integrate digital content into their academic work, while those with lower digital literacy face significant challenges. Advanced search techniques, such as Boolean operators, filters, and citation tracking tools, can help users locate and access relevant information. However, users with lower digital literacy may struggle with these tools, leading to frustration and reliance on incomplete or irrelevant resources.

Digital literacy also empowers users to critically evaluate the credibility and reliability of information, which is crucial in academic settings. Users with higher digital literacy can recognize credible academic journals and publishers, identify non-scholarly or biased sources, and assess the relevance of articles based on citation counts, journal impact factors, and academic credentials.

Digital literacy also includes knowledge of tools that aid in managing and integrating digital resources into academic projects. Users familiar with reference management software like Zotero, EndNote, or Mendeley can easily organize citations, manage bibliographies, and ensure proper citation formats. Collaboration platforms like Google Scholar or ResearchGate can connect users with additional academic sources and peers for further research insights.

Lack of digital skills can make the research process more labor-intensive and prone to errors in citation management. This can lead to missed opportunities to enhance research with diverse sources.

Challenges in Digital Literacy and E-Resource Utilization:

Digital literacy is crucial for academic libraries, but low levels can hinder users' ability to fully utilize resources. Common challenges include navigational difficulties, information overload, and lack of critical evaluation. Navigational difficulties involve navigating complex interfaces, understanding metadata, and accessing full-text versions of documents. Information overload can lead to unproductive time spent browsing irrelevant or redundant resources. Critical evaluation is also a challenge, as users may not be able to critically assess the quality or relevance of digital content due to a lack of training in identifying trustworthy academic sources. This can lead to using non-scholarly sources without recognizing their limitations, falling prey to information biases, and overlooking the credibility of the author or publisher. Therefore, promoting digital literacy within academic settings is essential to ensure all users can effectively engage with e-resources and produce high-quality academic work.

Academic Libraries' Role in Enhancing Digital Literacy:

Academic libraries are increasingly focusing on developing digital literacy to ensure efficient use of e-resources. They offer workshops and training programs to help users understand advanced search techniques, reference management software, and evaluating digital content. These hands-on experiences equip students, researchers, and faculty with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape confidently.

Online tutorials and guides are also available for users to improve their digital literacy at their own convenience. These modules cover topics such as navigating library databases, using academic research tools, and managing digital information and citations.

Personalized assistance is also offered through one-on-one consultations with library staff, providing tailored guidance on navigating specific e-resources, databases, or digital tools. This is particularly beneficial for users with unique or advanced research projects requiring specialized digital skills.

Librarian-led classes are also being delivered by many libraries in collaboration with academic departments. Librarians partner with faculty to incorporate digital literacy training directly into coursework, helping students build subject-specific digital competencies and learn how to effectively incorporate e-resources into their assignments and research projects.

Impact of Library Initiatives on Digital Literacy:

Academic libraries invest in digital literacy programs to enhance access to e-resources and maximize potential. This leads to improved learning outcomes, research efficiency, and teaching quality. Students and faculty can efficiently locate and evaluate high-quality academic materials, while faculty members with strong digital literacy can guide students and integrate up-to-date resources into their teaching. This fosters a digitally literate academic community, supports lifelong learning, and advances scholarly research.

Conclusion:

Digital literacy is a crucial skill in academia, affecting the use of e-resources in academic libraries. Users with strong digital literacy can access relevant information, assess source credibility, and use advanced tools for research management. However, those with limited skills face challenges in leveraging the wealth of information available, leading to frustration and reliance on subpar resources. Academic libraries play a vital role in enhancing digital literacy through structured training programs, online tutorials, personalized support, and collaborative teaching efforts. These initiatives empower users, enhance the educational experience, and foster a culture of informed research and critical thinking. As the academic community embraces digital resources, libraries must remain proactive in promoting digital literacy. This will ensure all users can navigate the digital landscape confidently and effectively, leading to improved learning, teaching, and research outcomes. Digital literacy will serve as a cornerstone for academic success in the digital age.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:
The rapid growth of digital technologies has drastically changed the environment of Indian libraries, altering their functions, services, and the overall experience for users. This paper examines the effects of digital transformation on libraries in India, with a particular emphasis on the integration of emerging technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and digital repositories. It discusses how these innovations improve accessibility, operational efficiency, and resource management, while also tackling issues such as digital literacy, infrastructure limitations, and financial constraints. Additionally, the study emphasizes the role of government initiatives like the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and digitization efforts led by both academic and public libraries. By reviewing recent progress and case studies, this research sheds light on the evolving function of libraries in the digital era and suggests strategies for facilitating a smooth shift towards fully integrated digital library systems. The findings provide valuable insights into how Indian libraries can harness digital transformation to enhance the distribution of knowledge, information accessibility, and user interaction.

Keywords: ***Digital Transformation, Indian Libraries, Library Automation, ICT, Digital Resources, Government Policies***

Introduction:

Historically, libraries in India have served as physical repositories for books, manuscripts, and academic resources. However, the swift advancement of digital technologies has reshaped their function, enabling the integration of cutting-edge technologies to streamline library operations, increase accessibility, and foster greater user engagement. Technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, and blockchain are being utilized to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of libraries across India. Digital repositories, e-learning platforms, and virtual reference services are now embedded in library systems to meet the changing demands of users. Open-access initiatives and digital libraries at institutions are critical in closing the knowledge gap, especially in rural and underserved regions.

Government initiatives, including the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), DELNET, INFLIBNET, and e-ShodhSindhu, have played a pivotal role in driving the digital transformation of libraries. Despite these efforts, challenges like inadequate digital infrastructure, insufficient funding, a lack of trained staff, and gaps in digital literacy still hinder the widespread adoption of digital technologies. Public libraries, particularly those

in rural areas, often face issues like poor internet connectivity and limited access to necessary digital resources.

The importance of digital transformation in libraries has become even more apparent in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, which hastened the need for online education and digital access to information. This research paper examines the changing landscape of digital transformation in Indian libraries, highlighting key technologies, challenges, opportunities, and policy interventions. It offers suggestions for improving digital adoption, ensuring inclusivity, and addressing existing challenges to create a sustainable and efficient library ecosystem in the digital age.

Objectives of the Research :

1) To analyze the impact of digital transformation in Indian libraries and explore the opportunities, challenges, and future prospects of integrating digital technologies into library systems.
2) To examine the current state of digital transformation in Indian libraries
3) To identify key technologies driving digital transformation
4) To assess the impact of government initiatives on library digitization
5) To evaluate the benefits of digital transformation in libraries

Literature Review:

The digital transformation of Indian libraries has been widely explored in scholarly research, with studies spanning from the early 2000s to the present, documenting the evolution of digital library initiatives, challenges, and emerging trends. Mahesh (2008) provided one of the earliest overviews of digital library initiatives in India, emphasizing the growth of digitization efforts post-1995 and their advantages. Agrawal (2024) explored the interplay between technology, education, and information access, outlining both opportunities and challenges in the transition from traditional librarianship to digital services.Several studies focused on the practical aspects of this transformation. Bhabhor (2023) analyzed the challenges faced by libraries in adapting to new technologies and proposed strategies within Information and Library Science to address them. Meena (2024) examined ICT applications in college libraries, offering best practices for improving services. The perspectives of librarians were explored in Kumari (2023), who assessed digital literacy, ICT integration challenges, and perceived benefits. Technological advancements, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), have also been recognized as crucial for library modernization. Hussain (2023) detailed AI's transformative role in library services, including intelligent information retrieval and enhanced decision-making in research.Collectively, these studies highlight significant advancements in digital library initiatives while also identifying persistent challenges such as infrastructure limitations, metadata management, and the need for standardized practices. The research underscores the necessity of continued strategic efforts, policy support, and technological innovations to fully realize the potential of digital transformation in Indian libraries.

Research Methodology:

This research seeks to examine the digital transformation of Indian libraries by employing a mixed-method approach, integrating both qualitative and quantitative research methods. It focuses on evaluating the current state of digital transformation, the influence of emerging technologies, the challenges and opportunities involved in adopting digital technologies, and the effects of government initiatives on the growth of digital libraries. Data has been gathered through surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions.

Additionally, the study reviews existing literature, government reports, and online databases to gain insights into trends and best practices in the adoption of digital libraries.

Digital Transformation in Indian Libraries:

Digital transformation in libraries represents a fundamental shift aimed at improving access to information, automating workflows, and enhancing user experience. In India, this transformation is vital for modernizing libraries, making information more accessible, and streamlining library operations. The adoption of key technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, blockchain, and digital repositories is driving these changes in Indian libraries.

The demand for digital transformation in Indian libraries has been fueled by the rising need for online learning and remote research, technological progress, government initiatives, the effects of the pandemic, and the desire to preserve knowledge. Important technologies driving this shift include cloud computing, AI and machine learning, big data analytics, blockchain, digital repositories, open access platforms, and the Internet of Things (IoT).

Numerous government and institutional efforts are advancing the digital transformation of Indian libraries, such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network Centre), DELNET (Developing Library Network), e-ShodhSindhu (which provides access to e-journals, databases, and scholarly resources), Shodhganga (a digital repository for Indian theses and dissertations), and the Digital Library of India (DLI). These initiatives aim to make information universally accessible and enhance the efficiency of knowledge sharing.

Despite these efforts, Indian libraries face several obstacles in embracing digital technologies, including limited digital infrastructure, funding challenges, digital literacy gaps, concerns regarding data security and privacy, resistance to change, and issues related to copyright and licensing.

The advantages of digital transformation in Indian libraries include enhanced accessibility, more efficient information retrieval, cost savings, preservation of rare materials, and improved opportunities for learning and research. Future prospects of digital transformation in these libraries include the integration of AI and automation, expansion of open access initiatives, the use of blockchain for copyright management, enhanced mobile and cloud-based library services, and the introduction of virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) technologies.

Government policies and increased investment in digital infrastructure will play a critical role in ensuring that all libraries, including those in remote regions, benefit from these advancements. The future of Indian libraries depends on embracing digital technologies to establish smart, inclusive, and globally connected knowledge hubs.

Digital Initiatives in Indian Libraries:

Libraries are integral to the spread of knowledge and research, and digital technologies have enabled Indian libraries to modernize through various government-driven and institutional efforts. These initiatives aim to improve accessibility, resource sharing, and

academic cooperation, while also ensuring the preservation of valuable academic and research materials for future generations.

Significant initiatives include the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), launched by the Ministry of Education as part of the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). The NDLI provides access to millions of educational resources, including books, research papers, articles, and multimedia content, catering to students, researchers, and academicians across various disciplines, with materials available in multiple languages.

Shodhganga, a digital repository developed by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, hosts and provides open access to research theses and dissertations from Indian universities. This initiative promotes transparency and enhances the quality of research by making scholarly work accessible to a broader audience.

DELNET, founded in 1988, is a vital initiative aimed at connecting libraries across India to enable resource sharing and interlibrary loans. It offers a unified platform for member libraries to access and share bibliographic databases, books, journals, and research materials, enriching the research experience and fostering collaboration among institutions.

INFLIBNET, an autonomous inter-university center under the University Grants Commission (UGC), supports access to electronic resources and library automation in academic institutions. It manages several sub-projects, such as Shodhganga and E-ShodhSindhu, which aim to improve digital access to scholarly resources.

E-ShodhSindhu, initiated by the Ministry of Education, provides academic institutions with access to high-quality electronic journals, e-books, and databases. With the help of digital technology, Indian libraries are transforming into dynamic knowledge hubs that address the diverse needs of students, researchers, and academicians.

Challenges in Digital Transformation of Indian Libraries :

Indian libraries encounter numerous obstacles in their digital transformation, especially in rural and semi-urban regions. These challenges include inadequate infrastructure, the digital divide, a shortage of skilled professionals, copyright and licensing issues, and concerns about data security and privacy.

Inadequate infrastructure is a major barrier to the implementation of digital services like e-books, online databases, and automated cataloging systems. The lack of sufficient funding for technological upgrades and maintenance exacerbates this issue, limiting the reach and effectiveness of digital library initiatives.

The digital divide continues to be a significant obstacle to the widespread adoption of digital library services. While urban areas have experienced substantial improvements in digital literacy and internet access, rural areas still face challenges with limited technology access. Socio-economic inequalities also contribute to this divide, as individuals from lower-income backgrounds often lack the necessary devices or internet connections to utilize digital library resources.

A shortage of skilled professionals is another critical challenge in the library sector, particularly in areas like digital cataloging, cybersecurity, and database management. Traditional librarians often lack formal training in managing digital resources, and opportunities for upskilling are often scarce. Without sufficient human resources, even well-funded digital transformation efforts may struggle to achieve their desired results.

Copyright and licensing issues present another hurdle in the digital transformation process for libraries. Many digital resources, such as e-books, research papers, and academic journals, are protected by stringent copyright laws and expensive licensing agreements. Libraries must navigate complex legal frameworks to ensure they can provide lawful access to digital content without violating copyright laws.

Data security and privacy are critical concerns as libraries store significant amounts of sensitive user data. Many libraries lack robust cybersecurity measures, leaving them vulnerable to data breaches and unauthorized access. Strong policies regarding data privacy and user consent are essential to safeguard library users' information and prevent misuse.

Addressing these challenges is vital for Indian libraries to transform into modern, accessible knowledge centers that effectively serve the diverse needs of their users.

Opportunities and Future Prospects in the Digital Transformation of Indian Libraries :

The digital transformation of libraries in India offers a wealth of opportunities for improving knowledge accessibility, research capabilities, and library management. By harnessing advanced technologies and adopting innovative strategies, Indian libraries can improve their services and extend their reach. Some of the key opportunities include greater accessibility, enhanced research and learning, integration with emerging technologies, collaborative resource sharing, and policy support.

One of the main benefits of digital libraries is improved accessibility, as they provide round-the-clock access to information from anywhere, which is particularly valuable for students, researchers, and professionals in remote or underserved regions. These platforms can also offer content in various languages, ensuring that information is available to a wide range of users across India.

Digital libraries are essential resources for academic and research communities, offering access to vast global knowledge, such as digitized historical documents, scientific papers, open-access journals, and educational videos. This access fosters increased research output, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and promotes lifelong learning. Interactive learning tools like virtual labs and multimedia tutorials significantly enhance comprehension and knowledge retention.

The integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, cloud computing, and VR/AR can further improve library management and the user experience. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants can help users navigate digital resources, suggest relevant books, and respond to inquiries efficiently. Blockchain

ensures transparency and reliability in managing digital rights, while cloud computing provides seamless storage, retrieval, and sharing of digital content. VR/AR can offer immersive educational experiences.

Another significant benefit of digital libraries is collaborative resource sharing. By joining digital networks and consortia, libraries can collectively access and distribute knowledge, reducing redundancy and maximizing cost efficiency. Initiatives like Institutional Repositories, Inter-Library Loan Systems, and Open Educational Resources (OER) support both students and educators.

The Indian government has launched several policies and initiatives to foster the development of digital libraries, such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), E-ShodhSindhu, the Digital India Programme, and initiatives from the UGC and AICTE. As India continues to transition towards a digital-first knowledge ecosystem, libraries will play a pivotal role in democratizing education, advancing research, and preserving cultural heritage for future generations.

Conclusion:

The digital transformation is revolutionizing Indian libraries, bridging the gap between traditional knowledge repositories and modern technological innovations. By integrating digital resources, cloud-based systems, and emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain, libraries can significantly enhance accessibility, boost research capabilities, and offer smoother user experiences. However, challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, the digital divide, a shortage of skilled manpower, and concerns over data security must be addressed for the transformation to succeed. Collaborative efforts among government agencies, academic institutions, and technology providers are essential in overcoming these barriers. Initiatives like the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), E-ShodhSindhu, and the Digital India Programme are already laying the foundation for a more inclusive and resource-rich digital ecosystem. Moving forward, the future of Indian libraries depends on their ability to adapt to evolving technological advancements while staying true to their core mission of knowledge dissemination. By strategically investing in infrastructure, training professionals, and ensuring equitable access to digital resources, libraries can transform into vibrant knowledge hubs, benefiting both current and future generations. The digital transformation of libraries is more than an upgrade; it is a critical step in empowering education, research, and lifelong learning in the digital era.

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HYBRID LIBRARIES: INTEGRATING PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL RESOURCES

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Abstract :

A digital library is a combination of text, numbers, scanned photos, graphics, audio and video recordings that allow customers to easily access information from digital

collections. Recent advances in computer storage and processors, communication technology, e-products, networking and internet usage have radically changed the way libraries and their services operate. The current study discusses a working collection of textbooks, documents, newspapers and audiovisual resources. Stored and organized in a library where anyone can read them. Information and communication technology (ICT) has had a significant impact on libraries. The concept of traditional libraries has changed in which printed and paper materials are the primary components of the system. Libraries are transforming into digital libraries to meet the immense information explosion and the increasing demand for information. With the digitization of library materials and the rapid advancement of technology, a new type of library has emerged: the virtual library. Most of us are often confused by the jargon of libraries. In this work, we try to explain the language used in these libraries in a professional manner. Such libraries will increase the efficiency of education in the coming times.

Keywords: Hybrid Library, Physical and Digital Integration, Library Technology, Digital Resources, Library Management Systems (LMS), Open Access Resources.

1. Introduction

A hybrid library seamlessly integrates physical and digital resources to provide users with a comprehensive and flexible learning environment. It combines traditional print collections with digital databases, e-books, and online journals, providing increased accessibility and convenience. Using technology, hybrid libraries meet the needs of diverse users, enabling remote access to information while maintaining the value of physical collections. This integration supports research, teaching, and lifelong learning by providing multiple formats for information retrieval. As libraries evolve, hybrid models bridge the gap between traditional and digital resources, ensuring inclusivity, efficiency, and adaptability in the modern information landscape.

2. Evolution of Library Systems

Library systems have evolved from the clay tablets of ancient Mesopotamia to the Alexandrian scrolls, medieval manuscript collections, and the printing press revolution. 19th-century public libraries expanded access, followed by digital catalogs and online databases. Today, AI, cloud storage, and e-books shape modern library services, increasing global access to information.

3. Components of a Hybrid Library

- Physical Collections – Books, journals, newspapers.
- Digital Resources – E-books, databases, online journals.
- Library Management System (LMS) – Cataloging and circulation.
- Computing Infrastructure – Servers, cloud storage.

- User Services – Reference desks, online help.
- Networking & Access – Wi-Fi, remote login.

4. Benefits of a Hybrid Library Model

The hybrid library model combines digital and physical resources, providing greater accessibility, convenience, and efficiency. It supports remote access, enhances research capabilities, reduces space constraints, and allows for cost-effective resource management. Hybrid libraries enhance inclusivity, collaboration, and sustainability while preserving traditional reading experiences with modern technological advancements.

5. Challenges and Limitations

- Digital Divide and Access Inequality
- Copyright and Licensing Issues
- Preservation of Digital and Physical Resources
- User Adaptation and Training

6. Case Studies of Successful Hybrid Libraries

- Examples from Universities, Public Libraries, and Research Institutes
- Best Practices in Implementation and Resource Management

7. Future Trends in Hybrid Libraries

- AI and Machine Learning in Library Management
- Virtual and Augmented Reality in Research
- Open Access and Collaborative Resource-Sharing

Conclusion

The hybrid library model represents a significant evolution in the way information is stored, accessed, and accessed. By integrating physical and digital resources, these libraries provide a flexible and inclusive learning environment that supports teaching, research, and lifelong learning. Rapid advances in technology, including AI, cloud computing, and open-access initiatives, are further shaping the future of library services.

Despite challenges such as digitalization, copyright issues, and resource conservation, hybrid libraries are increasing accessibility and efficiency in information management. As technology evolves, hybrid libraries will play a critical role in bridging the gap between traditional and digital information, ensuring that knowledge remains widely available and adaptable to the needs of diverse users.

By adopting best practices in library management and leveraging emerging technologies, institutions can create sustainable and user-friendly hybrid libraries that contribute to the advancement of education and research in the digital age.

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THEIMPORTANCEOFTECHNICALSKILLSANDDIGITALLITERACYINTHE LIBRARYPROFESSION

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Abstract

The rapid evolution of technology has transformed the library sciences profession. Today, library professionals must possess a comprehensive understanding of technical skills and digital literacy to manage, preserve, and disseminate information effectively. These skills ensurelibraries continue toserveas centreforlearning, research, and community engagement in the digital age. This article examines the significance of technical skills and digital literacy in library sciences, outlining their historical development, current relevance, challenges, and theneedforcontinuousresearchandtraining.Furthermore,itexploresfuturedirectionsforthe integration of technology in library sciences and how the profession can adapt to emerging trends.

Keywords:Technicalskills,digitalliteracy,libraryscienceprofession.

Introduction

The library sciences profession has undergone substantial transformations due to advancements in technology and the increasing demand for digital content. Library professionals, traditionally skilled in cataloguing and information retrieval, now face the necessityofmasteringawiderangeoftechnicaltools,digitalresources,andsoftwaresystems. The importance of technical skills and digital literacy extends beyond just using new technologies; it includes understanding how to assess, manage, and protect information in a digital ecosystem.

In an era where data is omnipresent and technology is continuously evolving, the role of libraries has expanded beyond physical collections to include digital archives, online databases, and even virtual learning environments. Therefore, the need for digital literacy and technical expertise among library professionals is now a central concern.

Definition:

Technical Skills: "Technical skills are the abilities and knowledge needed to perform specific tasks. They are practical, and often relate to mechanical, information technology, mathematical, or scientific tasks. (Schwalbe, K, 2015).

Literacy: "Digital literacy" "Digital literacy is the ability to effectively and critically navigate, evaluate, and create information using a range of digital technologies. It requires a working knowledge of current high-technology, and an understanding of how it can be used. (Hockly, N., & Dudeney, G, 2014).

History

The relationship between libraries and technology can be traced back to the advent of the printing press. However, the modern-day transformation began in the mid-20th century withtheintroductionofcomputersintothelibraryenvironment.Inthe1960sand1970s,

automatedcataloguingsystemsbeganreplacingcardcatalogues.The1990ssawtheriseofthe internet, which radically altered the way information was stored and accessed. More recently, libraries have embraced cloud computing, big data analytics, and open-access platforms to enhance their services.

The growth of digital media and the increasing reliance on electronic databases have madedigitalliteracy anecessityinlibraries.Theroleofdigitalliteracyinlibraries firstgained academic attention in the early 2000s, coinciding with the expansion of online databases and the rise of eBooks, digital libraries, and other digital resources (Lupton, 2014).

iteratureReview

The literature on the importance of technical skills and digital literacy in library sciences reflects thetransformation oflibraries in thedigital age.Thefollowing reviewsynthesizes the key findings from the provided references, highlighting the evolution of library technology, digital competencies, and their impact on library services and staff.

Borgman (2007) discusses the integration of digital technologies into scholarly communication and library management, highlighting the challenges of preserving digital content and ensuring the integrity of information systems. Similarly, Casey and Savastinuk (2006) emphasize the concept of Library 2.0, which focuses on user participation and technology integration, arguing that library staff must become proficient in emerging digital toolslikesocialmediatoenhanceuserengagement. Dempsey and Maloney (2016) identify a gap between the skills taught in library schools and those needed in the professional workforce,advocatingforcurriculumreformstointegratetechnical skilldevelopment.Farkas (2017) also emphasizes the role of social media in modern library services, advocating for training in social media management. Gorman (2013) and Heath (2015) underscore the necessity of technical expertise in areas such as digital archiving and data management, and theimportanceofprioritizingstafftrainingindigitalliteracydespite funding constraints.

Moreover,Johnson(2020)highlightstheimportanceofdataprivacyandsecurityinlibrary settings, emphasizingtheneed fordigital literacy related to datasecurity. Lai and Liao (2018) suggest comprehensive professional development programs to address the need for digital skills in areas such as e-resources management and digital curation. Liu and Zhang (2021) explore how libraries can support open access initiatives, stressing the importance of digital literacy in open-access publishing. Tennant (2017) examines the future of library technology, advocating for the integration ofAI and machine learning in library services and highlighting the need for technical skills in these areas. Winn (2018) discusses the potential of augmented reality(AR)andvirtualreality(VR)inlibraries,emphasizingtheneedfortechnicalknowledge to implement and maintain these technologies effectively. Collectively, these studies underscore the critical role of technical skills and digital literacy in the evolving landscape of library sciences.

ResearchMethodology

The research methodology for this article employs a qualitative research approach, supplemented by literature review and case study analysis. This methodology is appropriate

for exploring the evolving role of technical skills and digital literacy in the library sciences profession, as it allows for in-depth exploration of existing knowledge, theories, and practical applications.

The research methodology employs a qualitative approach, complemented by literature review and case study analysis, to explore the role of technical skills and digital literacy in librarysciences.Theliteraturereviewsynthesizescurrentknowledge,identifyinggaps,trends, challenges, and opportunities, using sources from trusted databases like Google Scholar and JSTOR. Case study analysis provides practical examples of how libraries have implemented technicalskillstraininganddigitalliteracyprograms,demonstratingeffectivemodelsforstaff professional development. Although not included in this article, future research could incorporate surveys or interviews with library professionals to gather primary data on their experiences. Content analysis of reports and educational materials will identify patterns and best practices in teaching technical skills and digital literacy within library science curricula.

ResearchObjectives

Theprimaryobjectivesofthisresearcharticleare:

Evaluate the Importance of Technical Skills and Digital Literacy: This objectiveseeks to establish the significance of technical skills and digital literacy in enhancing library services, information retrieval, digital archiving, and user engagement.

xplore the Historical Evolution of Technology in Libraries: This objective aims to track the technological transformations within libraries, from the introduction of computers to digital resources, and highlight key milestones.

Identify Challenges in Acquiring Digital Literacy: This objective examines barriers faced by library professionals in acquiring digital literacy, including resource constraints, insufficient training programs, and rapid technological advancements, and explores potential solutions.

Assess the Current State of Digital Literacy in Library Education: This objective evaluates the incorporation of digital literacy and technical skills training in library science education and identifies gaps between academic competencies and professional requirements.

Investigate the Role of Libraries in Promoting Digital Literacy Among Users: This objective explores how libraries empower users to navigate the digital world, especially underserved communities, and ensure equitable access to technology and information.

plore Future Trends and Directions in Digital Literacy and Library Sciences: Thisobjectiveidentifiesemergingtrendslikeartificialintelligence,machinelearning

,and virtual reality, and discusses their impact on future library services and required competencies.

Suggest Strategies for Implementing Technical Skills and Digital LiteracyPrograms: The final objective proposes strategies for enhancing staff technical skills and digital literacy through professional development programs, collaborations with educational institutions, and open-access resources.

Significance

Information Management: Digital tools such as integrated library systems (ILS),content management software, and electronic resource management help library professionals manage large amounts of digital information efficiently (Gorman, 2013).

Preservation of Digital Content: Digital literacy is crucial for preserving digital content by understanding metadata standards, digital archiving methods, and backup systems, ensuring digital assets are protected from technological obsolescence (Borgman, 2007).

Facilitating User Engagement: Proficiency in digital systems is essential for librarystaff to assist users effectively, as libraries have become digital information hubs providing access to digital resources, online catalogues, and databases (Casey & Savastinuk, 2006).

Research and Collaboration: Digital literacy is vital for librarians supporting research, as research increasingly relies on digital tools for data analysis, content sharing, and collaboration, extending to the importance of digital reference services (Tennant, 2017).

Equity in Access to Information: Libraries ensure equitable access to information, and digital literacy equips library staff to help underserved communities develop the skills needed to navigate and participate in the digital world (American Library Association, 2018).

Challenges

Constant Technological Change: One of the primary challenges faced by library professionals is keeping up with the fast pace of technological advancement. Continuous learningandprofessionaldevelopmentarerequiredtostayupdatedonnew tools, systems, and best practices (Farkas, 2017).

Resource Constraints: Many libraries, especially in public and rural areas, may have limited budgets to invest in technology and training. This can hinder the ability of library staff to acquire the necessary technical skills (Heath, 2015).

Digital Divide: There remains a significant gap between those who have access to the necessary technology and those who do not. Libraries must bridge this divide, both for their users and their staff, ensuring equal access to technology and training

Privacy and Security Concerns: As libraries manage sensitive information, they must also understand the nuances of digital security and privacy laws. This presents an additional challenge for library professionals in an increasingly connected world.

NeedforResearch

There is a growing need for research into the effective implementation of technical skills and digital literacy training in library science education and practice. Studies show that there is a gap between the skills taught in library schools and the skills needed in professional practice (Dempsey & Maloney, 2016). Research is also required to better understand how library staff can develop and retain digital competencies amidst rapid technological change. Furthermore, the effectiveness of different training methods, such as workshops, online courses, or on-the-job training, needs to be explored (Lai & Liao, 2018).

Implementation

To address the need for technical skills and digital literacy, libraries can implement the following strategies:

Professional Development Programs: Libraries should offer regular workshops, webinars, and conferences focused on emerging technologies and digital trends. These programs will help staff stay abreast of developments in areas such as digital archiving, eBooks, and web-based reference services.

Collaborations with Academic Institutions: Libraries can collaborate with universities and other educational institutions to develop curricula that integrate both traditional library science and technical skills, preparing future librarians for the evolving needs of the profession.

Self-Directed Learning: Encouraging librarians to engage in self-directed learning through online platforms like Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, or other tech-related courses can help them develop proficiency in specific tools and systems.

FutureDirections

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: Libraries will increasingly rely on AItomanagecollections,recommendresources,andenhanceuserexperiences.Technical skills related toAI and data analytics will become vital for future librarians.

Digital Curation and Open Access: The growing emphasis on open access publishing and digital curation will require libraries to expand their knowledge of these concepts and how they can support them (Liu & Zhang, 2021).

IntegrationofAugmentedandVirtualReality: AsimmersivetechnologieslikeARand VR become more common, libraries will need to integrate these into their services, offering new ways for patrons to engage with resources (Winn, 2018).

Conclusion

Thesignificanceoftechnicalskillsanddigitalliteracyinthelibrarysciencesprofession isparamount aslibraries transition intothedigitalage.Libraryprofessionals must continually evolve to incorporate new technologies, overcome training challenges, and invest in research andcollaboration.Thisevolutionensureslibrariesremainpillarsofknowledgeandcommunity support. The literature emphasizes the central role of technical skills and digital literacy in managing digital collections, engaging users, and ensuring resource security. Despite challengeslikelimitedresourcesandthedigitaldivide,ongoingprofessionaldevelopmentand

emerging technologies such asAI and VR will reshape the profession, making digital literacy essential for library education and practice. The article provides actionable recommendations for developing digital literacy competencies to meet evolving demands.

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THE ROLE OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract

This paper examines the transformative influence of Open Educational Resources (OER) in global education, highlighting their role in reshaping research, teaching, and learning. OER, freely available online, provide invaluable opportunities for both learners and educators worldwide, with platforms such as offering significant access to educational content. The paper classifies OER into categories including online courses, e-books, academic journals, and multimedia, and explores their pivotal role in promoting innovation, accessibility, and equitable learning across the globe. By emphasizing the contributions of prominent OER platforms, this study underscores the potential of OER to enhance educational outcomes on a global scale.

Keywords

Open Educational Resources (OER), SWAYAM, DOAJ, DOAB, National Geographic Kids

Aim and Objectives

- To explore the impact of open-access educational resources on global education.
- To assess the advantages of integrating OER in research, teaching, and learning

Methodology

This research adopts a qualitative approach, utilizing case studies and secondary data from reputable sources, such as academic journals, government reports, and educational organizations. The study analyzes existing OER platforms, repositories, and educational initiatives, showcasing their role in various educational settings

Introduction

Open Access Educational Resources (OER) are reshaping education by providing free access to materials that can be used, modified, and shared globally. These resources include textbooks, articles, research papers, multimedia content, and software that are available to everyone with internet access.

In the digital age, OER lowers educational barriers, providing high-quality resources without the cost of traditional textbooks or subscriptions. These resources not only benefit students but also empower educators with customizable materials that can be adapted to various teaching contexts. The collaborative nature of OER promotes innovation, knowledge sharing, and contributes to the advancement of education

globally. As technology evolves, the importance of OER in fostering inclusive, equitable, and accessible learning experiences will continue to grow.

The Open Education Movement

The Open Education Movement promotes transparency, collaboration, and inclusivity to tackle global educational challenges. This movement supports the creation and distribution of resources that are universally accessible, with a focus on overcoming barriers related to geography, economy, and society. Key initiatives within this movement include:

- Open Source Software
- Open Knowledge
- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Open Data, Open Research, and Open Content

What is Open Access E-Resources?

Open Access (OA) refers to the free availability of academic materials, enabling users to access, share, and reuse them without financial constraints. These materials range from peer-reviewed articles and e-books to teaching resources and research data. OA content is provided without subscriptions or pay walls, ensuring free and legal access. As Peter Sober defines it, Open Access literature is "digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions."

Key characteristics of Open Access e-resources include:

- **Free Access**: No cost for accessing the full text.
- **Public Availability**: Openly available to global users through OA platforms and repositories.
- **Creative Commons Licenses**: OA content often uses licenses that allow sharing, reuse, and remixing under specific conditions.
- **Enhanced Collaboration**: Open resources contribute to knowledge sharing across disciplines, fostering research, education, and innovation.

Open-Access Repositories and Platforms Overview:

1. . National Digital Library of India (NDLI):

NDLI is a government initiative aimed at making educational resources accessible to all. It serves as a vast repository of academic content, ranging from books to research papers and multimedia, supporting learners across India.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Free access to educational materials for students and researchers.
- **Variety of Resources:** Textbooks, research papers, videos, and more.
- **Multilingual Search:** Content available in multiple languages and formats.
- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with universities and research institutions to digitize resources.
- **Digital Preservation:** Ensures long-term accessibility of academic content.

2. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ):

The DOAJ is a comprehensive online directory providing access to high-quality, peer-reviewed open access journals across a variety of disciplines. Launched in 2003, it aims to promote the visibility and accessibility of open access research globally.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Freely accessible journals with no subscription or payment barriers.
- **Quality Assurance:** Rigorous evaluation of journals for editorial quality and peer review.
- **Wide Coverage:** Includes diverse subjects, from sciences to humanities.
- **Search and Filter Options:** Allows for customized searches by subject, language, publisher, and country.
- **Advocacy:** Supports the global movement for open access to academic research.

3. Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB):

The DOAB provides free access to thousands of peer-reviewed academic books, offering valuable resources for both the academic community and the general public.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** All books are freely available for reading and downloading.
- **Peer-Reviewed:** Books are reviewed for academic rigor before being listed.
- **Searchable Database:** Search by title, author, publisher, and more.
- **Metadata:** Detailed information on each book, including abstracts and licensing details.
- **Wide Subject Range:** Covers disciplines like social sciences, humanities, and more.

4. e-Gyankosh:

Managed by IGNOU, e-Gyankosh is a digital platform offering open educational resources for distance learning in India. It hosts a wide range of academic content across subjects like humanities, science, and social sciences.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Provides freely accessible course materials and educational resources.
- **Supporting ODL:** Designed to enhance open and distance learning across India.

5. SWAYAM:

SWAYAM is a platform developed by the Government of India to offer free online courses from school to postgraduate levels, aiming to improve access to quality education for underserved populations.

Key Features:

- **Wide Range of Courses:** Covers subjects from engineering to humanities.
- **Interactive Learning:** Includes quizzes, discussions, and assignments.
- **Free and Paid Options:** Free access to courses with paid certification options.

- **Certification:** Allows learners to earn certificates, which are recognized by institutions.

6. EPG Pathshala:

EPG Pathshala provides online courses for postgraduate students, primarily in India, aligning with university curricula to offer interactive learning tools and resources.

Key Features:

- **Curriculum-Aligned Content:** Courses designed according to Indian university syllabi.
- **Interactive Tools:** Includes quizzes, assignments, and self-assessments.
- **Accessibility:** Freely available to students, particularly those in remote areas.

7. National Geographic Kids:

National Geographic Kids is an educational platform offering engaging content for children aged 6-14. It covers a range of topics like animals, geography, and environmental issues through fun and interactive media.

Key Features:

- **Engaging Content:** Educational articles, stunning visuals, and interactive games.
- **Focus on Nature and Science:** Promotes environmental awareness and exploration.

8. Khan Academy:

Khan Academy provides free online educational resources, including instructional videos and practice exercises, catering to learners from elementary school to college level.

Key Features:

- **Wide Range of Subjects:** Includes math, science, humanities, and economics.
- **Personalized Learning:** Features dashboards to track progress.
- **Free Access:** All content is freely available, with no financial barriers.

9. MIT Open Course Ware (OCW):

MIT OCW offers free access to a wide range of educational materials from MIT courses, including lecture notes, assignments, and multimedia content.

Key Features:

- **Free Access:** No registration or payment required for materials.
- **Variety of Courses:** Available across disciplines such as engineering, physics, and humanities.
- **Self-Paced Learning:** Content is available for learners to study at their own pace.

10. OpenStax:

OpenStax offers peer-reviewed, openly licensed textbooks that are freely available to college students. The platform's mission is to reduce the financial barriers to quality education.

Key Features:

- **Free Textbooks:** Covers a wide range of subjects including physics, economics, and biology.
- **Peer-Reviewed:** Textbooks are carefully reviewed for academic quality.

Other Educational Resources:

Numerous additional free online educational resources exist, supporting diverse learning styles and subjects. These platforms aim to make learning accessible and enhance the educational experience for individuals of all ages.

Outcomes:

The research underscores the significant global impact of Open Educational Resources (OER) in reshaping education by providing accessible, high-quality materials that break down financial and geographic barriers. OER enhances equity by offering free resources to underserved and remote populations, fostering inclusive learning environments. It promotes innovation and collaboration by enabling educators and learners to adapt and share content, supporting diverse teaching and learning styles. The study highlights how OER improve teaching and learning by offering customizable, engaging content. Additionally, OER play a vital role in lifelong learning, offering ongoing educational opportunities across all life stages. OER also contribute to sustainable educational development through initiatives like the National Digital Library of India, ensuring long-term access to valuable materials. Finally, by offering open access to research, OER encourage collaboration and transparency within the academic community.

Conclusion:

Open-access educational resources are revolutionizing global education by providing free, high-quality learning materials. The growing availability of OER offers lifelong learning opportunities and promotes educational equity. Integrating OER into academic curricula supports better accessibility and long-term preservation of scholarly work, enhancing opportunities for learners of all backgrounds. As the use of OER continues to expand, it will play a crucial role in shaping the future of education, making knowledge accessible to all. The paper presents a comprehensive view of how Open Educational Resources are revolutionizing education by promoting accessibility, equity, collaboration, and innovation across the globe.

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INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCY USER RELATION OF MODERN LIBRARIES

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Abstracts

Information Literacy Competency & Libraries demonstrates why libraries are so important because it instructs users how to find and understand information in a modern digital world. Effective development of skills assures that the academic field and professional sphere are not setbacks but successes, and assures personal development as a success story. Today, there are emerging educational programs that teach information literacy competencies to learners who are capable of arming themselves with tools to explore the Complex Info-Role in Lifelong Learning landscape. Public libraries therefore occupy an essential space in the fight for the promotion and defence of lifelong learning through their essential services. Information literacy competency is of great importance in this role as it empowers people the ability to both get information and select options and meet today's information needs.

Key Word: - *Information Literacy Competency, User Relation, Modern Libraries & Society*

Introduction

Information literacy enables the evolution of technologies from artificial intelligence to machine learning and big data to become understandable as it teaches people how to use current tools on new information formats. Promoting Lifelong Learning: Through information literacy people are taught to refresh and upgrade their learning capabilities through their lifecycle so the culture of lifelong learning is developed. This advancement is driven by library leadership in giving anyone at any age access to learning services. Guiding Ethical Information Use: Through guidance libraries help their users build ethical practices for proper source citation and intellectual property regulations. But humans will become better informed while staying ethical truthful people who are responsible for what they choose to do.

1. for Students and Learners

- **Improved Research Skills**: Information literacy competencies development led to enhance how efficiently a student discovers and evaluates information which leads to improve their performance in academic research and tasks application.

- Critical Thinking Development: Information literacy mastery leads to increased critical thinking through the ability to separate the best and the worst evidence in source material and the purveying of analytical thought.

- Better Decision-Making: Students' mastery of strong information literacy competencies ensures that they acquire the ability to make both scholarly and real-life choices, by insisting on proper assessments of the reliability of the information source, and its potential biases.

2. for Educators and Academic Institutions

- Enhanced Teaching Practices: When information literacy is taught by educators, positive learning outcomes occur and students' scholarly and lifelong skills continue to grow and develop. This approach succeeds in delivering more efficient instruction about such research components and writing skills as well as citation standards.

- **Support for Curriculum Integration**: Together with their librarians, libraries and their librarians' partner with educational staff to weave information literacy skills directly into the curriculum and make the use of library resources practical for students in separate university semester subjects.

- Improved Student Success: The superior student success achieved by categories of institutions that include information literacy as the centre of their institutions is in recognition to the fact that proficiency in such a subject directly results in improved study results and advanced research competence as well as efficient learning strategies.

3. for Libraries and Library Professionals

- Core Library Mission: Library users require empowerment through literacy learning to obtain and properly assess information resources to perform this basic function of libraries. Educational hub libraries function to support their mission by teaching information literacy programs.

4. for Society and the Wider Community

- **Combating Misinformation**: In this age of information literacy is vital, because everything is dissimulated and spread with information that could be misinformation or disinformation. Library based instruction on recognizing an inaccurate material teaches users how to tell facts from opinions.

- **Supporting Democratic Participation**: Information literacy allows people to participate in civic life with the use of sound information. When we teach people how to get trustworthy political and economic and social information, we train people to make wise political and other decisions through active democracy.

- **Promoting Digital Literacy**: Information literacy in contemporary environment focuses on the digital characteristics of our contemporary environment information literature incorporates digital literacy as users learn to make use of digital tools effectively and also, as they operate in and around digital systems securely. Libraries provide individuals (especially from underserved communities) with the resourceful digital skills through library programs.

5. for the Future of Education and Workforce

- **Workplace Relevance**: Information literacy is an essential competence that is required at this time as the workplace requires a fundamental skill. Information literacy enables people to access essential data and then create excellent reports from the data, thoroughly analyzed, for job decision making.

6. for Policy and Advocacy

- **Supporting Informed Policymaking**: Well informed citizens comfortably navigate and evaluates information and can actively partake in policy debate by supporting researched choices. This includes access to the information libraries provide public from which to educate citizens about issues.

- **Influencing Educational Standards**: This necessary integration of information literacy components is a realization beyond just educators alone, but need a combination of both government officials and educators already on board to bring into cognitive and formal reality, national and international education standards.

1. Types of Information Literacy Competencies

- **Digital Literacy:** Knowledge of efficient digital tool operation and proper handling of digital information.
- **Media Literacy**: Media literacy helps people assess various forms of content, and detect falsified information as a defence mechanism for mass communication impacts.
- **Data Literacy**: We need to develop skills to understand and analyze information and for responsible ethical data usage practices.
- **Critical Thinking in Information Evaluation**: People have to understand what information applies and where the source biases lie, and in addition, they need skills to evaluate information sources for source credibility.
- **Civic Literacy**: Our power to review information of affairs of state together with political matters and the work of governance is democracy.

2. Role of Libraries in Promoting Information Literacy

- **Library Instruction Programs**: This evaluation explores the ways in which information literacy instruction is provided through workshops, tutorial sessions, and through educational online courses by different methods libraries.
- **Academic Libraries' Impact on Research Skills**: It is this discussion, which explores how academic libraries help students with acquisition
- **Public Libraries and Information Literacy:** Information literacy is served to a diversity of groups including all ages and background populations through public libraries.
- **Librarians as Information Literacy Educators**: While librarians still guide information literacy education that teaches users how to be proficient in using information in an effective way, information literacy education became information literacy education.

3. Libraries and Information Literacy in the Digital Age

- **Navigating the Information Overload**: Today they need libraries, to help them with the huge amount of digital content.

- **Fighting Misinformation and Disinformation**: There is an urgent need of library assistance to analyzing analytically the information accessed by the users through social media portals and digital platforms.

- The Changing Role of Libraries in the Digital Environment: Digital resources and the increase of online databases, which have transformed their core role in education and information literacy, constitute such a reason for change.

4. Challenges in Information Literacy and Libraries

- Access to Information: This paper looks at how digital divides as well as uneven availability of resources affects information retrieval for libraries and the strategies that it can use to overcome these issues.

- Information Literacy in the Age of AI: This section an analysis of how Artificial Intelligence and automated information retrieval systems will potentially disrupt the learning of information literacy skills.

- Cultural and Linguistic Challenges: The provision of information literacy programs to different communities of which their members belong to have a mix of cultural identity and multiple languages background, must be understood by library staff.

5. Best Practices for Teaching Information Literacy in Libraries

- Collaborative Learning Models: Library partnerships with educational institutions play a critical role in providing a seamless information literacy education amongst different programs in the university.

- Active Learning Strategies: Interactive educational methods combining both workshops and peer to peer learning amid practical applications are a feasible way of providing information literacy skill.

- **Assessment of Information Literacy Skills**: However, library personnel should be able to discern how well their information literacy programs work, not only in pleasing their patrons, but in advancing their educational understanding.

6. Future Directions for Information Literacy and Libraries

- **Evolving Technologies and Library Services**: Three emerging technologies can integrate to take the ability of information literacy instruction based in a library into the future: artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and virtual reality (VR).

- Global Perspectives on Information Literacy: Library approaches to instruction in information literacy in educational, social, and cultural contexts around the world.

- Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Information literacy skills are to learn by all people from all age groups and they are developing beyond formal educational experiences.

7. Ethics and Information Literacy

- Plagiarism and Academic Integrity: It teaches students about ethical information use through lessons that include lessons that teach appropriate citing practices as well as methods to prevent academic dishonesty.

-Copyright and Fair Use: In fact, the mission of libraries is to educate their users on copyright legislation and fair use in environments where there is a lot of information.

-Information Literacy Competency: Information literacy skills are a necessary part of a person's life who needs to be able to know when information is required and search for usable information which they can evaluate and use effectively. Important, people do indeed have extensive, often unreliable, initial information at their disposal.

Information literacy encompasses several key skills:

1. Identifying Information Needs: First, a person should figure out, based on this information type, what query or problem solution or information requirements can this information type answer.

2. Locating Information: At the same time, students are to learn information search methods while working with databases catalos and internet resources.

3. Evaluating Information: Exams of the quality standards and the relevance and credibility, as well as potential bias elements, of the information sources are needed in order to carry out a critical evaluation of information sources.

4. Using Information Effectively: Practical purposes identifying information that will serve as a means of help in tasks that require professionalism, solve or enhance educational progress.

5. Ethical Use of Information: Being able to learn about intellectual property rights and how to be aware of proper sources citation and plagiarism prevention strategies.

Role of Libraries in Promoting Information Literacy:

Together with all institutions with library collections, academic libraries are important learning platforms to advance information literacy skills in its student and faculty member, and broader community members. Educational materials and guidance, plus useful research tools to develop the skill, are available through these facilities. Key roles libraries play includes.

1. Providing Access to Resources: Thousand can be found online in libraries, libraries provide collection including books, journal, databases and multimedia resources and so on. These materials have undergone a selection process that verifies both their value and reliability.

2. Teaching Information Literacy: Libraries assist their users by way of workshops and tutorials alongside one on one educational lesson to build powerful info literacy skills. Librarians train students in both search techniques and source quality assessment techniques to guard students against misinformation.

3. Supporting Research and Inquiry: Users get better research results when enlisting library expertise to learn how to use appropriate tools and fine tune their search strategy across a range of resource types, in order to draw conclusions.

4. Providing Research Guides and Tutorials: Libraries create specific subject guides and research specific guides to help users learn how to research and how they work as research tools.

5. Promoting Ethical Use of Information: A copyright instruction as well as plagiarism detection and appropriate citation conventions for legal information consumption is provided by the library staff to the patrons.

6. Creating Digital Literacy Programs: How to use electronic resources safely and appropriately and manage the use of information is taught through libraries' digital literacy initiatives and lead Navigator.

Conclusion

As a fundamental competency, libraries are actively developing world information literacy in the present world. Through its resource provisions and educational programs and operational assistance, Libraries allow users to develop critical information consumption skill and creative information generation abilities.

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Hybrid Libraries: The Next Chapter in Information Access

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Abstract: *The purpose of this article is to help readers understand the roles and competencies that librarians will require in the future to satisfy the evolving needs of library patrons. This term refers to hybrid libraries that prioritize integrating technology into their services, improving accessibility, offering services to patrons, enhancing instruction, encouraging teamwork, ensuring digital preservation, and staying up to date with emerging technologies. Transforming the function of librarians by incorporating new learning models and technology into librarianship practices. The rise of hybrid library management is a reflection of how information workers' roles and duties have changed.*

Keywords: Blended Librarianship, Future Roles of Librarians, Evolutionary and Revolutionary Skills, Knowledge Revolution,

Introduction

A professional who combines knowledge of new technology and digital resources with library skills is known as a hybrid librarian. The term "hybrid" describes how traditional and digital libraries combine their research methodologies. In order to improve traditional library services, hybrid libraries integrate digital tools and resources with their expertise in physical research and virtual libraries. These libraries frequently assist

educational institutions in incorporating technology skills, digital literacy, and information literacy into information systems. They might collaborate with educators to create and present classes that blend digital resources with conventional science. Additionally, hybrid libraries support open-access programs, manage and organize digital collections, and keep up with emerging technologies and trends in the information industry. The idea of hybrid libraries is based on the development of libraries in the digital era, with an emphasis on offering consumers integration and combination even when they use online resources or physical libraries. The term "hybrid library management" refers to how libraries have evolved to include new technology and learning models with their traditional library operations. The rise of hybrid library management is a reflection of how information workers' roles and duties have changed. At the nexus of library practices with the growth of digital resources and technology, hybrid libraries provide a dynamic and varied approach to library services. This new approach blends a thorough awareness of the demands of the digital age with the most recent advancements in library management.

In the current era of information and digital convergence, hybrid libraries—leaders in both physical and virtual space—are crucial in developing reading materials, incorporating technology into library services, and satisfying the various needs of audiences. We comprehend the nature of hybrid library management in this study and look at how it has changed over time in the contemporary information environment.

Review of Literature

Gail Z. Eckwright and Mary K. Bolin (2001)explore the evolving role of the hybrid librarian, emphasizing the affinity between collection management and technical services in academic libraries, which is often overshadowed by the traditional alignment of subject librarians with reference services. A more flexible and collegial organizational model is advocated, where individual expertise takes precedence over rigid departmental structures. This perspective aligns with the idea that academic librarianship should function programmatically rather than within strict functional boundaries. Integrating reference and cataloguing functions has been shown to enhance service efficiency, while reorganization strategies in academic libraries increasingly favour collaborative models. Shifts in collection development emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary approaches and research-driven management, reinforcing the need for greater synergy between bibliographers and cataloguers. Such integration strengthens collection quality and service delivery, ultimately breaking down traditional library silos, fostering cross-functional collaboration, and enabling individualized

assignments that maximize both organizational efficiency and professional satisfaction among librarians.

Bell (2004) introduced the concept of the "blended librarian," emphasizing the integration of traditional library skills with information technology and instructional design to actively enhance the teaching-learning process. Similarly, Sinclair (2009) explored the transformation of academic libraries into learning commons, highlighting their role as collaborative spaces that integrate digital and traditional resources. He underscored the importance of blended librarians in these settings, providing expertise and support to students and faculty.

Watstein (2008) and O'Gorman (2009) discussed the evolving role of reference services in academic libraries, advocating for a shift from traditional reference desks to blended service models that incorporate digital tools and interactive learning. These discussions align with the American Library Association's (2000) "Information Literacy Competency Standards," which emphasize the critical skills needed to evaluate, manage, and use information effectively, core objectives of hybrid library systems.

Corral, S. (2010) examined how hybrid information affects beginning and ongoing professional education through the creation of library course materials and, specifically, the use of pre-existing i-School modifications. The founders of integrative librarianship, Bell and Shank (2004), contend that for libraries to be successful, they must be receptive to new materials, knowledge, and concepts.

Cherinet (2018) identified the evolving and revolutionary roles of librarians in meeting the dynamic needs of modern library users. Using a qualitative approach and methods like the Delphi technique and in-depth interviews, the study revealed that the future role of librarians involves transforming the knowledge revolution into an informed society by reshaping and educating younger generations. The findings emphasized that a blend of passion, knowledge, cultural intelligence, and professionalism is essential for librarians to thrive in the changing landscape. Furthermore, the study highlighted the importance of "unlearning" alongside learning as a critical skill for future librarians. This research provided a unique perspective by focusing on a synergy of attributes rather than conventional skills assessments, offering valuable insights into the future demands of the profession.

A Hybrid Librarian: What Is It?

It has long been believed that librarians are the custodians of books, knowledge, and knowledge. But as technology has developed and knowledge has been digitized, librarianship has grown to be a challenging and multidimensional profession. The rise of

the hybrid librarian: librarians who are educated in both digital and traditional library management.

Hybrid librarians are professionals who blend traditional library skills, such as cataloguing, reference services, and collection development, with digital expertise. They use technology to enhance library services by efficiently accessing, organizing, and distributing resources to library patrons. These librarians play a vital role in promoting digital literacy by teaching users how to evaluate information, perform effective searches, and utilize digital tools for storing and organizing information.

Adaptability and efficiency are key traits of hybrid librarians, enabling them to collaborate with other professionals—such as educators, instructional designers, and IT specialists—to create effective learning experiences. They integrate digital technologies into research and instruction while guiding others in their use. This collaborative approach ensures that libraries continue to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

A defining characteristic of hybrid librarians is their commitment to continuous learning. They stay updated on emerging trends and innovations in library management, always seeking new resources and ideas to enhance their services. As technology evolves, so do the skills required for success in the field, making hybrid librarians not only tech-savvy but also forward-thinking in their approach to library operations.

Additionally, hybrid libraries are crucial for advancing digital literacy. Hybrid libraries assist curators in working with digital resources in a world where information is abundant yet unreliable. It instructs clients on how to assess pertinent information, conduct efficient searches, and manage and organize information using digital technologies. To ensure that everyone has access to the tools they need to flourish and to help bridge the digital divide, hybrid libraries are crucial.

Blended Librarians' Purpose:

The objective of hybrid libraries is to employ technology to enhance library services and offer a better user experience that adapts to users' changing demands. The following are the particular objectives of hybrid libraries:

1. Technology integration: The primary goal of hybrid libraries is to combine digital technologies with effective and efficient library services. Digital technology should be incorporated into library services (such as instruction, collection, and use).
2. Increase accessibility: Hybrid libraries should make sure that all patrons, particularly those with impairments or who will encounter other obstacles to library use, can access their text and digital services.

3. Offering services to patrons: Hybrid libraries seek to offer services in accordance with patrons' requirements and preferences. Tothey must adhere to the standards set by the patrons in order to develop and offer a quality library service.
4. Improving instruction: By utilizing technology, hybrid libraries should aim to enhance their instruction.
To improve learning, they must produce innovative instructional materials that use multimedia elements like films and interactive lessons.
5. Using their resources and expertise to deliver high-quality library services, hybrid libraries aim to foster cooperation between library employees and other stakeholders (such educators and IT specialists).
6. Teaching library science in a classroom setting.

Blended Librarianship: What Is It?

In January 2004, Steven Bell and John Shank originally suggested the concept of running a shared/hybrid library. In Month Four of 2004, the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Group and the Association of University and Research Libraries sponsored three workshops on hybrid library management. In November 2005, they also talked about a conference call on hybrid library management at the College of DuPage's Flying. To the symposium on excellence. With the assistance of the Learning Times Network, hybrid online learning community libraries were also introduced in April 2004. The village had a population of over 4,900 as of the middle of 2012. The College & Research Library Journal's July/August 2004 issue featured an article about the "hybrid librarian.". The phrase "Hybrid Library Management" describes how libraries have evolved to integrate contemporary technology and education with library procedures. This kind of library management places a strong emphasis on the need for librarians to possess a wide range of abilities and integrate their understanding of technology and instructional design with library procedures. It necessitates combining expertise in ethical norms and library management with information and communication technology and tools.

Blended Librarianship: Why?
1. An electrical engineer
2. Coordinator of Electronic Materials, Online Librarian, Chapter
3. Librarian of Information
4. Officer of Digitization and Copyright
5. Librarian for digital projects
6. Professionals in this industry look up to digital project managers.

Consequently, the new idea of hybrid library administration is quite advantageous for the Indian setting while taking into account the aforementioned benefits.

IFLA and Upcoming Libraries:

Professionals in information and libraries are taking on new tasks outside of libraries. Jobs will probably shift to more linked devices as well. You can outsource. There are existing businesses that pay for services like registration or supply library employees, but there are no outsourcing services for information and libraries. There may never be as much uncertainty about the future (IFLA Trends Report, 2021). Managing and providing research services, a small special library, a library branch, or a department within a bigger library are typical future duties for a copywriter or data manager. Oversee and mentor staff. Create, carry out, and oversee services to satisfy client demands. Offer expert guidance or assistance regarding information management issues. Create suggestions for the budget;create strategic goals and general management principles. Oversee big projects like IT applications and systems in certain domains. Offers leadership, business, and management. Creating promotion and marketing plans for information management or library services. Giving guidance or advice. Given IFLA's outlook for the future, the interactive library concept must be accepted and embraced by the Indian library sector as a last resort for survival.

Conclusion:

Currently, hybrid libraries are only a concept. We don't fully comprehend its advantages or all of its repercussions, both good and bad. We believe it would be a mistake if we did not admit that we were unsure if it could be made into a notion that all college students could use. Nonetheless, we think that now is the ideal moment to take action that will strengthen the alignment of our work with higher education's mission. All of our colleagues are welcome to collaborate with us.

India's librarianship confronts numerous obstacles in the future. Management difficulties are now just as significant for libraries as concerns about technology integration and adoption. Managing change is a difficult task in and of itself. Disseminating information, allocating funds, hiring more staff, and offering technological support all require special management. To guarantee that patrons are happy with the services and information products they receive, libraries must increase their expertise. Taking advantage of professional development opportunities is the most effective and efficient method for librarians to stay current with these changes. They must possess the same level of technological sophistication as their clientele. Higher education must adopt a hybrid mind-set if it is to maintain its significant contribution to the management of knowledge and research. Consequently, the idea of hybrid In India, library management

and hybrid library management ought to be embraced and viewed as advantageous for both business and library administration. This is not a curse; rather, it needs a special response. The evolution of Technology's revolutionary potential is inextricably related to hybrid librarianship. As libraries transition into the digital era, technology has emerged as a tool for offering flexible, practical, and cutting-edge services. In order to keep libraries alive, relevant, and essential in the evolving built environment, hybrid library administration combines traditional principles with contemporary resources. Technology plays a part in this transformation by not only supporting but also altering and reshaping the characteristics of the librarian of the twenty-first century.

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USE OF ICT IN DIGITAL REFERENCE SERVICES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES :A STUDY

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Abstract

This paper investigates the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in reference services within academic libraries, with a particular focus on libraries in developing countries like Nigeria. Reference services have historically been vital in delivering library services, especially in academic institutions. The integration of ICT has brought significant changes to how these services are provided, transforming traditional reference systems.

Despite these advancements, many libraries in developing countries have yet to fully integrate ICT into all their operations and services. This study examines the current state of ICT deployment in reference services, specifically focusing on how reference librarians' ICT skills affect service delivery.

The findings of the study indicate that academic libraries are utilizing ICT tools such as computers, the internet, and online databases to provide reference services. However, the level of ICT integration into reference services remains average. The study also reveals a significant relationship between the use of ICT and the effectiveness of reference services. Furthermore, the study addresses the gap in previous research on the use of ICT-based knowledge management (KM) tools in academic libraries, particularly in India, and offers guidelines for librarians, policymakers, and organizations like the University Grants Commission of India to enhance ICT adoption in libraries.

Key words:- *Digital reference services, information communication technology (ICT)*

Introduction

The Role of Libraries in Education and Information Systems

Libraries play a crucial role in the world's educational systems, as well as in the storage and retrieval of information. Unlike other information systems, libraries do not merely select, organize, store, and retrieve information; they also create access to information, protect intellectual freedom, and offer direct assistance and instruction to users in utilizing library resources.

In recent years, new technologies and communication tools have significantly transformed the way library services are delivered. The methods of accessing and distributing information have become far more diverse. While libraries are not at risk of being replaced, they must adopt new methods and technologies to leverage these new tools effectively.

Academic libraries, often described as the "heart" of the learning community, provide vital platforms for students and faculty to conduct research. These libraries are established to support teaching, learning, and research activities, as well as to promote a culture of knowledge-sharing within their parent institutions. Their mission is aligned with the overall objectives of these institutions, ensuring their contribution to academic success.

Key activities in academic libraries include collection development, reference services, document delivery, and access to resources (Ghuloum and Ahmed, 2011). The advent of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has had a significant impact on academic libraries, greatly enhancing their ability to access, store, and process

information. Moreover, ICT has brought about substantial changes in the concept, organization, functioning, and management of library and information systems.

In many academic libraries in developed countries, Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) have largely replaced traditional card catalogs. OPACs offer enhanced search capabilities for accessing local collections and often include the holdings of other regional or area libraries. Many libraries have also created web-based interfaces for their library and information systems, which include direct links to electronic journals, books, and other internet resources (Mohsenzadeh and Isfandyari-Moghaddam, 2009).

ICT supports academic library functions and services in two key ways:

1. It provides the tools needed to acquire, organize, store, retrieve, and disseminate information (Sabashini et al., 2012).
2. It connects library users with librarians and services through web-based tools that facilitate communication and the sharing of information (Jain, 2007; Yuan et al., 2013).

Common ICT tools used in academic libraries include:

- **Communication tools**: such as email, instant messaging, telephones, teleconferencing, intranets, and videoconferencing.
- **Long-standing tools**: such as databases and institutional archives.
- **Social media tools**: including wikis and blogs.

Elements of Reference Service

There are three basic elements of the reference service:

1) The user

2)Information or Knowledge base

3)Informational professional/librarian

4)Electronic resources(including web resources, CD based resources & other digitized materials

Types of Reference Services There are two types of Digital/Virtual reference services:

1 Asynchronous :-Virtual Reference Service: It is a type of virtual reference service in which user/patron/client submits a question and the librarian responds after some time. In other words there is a time delay between the question being posed by the user

and the answer being given by the librarian. Asynchronous virtual reference service takes the form of the following

1.1 Email reference service:

In this type of reference service a user sends a request in the form of email to librarian or specifically designed reference email Id by reference service section of the library. The user specifies his/her specific information need in the email. The librarian responds to the query accordingly. This is the simple, cheap & cost effective method of virtual reference service. Email reference service is the most widely service used among users as users can pose a question even if library is closed & it doesn't require any additional software to use the service. This service is available free of cost and no additional effort is required on the part of the librarian to implement the service. The email reference service is very much useful for the users have poor oral communications skill

2 Synchronous:

In synchronous digital reference service the exchange of information takes place in 'real time'with an immediate response to the question.In this case there is a live interaction between the user and the reference librarian.It is therefore called as real-time digital reference service.

2.1 Chat using instant messaging:

Instant messaging or online chat is one of the most common forms of web communication. It is more instant than an email reference service. The exchange of information between user and reference librarian takes place in real time i.e there is live communication between user and the reference librarian. In this case same scenario is adopted to answer the question as in real reference desk. The digital reference librarian prefer web based electronic resources or electronic resources as these sources are easy to access, easy to keep & easy to share with the users. Speed of this service is faster than e-mail service as the users do not need to wait for the response. This service can be offered round the clock. Reference librarian tries to keep the interaction short to prevent the system from logging off and users from getting bored while introducing themselves. This should be taken into consideration

2.2 Video based reference service/video conferencing/web camera service:

It is a video based virtual reference service. It is also called as video help. It was introduced to overcome the communication problems inculcated in text based services. This mode of communication involves visual elements where the reference librarian and the user can use both text and voice transactions & they can see & hear each other in the same manner as in face to face interview.Video conferencing is useful in distance learning, online lectures, research and reference applications. It is also useful in off campus library services of university libraries. Now a days viva voce examinations & interviews are conducted via video conferencing. 2.3 Digital/Virtual Reference Robots :

It is an artificial intelligence based service & is used to respond the questions during the unavailability of the reference librarian.The service involves the use of software to search the databases.

3 Use of ICT-based tools for communication and knowledge sharing in

ICT-Based Tools in Academic Libraries

Academic libraries are increasingly adopting various ICT-based tools to facilitate communication with their staff, library users, and other libraries. These technologies include communication channels, repositories, databases, and interactive social media platforms that enable collaboration between different roles within the library.

Almost all libraries use email and telephone calls as part of their communication systems. However, newer methods, such as videoconferencing, have also become an effective interactive communication tool. Additionally, resource discovery tools—relatively new technologies designed to search large metadata collections—are now being used to facilitate easier navigation and retrieval of information.

These ICT tools can be used by libraries to personalize outreach services, enabling them to engage more actively with users. With the help of these technologies, users can also participate in tasks that were traditionally the responsibility of the library. For example, users can contribute to cataloging through folksonomy (user-generated tags) or provide feedback on books through blogging.

4 Computerised library operations and services:

The mere availability of ICT or software in a library is not enough, unless these technologies or systems are put to use for solving problems of work environment. The indicate the functions and services of their library, which are based on ICT applications. To obtain a benchmark on the progress of implementing integrated library management system for housekeeping operations, the computerised operations in their libraries. Three libraries indicated that RFID systems for theft control in their libraries are under process. The data analysis reveals that the majority of libraries surveyed have various operations automated. Further, respondents were asked to indicate the use of ICT-based services provided by the libraries to their users. libraries provide access to in-house-developed library databases provide access to electronic resources (e-books, e-journals, e-databases, etc.) web-based reference or other information services. However, other technology-based services such as online tutorials .

1. Staff Training: Staff training includes the virtual reference training. The library staff is being trained regarding the fundamentals of virtual reference services & the means by which it is provided to users.

2. Recruting new librarians: The new recruitments are made in the libraries taking into consideration the new comers which possess extra ordinary skills in terms of providing digital reference services.

3. Interface Design: Interface design or an online reference desk is designed to allow the users to access various resources. The interface allows to provide expertise to greater number of people irrespective of their language, technical capabilities & physical impediments.

4. Prototype: Creating & Testing the Service Virtual/digital reference service need to be pre-tested before final implementation and making it available to users.

5. Legal Issues: It is mandatory for all information professionals to familiarize themselves with the current state of public information legislation in their state and when & where it affects the scope of digital reference services offered to share the information with their users.

Methods of evaluation of Digital/Virtual Reference Service

The evaluation of the service is an essential and necessary step in making the service a boon in the digital era. There are various methods of evaluation of digital reference service. They include User feedback:

The users are asked to give their feedbacks regarding the digital reference service provided by the library.

Rating:

The faculty members and staff are asked to give ratings to the services provided by the library and accordingly we can evaluate a service.

Survey and Questionnaire:

Survey by means of collecting data through questionnaires is also used as a method of evaluating digital reference service.

Interviews:

Interview method can also be used to evaluate a particular digital reference service.

Case Studies: Case studies can also be used as an effective method of evaluating digital reference service.(R. Shimray, 2018)

Conclusion:-

Digital reference services form a backbone of the information services in the libraries. They have transformed the entire skeleton of the reference services. The digital reference service has proved to be an efficient information service in the present digital era serving the users to their expectations.

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SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW ON INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES: A CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

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Abstract: *This paper coved the review the literature on Institutional Repository. This paper mainly focused on the growth and development of IR around the world. This literature review will explain the Institutional Repository started in various countries. The current study covered various aspects related to the creation and maintenance of an IR and their use in various academic and Research institutions. The study is based on the review of available literature to find out the answers of some questions like cost factures and software requirement and other infrastructure needed for creating IR.*

Keywords: *Institutional Repository (IR), Open access repository (OER), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT's), and IIM's Open Source Software's*

Introduction:

Libraries in the 21 st century are now changing its traditional methods and services to fulfill the dynamic demands of the user community by providing various modern or new technological based services and sources. Libraries are important resources for individual as well as for communities and organization. For centuries libraries have been regarded as depository of books, manuscripts, Journals, Newspapers and other forms of the printed materials. But in new technological environment process of recording the information has changed and it's reflected in the growth that is institutional repositories.

An Institutional Repository is an online archive for collecting, preserving and disseminating digital copies of the intellectual output of an institution, particularly a research institution. Institutional repository may be defined as information systems capable of capturing preserving and providing access to the intellectual output produced by the members of an institution.

Institutional repository provides tools that help faculty, students and researchers to disseminate the institutional repository work to audiences outside the institutions. The main purpose of the institutional repository is to bring together and preserve the intellectual output of laboratory departments, university, and research institute or any other institutions.

Objectives of the study:

Study is based on following Objectives:

1) To search and analyze research articles related to keywords.

2) To Review concept of Institutional Repositories mentioned in the literary work.

3) To find out factors affecting to creating or developing IR.

4) To analyze which software's used for creating IR.

Research Methodology:

This research work is non empirical and traditional in nature, where in electronic databases, print material used for searching the literary work. Time frame of the work reviewed 2002-2021. Around 25 scholarly articles were found relevant to the topic of the research paper after careful analysis.

In research work, literature review is one of the most important tasks. With the help of a literature review, we can evaluate the earlier effort and work done in the related area or subject. Literature review gives us a general idea of the research topic and helps get a better understanding of the same.

This literature review will provide a clear insight of the origin and the consequential development of the field of Institutional Repository. There is not much written about institutional repository in India. It has been hardly two decades that the term was defined properly. Within the limitation of time and available resources, the researcher has made an attempt to justify the work.

Concepts of Institutional Repositories:

Crow was the first to define the concept of IR as Institutional repositories--digital collections capturing and preserving the intellectual output of a single or multi-university community. Raym Crow, in his paper entitled 'The Case for Institutional Repositories: A SPARC Position Paper', said that increasing access to the literature is one goal of institutional repositories. He feels that, by taking at least some control over the dissemination of scholarship, repositories can increase competition in the market place and reduce the monopoly power of journals. Further he believes that institutional repositories cannot provide all of the functions of traditional publishing (registration, certification, dissemination, and archiving), whereas IRs taking the role of scholarly publishing and it may keep publications out of the hands of third-party publishers and place it back in the hands of the academy **(Crow, 2002).**

According to **Lynch (2003)** "A university based institutional repository is a set of services that a university offers to the members of its community for the management and dissemination of digital materials created by the institution and its community members.

Foster and **Gibbons (2004)** defined Institutional Repository as "an electronic system that captures preserves and provide access to the digital work products of a community.

RaymCrow (2004) defined as institutional repository as a digital archives of intellectual product created by the research staff and students of an institution and accessible to end user.

Drake, (2004) highlighted causes of building an IR at educational institutions. Repositories offers services to the faculty, researchers and administrators who want to archive research, historic and creative materials. The open access and open archives movement need changes in scholarly communication to remove barriers to access, and to increase awareness that universities and research institutions are losing valuable digital and print materials and it leads to begin establishment of institutional repositories. Metadata standards and digital rights managements established using open archive models thus important new information sources are seeing the light of day and becoming more generally available.

Yung Reih Soo, Markey, Jean, Yakel, & Kim, and co-workers and others (2007), discussed five key components of IRs leaders, funding, content, contributors, and systems that are perceived by IR staff at academic institutions where IRs have been implemented, pilot-tested, and planned

Several other authors have highlighted the repository development of few Asian countries like China **(Fang & Zhu, 2006).** The other researcher **Mukarami& Adachi (2006)** described the repository movement in Japan whereas another expert **Matsuura (2008)** concluded that Japan has been placed as the fourth biggest contributor in the world as per the total number of institutional repositories **(OpenDOAR, 2012).** Another study by **Lee (2008)** showed the growth and development of institutional repository systems in Japanese and Korean universities.

Meanwhile in India as well there were some writers who were interested in writing about IRs and one of them was Ashalatha and team who worked on ISRO HQ Institutional Repository and explored ways to develop and execute ideas. He also discussed the traditional library functionalities and their limitations. And this study suggested promoting IRs to overcome the space problems and to facilitate better service.

One more study by John C. Kelly supported the same, and discussed that with the limited financial and technological resources, IRs can be built by the parent organization.

Ghosh (2008) reported that Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai created the first electronic thesis and dissertation repository. He examines various ETD repositories and the story of their development to know the possibility of creating one national repository of India. IISC Bangalore was the first institute to develop an IR in India. **Das *&et al.* (2007)** focused their study on policy making, different strategic dimensions, and analyzed some of existing repositories of that time like Vidyanidhi. On 25th July 2003, the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore initiated a project to develop an institutional repository called Vidyanidhi. Shodhganga@ INFLIBNET. It is a repository that facilitates users to deposit their thesis for open access. And they concluded that in India, ETD repositories are at a developing stage. There should be some policies for developing IRs. One more study by Vijay Kumar agreed on the same point that government's lack awareness of IRs was the main reason behind the slowinitiatives of IRs in Indian universities.

Mohmmad, Nazim & Maya Devi (2008) discussed open access and institutional repository as well. They explained that open access will not give much burden on your library budget but it will have a very high impact on information handling. Somehow, it is cost effective too. It can be an alternative to the traditional subscription-based publishing model, made possible by new digital technologies and networked communications. By open access movement, we can have access to scholarly output throughout the world. It is almost free of cost or there will be some nominal charge for it. Open access facilitates minimal restrictions on users and uses. It can enhance the global visibility of the scholarly output of the institutes.

In the year 2008, 37 IR registered on Open DOAR& ROAR. And one of the studies by Khan B. examined the status of IR. He collected data from the Depository of Open Access Repository (OpenDOAR) and Registry of open access repository (ROAR). There were some limitations of data collection. Only humanities and social Sc. Repositories were taken for study. He further explained the functioning of IR System. He believed that it is very important to know system functioning for better understanding of the system.

Gohain, Rashmi, Rekha (2011) has worked on Institutional repository of universities and research institution of India. Her research was based on primary and secondary, both kinds of data. She had taken data from Institutional websites, ROAR and OpenDOAR. After checking all the links of repositories, she found that 79 IRs of different universities and institutions were actively working and they would facilitate open access. Her research reveals that DSpace and EPrints were dominating as the leading software for repository development in India. She suggested that in developing

countries like India, where infrastructure is not so good and because of financial problems, most people go for open access software as it is almost free of cost and has a low maintenance cost. They should establish IRs for better visibility of scholarly output of the institution.

Factors affecting: IPR and Copy Right, cost effectiveness and other issues

The RoMEO project (2003) has extensively considered the copy rights issues of open access publishing. They recommend the use of 'Creative Commons' licenses to express the rights attached to individual research papers **(Gadd, 2003).**

Heery and Anderson Pinfield *et al*. (2005) emphasized that intellectual property rights are a major limiting factor to the authors considering posting their work on IRs, and this has resulted in several repositories being populated with bibliographic records rather than full text. Observed that it is important to note that authors are discouraged from signing away their copyright to publishers (IR: Materials placed in an institutional repository will be subject to intellectual property rights. These may be owned by the institution, the author or in the case of a post print a publisher **(Gadd, 2003).** The author can self-archive his/her publications if, he/she holds the copyright for the pre-refereeing preprint or authors can try to revise copyright transfer agreement to obtain the right to self-archive the post print, or failing to that can append or hyperlink with preprint (E-print copyright, 2006).

Swan, Needham, & Brown, Rowlands *et al.* (2005).Mentioned that 'authors' views on copyright may be characterized as a mixture of indifference, ignorance and principled resentment aimed primarily at commercial publishers ("information should be free"). Joint Nicholas opines that attitudes and policies need to be clarified so that a coherent approach to a range of different opinions but related Intellectual Property Right (IPR) matters such as plagiarism, self-archiving on research repositories and respect for commercially owned copyright material is uniformly developed. Debate must be differentiated from policy which in turn must be implemented via the information literacy (IL) syllabus (Joint, Institutional repositories, self-archiving and the role of the library, 2006).

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M. Krishnamurthy & T.D. Kemparaju (2011) studied 20 institutional repositories (IRs) in use in Indian universities and research institutes. According to them, an IR is a natural extension of an academic institution's role as a generator of

primary research. IRs are a practical, cost-effective, and strategic means for universities to build partnerships with their faculty to advance scholarly communication. IRs are built on growing faculty practices of posting research output online, often on personal websites, but also on institutional websites or in disciplinary repositories, suggesting an increasing desire for expanded exposure of, and access to, their work. Furthermore, IRs allow universities to offer secure digital hosting and Archiving services combined with more effective web dissemination, while the

Universities can benefit from the enhanced visibility of their research outputs and the prestige that this confers. The emerging economies among the developing countries are not far behind in building up the necessary information structure, essential for sustainable economic development. These emerging countries, however, have limitations in terms of bridging the digital divide within their societies, due to the co-existence of marginalized and privileged communities. IRs expands access to research, facilitate control over the research output of universities and institutions of national importance, and provide a sustainable management system for digital content.

Baishya, Kankana (2016), carried studies on 'Management of Indian institutional repositories: an evaluative study' for her doctoral research at Gauhati University. The main objective of the study found out the existing online institutional repositories which are being functional and study its present scenario in India; explore the issues related to institutional repositories and find out the problems and future prospect of institutional repositories in India. This study depicts a clear-cut picture of the existing status of institutional repositories in India. It highlights the challenges and issues faced by the other IR managers in India. Moreover, the Registry of Indian Institutional Repository which is an outcome of the present research can be a reliable source for aspirants to gather all kinds of IR related information from a single interface. A researcher suggests that advisory body of an IR should be constituted with highly qualified subject experts for all time assistance with explicit and clear policy including deposit, copyright, metadata, preservation, and distribution and license policies

Software's and Technology for IR

Hey (2004) describes how user needs have influenced the evolutionary development of E-Prints Soton' [IR@university of southampton] as the University of Southampton Research Repository. The work of this programme has been inspired by the success of the Open Archives Initiative a simple mechanism that allows metadata about resources to be harvested into services that can be searched by staff and students.

(Heery & Anderson, 2005) discussed the implementation and maintenance of an IR requires technical support. Some argue that the free open source software upon which most IRs run is too restrictive in its functionality and its future is too uncertain It

is generally agreed that the technical challenges and the costs of installing IR software are relatively minor issues when compared with the time and effort required to persuade users to populate it with their work **(Foster & Gibbons, 2005).** Cultural rather than technological factors limit the use and development of IRs **(Hubbard, 2003).** Suthradhar provides guidelines to assist those in setting up an IR. Appropriate staffs are required to administer and run the IR smoothly with proper hardware, software and sound infrastructure **(Sutradhar, 2006).**

Cox (2005) describes appropriate technologies to create knowledge based institutional repositories and to deliver government information in more consistent digital formats, compatibilities with course management software, distance delivery platforms and other larger technology-based services should be the main criteria for setting up of IRs. The success of the institutional repository depends on appropriate communication with faculty, a deep understanding of the publishing process, identifying appropriate partners, designing a flexible technology infrastructure and engaging in active collaboration with key players **(Kervit & Crays, 2007).**

Hulse *et al*. (2007). finds that while a shared implementation of an institutional repository does present significant challenges that would not be present for a single institution, the collaborative approach also presents significant benefits in drawing on the breadth of expertise available among the consortium and utilizing a shared information technology infrastructure

Thorat & Patil, (2011) finds that DSpace and other allied software's are available through open source and free of cost. Among them Dspace is user friendly software to establish IR. It also requires the training and knowledge regarding installation of this software and uploading of data then it can help you to work with digitization. For this purpose, scanner, digital camera, internet connection (for internet data upload and web hosting of this project) some dedicated skilled manpower etc. will help to carry on the digital library project as well as to help the internal and external users enormously.

Roy, Mukhopadhyay & Biswas, (2011), studied in details on 'An analytical study of institutional digital repositories in India'. In this analytical study it is found that more than 60 academic and research institutions set up their institutional repositories as indicated by ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repository). In this research, the investigator had recorded 60 repositories for their studying, whereas 42 repositories which are hosted on the internet and provided information regarding a number of records, software used, no of the subject covered, type of content etc, in these repositories, are considered for this study. Researchers found that per year growth rate of institutional repositories in India is quite low in comparison to other developed

countries. The researcher suggested that there was scope for developing a best practices guideline for designing institute oriented institutional repository.

Gohain (2011), et al published a research paper, entitled 'Current trend and development of institutional repositories in India', the researcher identified 79 institutional repositories had open access facility in India. The researcher found that most of the institutions in India prefer to use Open Sources Software (OSS) for developing institutional repositories. Most of the operational instructional repositories in India are Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) compliant and are indexed by search engines. Research paper author suggests that all the universities, R & D institutions in India establish their own repositories to make their research widely accessible to the scholarly community throughout the world and to ensure its long-term preservation for future use and they must be registered with open access registries such as ROAR, Open DOAR, and federated search services such as OAIster.

Jeelani Sofi Gh Mohinuddin Jeelani & Mir Haamid Amin (2016), in their research paper titled 'Institutional repositories in India an evaluative study' explored various kind of documents available in these repositories. The scope of the study was limited to 43 institutional repositories in India. The main objective of this paper was to enlist the Indian institutional repositories & the software being used by the institutions for building these repositories. . Researcher found that Indian Academy of Science largest repository in India, it contains 91995 document/items and DSpace@GGSIPU is smallest institutional repository with only 137 documents/items; The researcher suggests if an institutional repository is properly developed and maintained, it advocates in realizing the goals of an institution, and addresses an impressive range of needs.

Discussion:

While developing IR different stages are followed. Installing the software is the first step in establishing an IR. Different institutions need different inputs and outcomes from their IR, but most are agreed that at least one of the key content layers of an IR should be the refereed research output of an institution. Implementing IR in an incremental way may allow institutions to speed up their IR implementations and learn from their own (and others) implementations. There are many software's available, both open source and commercial and Dspace is a comparatively more used and found best and user-friendly of them. It is also used by number of academic institutions such as universities, research organizations, industries etc. to preserve, organize, and disseminate their research output / information to its Right Users at Right Time in Right Format. It is

noticed that there is a need to assess the different issues related to IR before installation, so as to maintain the repository efficiently.

Conclusion :

It is satisfying to note that good numbers of institutions in the country are aware about IR developments and plan to set up IRs in their respective organizations. There is a lot of scope in India to develop IRs at institutional level under various apex bodies like CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, DRDO, ISRO, DST, UGC, IITs and IIM's etc,. It is advisable to have repositories at institutional level with harvesting facilities at apex body and national level. The literature review study concludes with a positive note as the current global momentum for Open Access is picking up results in setting up of good number of institutional repositories and there by realizing the goal of making freely available the intellectual output created using public funds.

The copyright restrictions of publishers discourage the authors to submit their papers to IR. However, many publishers including the commercial ones have relaxed their attitudes in this regard by allowing the copy of the final referred manuscript of the paper accepted for depositing in IR. The SHERPA's RoMEo Project serves as a directory of copyright policies of different publishers. Both IR Managers and the users recognize the important role of library professionals in the IR development.

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REVOLUTIONIZING LIBRARY SERVICES: MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF LIBRARY USERS

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Abstract: The rapidly changing digital environment has changed user expectations, leading to the creation of innovative library services that meet the needs of the next generation of users. Modern libraries need to evolve with technological advances, diverse learning preferences, and changing user needs. This article examines the creative services that libraries are implementing to meet the expectations of a technology-savvy, diverse, and socially conscious clientele and remain relevant. By incorporating digital resources, customized services, and community-focused policies, libraries are shaping their societal roles. This research reviews case studies of libraries globally, demonstrating effective initiatives in user engagement, digital capabilities, and collaborative learning environments. It highlights the need for adaptability, inclusivity, and user empowerment in the conceptualization and provision of library services.

Keywords: Innovative library services, digital literacy, library transformation, user engagement, personalized services, community-based libraries, technological integration.

Introduction

The function of libraries in society has changed significantly in response to the quick development of technology. Libraries increasingly function as centres of learning, technology, and community involvement in addition to their original function of giving people access to tangible books and information. The distinct demands and expectations of the next generation of library patrons—mostly digital natives—present a challenge for libraries looking to innovate and adapt. This study investigates cutting-edge library services created to meet the needs of this changing user base. This article illustrates how libraries are reinventing their services to remain relevant and satisfy the needs of future

patrons by concentrating on important areas including technological integration, personalized experiences, and community-focused projects.

Changing Landscape of Library Users

Digital resources are gradually replacing—or supplementing—the traditional library usage paradigm, which is based mostly on print materials and in-person visits. Millennials and Generation Z make up the majority of the next generation of library patrons, who have grown up in an era of instantaneous information access, personalized material, and technology integration. These patrons want libraries to offer collaborative, tech-savvy, and entertaining spaces in addition to books and resources. Therefore, libraries need to be creative in order to draw in and keep these patrons.

Furthermore, the backgrounds and requirements of library patrons today are more varied than ever before. Libraries must serve patrons from various socioeconomic, cultural, and educational backgrounds, necessitating services that are adaptable, inclusive, and customized for each user. For libraries to continue to be viable and important in their communities, they must transition from a one-size-fits-all paradigm to customized, user-centered services.

Innovative Library Services for the Next Generation User

- **Digital Literacy Programs**

  The next generation of users now considers digital literacy to be a fundamental ability. Digital literacy is currently being incorporated into the basic services offered by libraries, which have long been recognized for encouraging information literacy. Programs for digital literacy give consumers the abilities they need to access and assess digital resources including e-books, social media, and online databases.

  These programs aim to equip users with a comprehensive understanding of how to use digital tools effectively, safely, and ethically. For example, the *National Digital Library of India* (NDLI), an initiative by the Indian government, provides access to a vast repository of resources for students, researchers, and academics across the country. The platform uses AI and machine learning to provide personalized recommendations, making it a key player in the digital transformation of Indian libraries.

- **Personalized Library Services**

  Libraries are using technology for offering users with specialized services in response to the growing need for individualized experiences. Personalized resources, personalized library notifications, and suggestions based on reading preferences are examples of personalized library services. Numerous libraries provide individualized reading lists, events, and digital resources through the use of Library Management Systems (LMS) with integrated artificial intelligence.

  For instance, Koha has been used by the Delhi University Library System (DULS) to automate the management of library resources, increasing productivity and

improving user experience. For the next generation of library patrons, these systems also make remote access to services possible.

- **Virtual and Augmented Reality**
  The next generation of users is highly engaged with immersive technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR). Libraries are capitalizing on this trend by incorporating VR and AR into their services. These technologies create immersive learning environments that can enhance educational programs and provide interactive experiences that were once unimaginable in a traditional library setting. Similarly, libraries around the world are developing AR-based scavenger hunts, gamified learning modules, and digital storytelling experiences to engage younger users and encourage active participation.
- **Collaborative and Flexible Learning Spaces**
  The next generation of user's values collaboration, teamwork, and flexible learning spaces that cater to diverse needs. Libraries are responding by transforming traditional reading rooms into dynamic and multifunctional spaces that facilitate group work, multimedia projects, and social interactions.
  Moreover, libraries are embracing open-plan designs and mobile furniture, allowing spaces to be easily reconfigured to meet the specific needs of users. This adaptability not only attracts next-generation users but also fosters a sense of ownership and community within the library.
- **Online Library Services and Remote Access**
  The growing reliance on online services and remote access to resources has driven libraries to enhance their digital offerings. The rise of e-books, online journals, and streaming services has made it essential for libraries to provide robust digital collections that users can access from anywhere, at any time.
  Libraries such as the IIT Kharagpur Library have expanded their digital collections and e-services to offer users access to audiobooks, e-books, and research databases remotely. Furthermore, many libraries are offering virtual reference services, allowing users to chat with librarians in real-time or schedule video consultations for research support. This transition to online services enables libraries to reach a broader audience and cater to users who may not be able to physically visit the library.
- **Community-Centered Programs and Services**
  Libraries have long served as community hubs, and in the next-generation model, they continue to play a crucial role in fostering community engagement. Libraries are increasingly focusing on programs that are tailored to the needs of local populations, such as services for marginalized groups, educational programs for all ages, and resources for social and civic engagement.

For example, libraries are partnering with local schools, nonprofits, and businesses to provide resources and programs that support lifelong learning, entrepreneurship, and community well-being

Case Studies of Innovative Library Services

In this section, we will review a few Indian libraries that have successfully integrated innovative services to enhance user experience.

1. **The *National Library of India* (Kolkata)**
   The National Library of India in Kolkata is an example of a traditional library evolving to meet the demands of modern users. The library has introduced digital lending services, allowing users to borrow e-books and access digitized collections from anywhere. The library has also incorporated interactive kiosks for easy navigation of its physical and digital resources.
2. **The *State Central Library* (Thiruvananthapuram)**
   The State Central Library in Kerala is a notable example of a library that has embraced digital transformation. The library provides digital reference services and offers an online catalogue to users. It has also integrated Wi-Fi and computer terminals for public use. Additionally, the library conducts virtual book discussions and seminars, engaging the community in a manner that meets the needs of both urban and rural users.
3. **The *University of Mumbai Library***
   The University of Mumbai Library has implemented a variety of innovative services for its academic community. It provides access to digital repositories, offers remote access to journal databases, and has an automated circulation system. The library also holds regular workshops on digital literacy, aiming to equip users with skills to navigate the vast amount of online information.

Conclusion

The next generation of library users is shaped by the digital era, with expectations that libraries adapt and provide innovative, personalized, and inclusive services. Through the integration of digital literacy programs, collaborative spaces, and immersive technologies, libraries are positioning themselves as centres of learning, innovation, and community engagement. By embracing these innovations, libraries ensure their continued relevance and vital role in society, empowering users with the tools and resources they need to thrive in an increasingly complex and connected world.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES ACROSS DIFFERENT REGIONS OF INDIA, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract
Institutional repositories (IRs) play a crucial role in the digital preservation of scholarly output and the dissemination of academic knowledge. In India, institutional repositories have witnessed significant growth, but disparities persist across regions. This study aims to provide a comparative analysis of IRs in different regions of India, focusing specifically on Maharashtra. By examining factors such as accessibility, technological infrastructure, policies, and user engagement, the study highlights the strengths and challenges of IRs in India. The findings are based on a review of existing literature, analysis of case studies, and interviews with repository managers. Recommendations for improving IR practices are proposed to enhance scholarly communication nationwide.

Keywords
Institutional repositories, Digital preservation, Scholarly output, Disparities, Accessibility, Technological infrastructure,

1. Introduction

Institutional repositories (IRs) are pivotal in the digital age, acting as repositories for academic and research institutions to preserve and disseminate their intellectual output. These digital archives store a wide range of academic resources, including research papers, theses, datasets, and multimedia materials, ensuring their long-term accessibility and availability. By fostering open access, IRs democratize knowledge, providing researchers, students, and the public with free access to valuable academic content. This open-access nature enhances the visibility of researchers and institutions, increasing their impact and contribution to the global academic community.

In India, IRs have gained momentum over the past two decades, driven largely by academic institutions such as universities, research organizations, and government agencies. These efforts align with global trends promoting open access, particularly following international initiatives like the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI). Several prominent institutions, including the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), have established exemplary repositories that serve as benchmarks for others. However, the adoption and development of IRs in India are uneven, reflecting regional disparities in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, funding, and awareness among stakeholders.

Regions with a strong focus on higher education and research, such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, have been able to establish robust IR systems. These regions benefit from better infrastructure, higher investments in education, and supportive institutional policies. In contrast, northern and northeastern regions face significant challenges in developing IRs due to limited resources, weaker institutional frameworks, and technological gaps.

Maharashtra stands out as a leader in fostering IRs, bolstered by its well-established educational ecosystem. Home to some of India\u2019s premier institutions, such as the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Savitribai Phule Pune University, and the University of Mumbai, Maharashtra has embraced digital archiving and open-access practices. These institutions have developed IRs that are not only comprehensive but

also user-friendly and technologically advanced. However, challenges persist even in Maharashtra, including ensuring sustainability, raising awareness among researchers, and expanding repository content.

This study undertakes a comparative analysis of IRs across India\u2019s regions, with a special focus on Maharashtra. It seeks to identify key drivers and barriers to IR development and propose actionable strategies to address disparities. By examining factors such as accessibility, technological infrastructure, policies, and user engagement, the study aims to enhance the overall effectiveness of institutional repositories and support scholarly communication nationwide.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Institutional Repositories: A Global Perspective

Institutional repositories (IRs) have gained global recognition as a critical component of the academic publishing ecosystem, addressing the limitations of traditional publishing models. These repositories emerged as a direct response to the need for improved access, preservation, and dissemination of scholarly outputs. The Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI) of 2002 was a pivotal moment in the evolution of IRs, as it emphasized the importance of open access and advocated for institutions to create digital archives of their intellectual output (Suber, 2012). BOAI's principles laid the groundwork for the open-access movement, promoting free and unrestricted access to scholarly literature for researchers, practitioners, and the public.

Globally, IRs have contributed significantly to enhancing the visibility and reach of academic research. By making scholarly outputs accessible beyond the confines of traditional paywalled journals, IRs enable broader dissemination, foster collaboration, and increase citation impact. For example, the University of California's e-Scholarship repository and MIT’s DSpace are exemplary platforms that showcase the success of institutional repositories in enhancing access and preserving academic resources. Additionally, IRs support long-term preservation by providing secure, organized, and technologically advanced systems for storing scholarly materials. This feature ensures that knowledge remains available for future generations, irrespective of the lifecycle of journals or external publishers.

IRs also align with funder mandates for open access, as many funding agencies worldwide require grantees to deposit their research outputs in publicly accessible repositories. This requirement has driven institutions to prioritize the development of robust repository systems to comply with such mandates (Swan, 2010). Despite their global success, the adoption and effectiveness of IRs vary across regions due to differences in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, and cultural attitudes toward open access.

2.2 The State of Institutional Repositories in India

India has made commendable progress in the development of institutional repositories, particularly in response to the growing global demand for open access. The establishment of repositories by leading academic and research institutions reflects the country's commitment to enhancing access to scholarly literature. Prominent examples include the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ePrints repository, which provides open access to a wide range of research outputs, and the Digital Library of India, a

collaborative effort aimed at digitizing and preserving the country's cultural and academic heritage (Mishra & Vijayakumar, 2020).

The benefits of IRs in India are significant, including improved visibility for Indian researchers, enhanced global collaboration, and long-term preservation of academic resources. Despite these advantages, the growth and adoption of IRs in India remain uneven. Factors such as resource constraints, lack of institutional awareness, and limited technical expertise have created disparities in repository development across regions. Southern states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have taken the lead in establishing robust repository systems, owing to their strong focus on higher education and research infrastructure. Conversely, northern and northeastern regions face challenges in terms of funding, technical support, and policy implementation.

Another critical issue in India is the lack of a unified national framework for IR development. While some institutions have independently established repositories, the absence of a coordinated strategy hinders the broader adoption of open-access practices. Additionally, concerns about intellectual property rights and plagiarism deter some researchers from contributing to IRs. Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from policymakers, academic institutions, and funding agencies.

In conclusion, while India has made significant strides in establishing IRs, regional disparities and systemic challenges persist. A more coordinated national approach, along with enhanced awareness and investment in technological infrastructure, is essential to ensure that the benefits of IRs are accessible to all regions and institutions. This will not only bolster India's academic landscape but also contribute to the global open-access movement.

3. Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods research approach to provide a comprehensive understanding of institutional repositories (IRs) across India, with a particular focus on Maharashtra. The mixed-methods approach combines both quantitative and qualitative data to capture the nuanced dynamics of IR development, adoption, and impact.

3.1 Quantitative Data Collection

A nationwide survey was conducted to collect quantitative data from institutional repositories across different regions of India. The survey targeted repository managers, librarians, and institutional stakeholders, gathering data on repository size, usage statistics, types of materials archived, technological infrastructure, and policy frameworks. This data offers a comparative snapshot of regional variations in IR development.

3.2 Qualitative Data Collection

To supplement the survey findings, qualitative insights were obtained through in-depth interviews with repository managers and librarians. These interviews explored key challenges, success factors, and strategies for improving repository operations. This approach provided a richer context for understanding the practices and perceptions associated with IRs.

3.3 Case Studies

Detailed case studies of selected institutional repositories, particularly from Maharashtra, were conducted to examine best practices and identify unique challenges faced by institutions in the state. These case studies include repositories from notable institutions like the University of Mumbai and Savitribai Phule Pune University.

3.4 Literature Review and Repository Directories

A systematic review of existing literature and repository directories such as Open DOAR and ROAR offered additional context, enabling comparisons with international standards and trends. This mixed-methods approach ensures robust and well-rounded findings.

4. Comparative Analysis of Institutional Repositories in India

4.1 Regional Disparities in IR Development

India\u2019s socio-economic and educational diversity has created notable regional disparities in the development of institutional repositories (IRs). These disparities are largely influenced by variations in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, and funding. The southern and western regions, including states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, have taken significant strides in IR development. These regions benefit from a strong emphasis on higher education, a robust technological ecosystem, and the presence of leading academic and research institutions. In contrast, northern and northeastern states face significant barriers, including limited access to technology, insufficient funding, and a lack of institutional awareness regarding the importance of IRs.

4.2 Factors Influencing IR Development

4.2.1. Technological Infrastructure

Reliable internet access and advanced IT infrastructure are critical for establishing and maintaining institutional repositories. Southern states, which have well-established IT sectors and greater access to technological resources, have a distinct advantage. In regions with weaker infrastructure, institutions often struggle to create functional and accessible repositories, limiting their ability to store and disseminate scholarly content effectively.

4.2.2. Institutional Policies

The presence of clear and enforceable institutional policies is another key factor influencing IR development. Institutions that mandate open access and prioritize repository creation tend to have more advanced IR systems. These policies encourage faculty and researchers to contribute to repositories and facilitate their long-term sustainability.

4.3.3. Funding and Resources

Uneven funding allocations across regions and institutions further exacerbate disparities in IR development. States with higher investments in education and research are better equipped to establish robust repository systems, while others struggle due to inadequate resources. Addressing these funding gaps is essential for promoting equitable access to scholarly communication across India.

5. Institutional Repositories in Maharashtra

Maharashtra stands out as a leader in fostering institutional repositories (IRs) in India, leveraging its advanced educational ecosystem and proactive policies to promote open access. With a significant concentration of premier academic and research institutions, Maharashtra has been at the forefront of IR development, providing models for other states to emulate. Institutions like the University of Mumbai, Savitribai Phule Pune

University, and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) have developed repositories that showcase best practices in digital archiving and dissemination of academic knowledge.

5.1 Case Studies

5.1.1. Savitribai Phule Pune University Repository

- Overview: Established in 2008, the institutional repository of Savitribai Phule Pune University has evolved to become a significant platform for hosting a wide variety of academic materials. These include research articles, conference proceedings, theses, dissertations, and datasets, catering to a diverse academic community.
- Strengths: The repository benefits from strong institutional support and a user-friendly interface that allows seamless access to resources. Continuous updates and the integration of new features make it accessible to both novice and experienced users.
- Challenges: Despite its potential, there is limited awareness among faculty and students about the repository's value and its role in enhancing the visibility of academic work. A lack of training programs further contributes to underutilization. Efforts to increase awareness and incentivize contributions are necessary to fully realize its potential.

5.2.2. Tata Institute of Social Sciences Digital Library

- Overview: The TISS digital library stands as a benchmark for institutional repositories, offering an extensive collection of research materials across disciplines, including social sciences, public policy, and development studies. It supports open access and aims to bridge the gap between research and practice.
- Strengths: The TISS repository is recognized for its high-quality metadata standards, ensuring precise and efficient retrieval of resources. Its robust technical infrastructure allows seamless scalability and ensures the repository remains operational with minimal downtime. A dedicated team of repository managers and IT professionals provides continuous support and maintenance.
- Challenges: A major challenge faced by the TISS digital library is securing sustainable funding to maintain and expand the repository. As repositories grow, operational costs, including server maintenance and staff salaries, increase. Developing a sustainable funding model is crucial to ensure long-term viability.

6. Overall Insights

Maharashtra's IR ecosystem exemplifies the impact of institutional commitment, policy support, and technical innovation. However, to maintain its leadership position, the state must address challenges like funding sustainability and awareness. By implementing targeted outreach and capacity-building initiatives, Maharashtra can further strengthen its repositories, serving as a model for other regions in India.

7. Challenges Facing Institutional Repositories in India

Institutional repositories (IRs) in India, despite their potential to democratize access to scholarly resources, face numerous challenges that hinder their widespread adoption and effective functioning. Among these, issues related to awareness, sustainability, policy, and technology remain the most pressing.

7.1.1. Lack of Awareness and Training

A significant barrier to the growth of IRs in India is the lack of awareness among stakeholders, including faculty, researchers, and students, about their benefits. Many institutions do not fully understand how IRs enhance research visibility, citation impact, and global collaboration. Additionally, there is a shortage of skilled personnel with the technical expertise to establish and manage repositories. Training programs and workshops for librarians, IT staff, and academic leaders are often sporadic or absent,further compounding the problem. Without targeted efforts to educate stakeholders, IRs are underutilized and fail to achieve their full potential.

7.2.2. Sustainability Issues

The sustainability of IRs is another major challenge, with institutions struggling to secure consistent funding and resources. Establishing and maintaining repositories require significant investments in infrastructure, software, and staffing. Many IRs are dependent on short-term grants or limited institutional budgets, making their long-term viability uncertain. A lack of dedicated financial support often leads to outdated systems, reduced accessibility, and inefficient operations.

7.3.3. Policy Gaps

India lacks a unified national policy mandating open access or supporting the systematic development of IRs. While some institutions have implemented localized policies, the absence of a coherent framework limits progress at a national level. This lack of policy direction results in inconsistencies in repository development, quality, and usage across regions.

7.4.4. Technological Barriers

Institutions in rural and remote areas face significant technological challenges, such as unreliable internet connectivity and limited access to modern IT infrastructure. These barriers make it difficult to develop, maintain, and utilize IRs effectively. Bridging this technological divide is essential to ensure equitable access to knowledge and resources across all regions of the country.

Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort involving policymakers, academic institutions, and funding agencies to promote awareness, ensure sustainable funding, and develop a robust technological infrastructure.

8. Recommendations for Enhancing Institutional Repositories in India

8.1. National Policy Framework

India urgently needs a comprehensive national policy to promote open access and institutional repositories (IRs). Such a policy should mandate that publicly funded research outputs be deposited in open-access repositories to maximize their visibility and impact. A clear framework would provide guidelines on repository management, metadata standards, intellectual property rights, and compliance requirements. National-level support could ensure uniformity in repository quality and facilitate resource allocation to underdeveloped regions.

8.2. Capacity Building

To address the lack of technical expertise and awareness, capacity-building programs must be prioritized. Regular workshops, training sessions, and certification programs should be conducted for librarians, IT staff, and faculty. These programs can focus on repository management, metadata curation, copyright issues, and open-access advocacy.

Engaging professional organizations and international collaborators can further enhance these efforts.

8.3. Collaborative Initiatives

Fostering collaborations among institutions is essential to optimize resources and share best practices. Regional consortia can be formed to pool technical expertise, infrastructure, and funding. For example, universities with advanced repositories can mentor those in the early stages of development. Collaborative networks can also standardize metadata practices and facilitate interoperability between repositories.

8.4. Technological Investments

Investments in IT infrastructure are critical, particularly in underdeveloped and rural regions. Establishing high-speed internet connections, providing affordable access to repository management software, and creating centralized cloud-based repository platforms can address technological gaps. The government and private sectors should collaborate to bridge this digital divide.

8.5. Sustainability Models

Sustainable funding models are vital for the long-term viability of IRs. Institutions can explore diverse funding sources, including government grants, private partnerships, and subscription-based services for value-added features. Establishing endowments and leveraging public-private partnerships can provide consistent financial support.

8.6. Awareness Campaigns

National campaigns to promote the benefits of IRs can raise awareness among faculty, students, and researchers. Highlighting success stories, conducting open-access week events, and creating engaging online resources can drive adoption.

8.7. Integration with Global Platforms

To enhance the visibility and impact of Indian research, IRs should integrate with global platforms like Open DOAR, ROAR, and BASE. This integration can facilitate international collaboration and ensure Indian repositories adhere to global standards.

8.8. Monitoring and Evaluation

Developing a robust monitoring and evaluation system can ensure that repositories meet their objectives. Regular audits of repository performance, user satisfaction surveys, and feedback mechanisms can help institutions refine their strategies and maintain high-quality repositories.

8.9. Open-Source Solutions

Promoting the use of open-source repository software, such as DSpace and EPrints, can reduce costs and enhance accessibility. Collaborative development of customizations tailored to Indian contexts can further enhance repository functionality.

Implementing these recommendations requires a collective effort by policymakers, academic institutions, funding agencies, and other stakeholders. A concerted strategy to address these challenges can transform the IR landscape in India, fostering equitable access to knowledge and supporting the global open-access movement.

9.Conclusion

Institutional repositories (IRs) represent a transformative force in India's academic landscape, enabling open access to scholarly output and fostering more inclusive scholarly communication. By providing a platform for the preservation and dissemination of research, IRs empower researchers, students, and the wider public with equitable access to knowledge. Maharashtra stands out as a leading example, with

its robust IR systems supported by strong educational institutions and proactive policies. However, the study reveals significant disparities across regions, highlighting the need for a more equitable and inclusive IR ecosystem nationwide.

Key challenges such as the absence of a national policy framework, limited awareness, inadequate funding, and technological gaps must be addressed to unlock the full potential of IRs in India. A coordinated national effort that promotes capacity building, fosters collaboration, and invests in technology is essential. By overcoming these barriers, India can ensure that institutional repositories contribute meaningfully to global academic discourse and bolster its position in the open-access movement.

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USE OF RESOURCES BY USERS IN THE LIBRARIES OF PHARMACY COLLEGES IN VIDARBHA: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the utilization of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across the Vidarbha region. It examines the patterns, preferences, and challenges faced by students, faculty, and researchers in accessing and effectively using library materials. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative data from user surveys with qualitative insights from interviews and observations. Key findings highlight the frequency of library visits, the most accessed resources, and the impact of digitalization on user behavior. The study also identifies gaps in resource availability and suggests strategies to enhance the library experience and support academic and research activities in pharmacy education.

Keyword: Resources, Library User, Pharmacy College & Vidarbha.

1. INTRODUCTION

Libraries serve as vital hubs of knowledge and information, playing a pivotal role in supporting academic and research activities in educational institutions. Pharmacy colleges, in particular, require libraries to provide specialized resources that cater to the diverse needs of students, faculty, and researchers engaged in pharmaceutical education and research. The Vidarbha region, known for its growing network of pharmacy colleges, presents a unique opportunity to study the dynamics of library resource utilization in this context. This study focuses on understanding the use of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across Vidarbha. It aims to analyze how effectively these resources are accessed and utilized, the preferences of users, and the challenges they encounter. Additionally, the study explores the role of

technological advancements, such as digital libraries and online databases, in shaping user behavior and enhancing accessibility.

By identifying patterns and gaps in resource utilization, this research seeks to provide insights that can guide the development and management of library services in pharmacy colleges. The findings will be instrumental in ensuring that libraries remain relevant and effective in meeting the evolving academic and research needs of their users.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Rajawat, K. (2019) this article presents findings from a study on information-seeking behavior among Pharmacy College users in Rajasthan, based on a survey of 495 respondents. This underscores the significant role of personal interaction and expertise in fulfilling information needs within the context of Pharmacy education in Rajasthan. **Wilson (1999)** the author presents an outline of models of information seeking and other aspects of information behavior , showing the relationship between communication and information Behavior general with information seeking and information searching in information retrieval systems. They concluded that it provides a basis for relating the models in appropriate research strategies. **Patade N. S. (2016)** investigates the information needs and seeking behavior of research scholars at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University. The study reveals that scholars primarily utilize various resources, with the library being a prominent source for acquiring information. Their focus is often on job-related and research-specific information, emphasizing a reliance on formal, informal, electronic, and non-book sources.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The study aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To analyze the patterns of library resource utilization by students and faculty in pharmacy colleges in the Vidarbha region.
- To identify the most frequently accessed resources, including books, journals, digital databases, and other reference materials.
- To assess user satisfaction with the availability, accessibility, and quality of library resources.
- To evaluate the role of library infrastructure and services in supporting academic and research activities in pharmacy education.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The established studies have explored the behavior of students and faculty in three state universities of pharmacy colleges in Vidarbha. Thirty-two colleges of pharmacy are affiliated with three state universities—Nagpur University, Amravati University, and Gondwana University-so these 32 colleges have been selected for this study. Data for the study were collected from students and faculty in pharmacy colleges using both hard-copy and web-based questionnaires. The questionnaire items were primarily adapted from existing literature. To

ensure content validity, subject experts from information systems and library and information science reviewed the statements and suggested minor clarifications. The questionnaire underwent pilot testing with 71 respondents (who were not part of the main study) using a web-based format. Subsequently, a web-based questionnaire link was distributed to potential respondents via email, and hard copies were distributed to respective pharmacy colleges. The demographic information of the participants is shown in Table 4.1. The data were analyzed using a Likert-type scale item analysis approach, with mean and standard deviation calculated and priority ranked.

Table 4.1 Sample Characteristics

Socio-demographic characteristics (N = 1033)		
Users Category	**Questionnaires received**	**Percentage (%)**
Students	886	85.77
Faculty	147	14.23
Total	**1033**	**100**

5. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

The data collected through the questionnaire has been analyzed based on the opinions of students (N-886) and faculty (N-147)

5.1 Purpose of visits to the College Library (Multiple choice Answer)

Table 5.1 presents the analysis of users' responses regarding their purpose for visiting the college library.

Table 5.1 Purpose of visits to the College Library

Sr. No.	**Purpose of visits**	**Frequency (Each-1033)**	**Percentage (%)**
1	Borrowing Books	693	67.09
2	To refer periodicals	416	40.27
3	Access reference resource	570	55.18
4	To refer project / thesis	445	43.08

5	Question bank	533	51.60
6	Access online resource	397	38.43
7	To gather general knowledge	419	40.56
8	Read news paper	384	37.17
9	Access back volumes	212	20.52

The question analyzed in Table 5.1 was allowed to have more than one answer for users. According to the information obtained, it is evident that, 67% of respondents visited the library for borrowing books. Subsequently, 40.27% visited to refer to periodicals. Similarly, 55.18% visited the library for accessed reference resources. Additionally, 43% come to refer to project/thesis, and 51.60% come for the Question Bank. Moreover, 38.43% visited for online resources, and 40.56% visited for general knowledge,. Only 37.17% visited the library for read newspapers. Lastly, only 20.52% visited the library for access back volumes. As a result, the majority of users, accounting for 67.09%, visited the library for borrowing books, while the lowest of users, at 20.52%, come in library to access back volumes.

5.2 Preferred Sources for Obtain Information in the Library

Table 5.2 analyzes the preferred sources for obtaining information in the college library based on user opinions.

Table 5.2 Preferred Sources for Obtain Information in the Library

Source	Most Frequently	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not Used	Total
Books	565 (54.70)	223 (21.59)	134 (12.97)	63 (6.10)	48 (4.65)	1033 (100)
Reference sources	438 (42.40)	335 (32.43)	144 (13.94)	64 (6.20)	52 (5.03)	1033 (100)
Periodicals	347 (33.59)	269 (26.04)	236 (22.85)	101 (9.78)	80 (7.74)	1033 (100)
E-resources/ e-database	377 (36.50)	313 (30.30)	187 (18.10)	97 (9.39)	59 (5.71)	1033 (100)

Thesis / dissertations	361 (34.95)	272 (26.33)	227 (21.97)	101 (9.78)	72 (6.97)	1033 (100)
Patent/ standard/maps	320 (30.98)	234 (22.68)	183 (17.72)	141 (13.65)	155 (15.00)	1033 (100)
Back volumes	311 (30.11)	224 (21.68)	188 (18.20)	159 (15.39)	151 (14.62)	1033 (100)
News papers	422 (40.85)	292 (28.27)	150 (14.52)	96 (9.29)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)

Table 5.2 highlights the preferred sources of information among library users in pharmacy colleges. Books are the most favored, with 54.70% of users selecting them as their top choice, followed by reference sources (42.40%), e-resources (36.50%), and newspapers (40.85%). Periodicals, theses, patents, and back volumes also show varying levels of preference, with a notable portion of users utilizing them frequently or occasionally. These findings emphasize the diverse needs of users and the importance of maintaining a comprehensive library collection to meet their preferences.

5.3 Sources of Information Preferred for updating current affairs knowledge

Table 5.3 analyzes the preferred sources of information for updating current affairs knowledge based on user opinions across various options.

Table 5.3 highlights user preferences for sources to update current affairs knowledge. Newspapers are the most preferred, with 41.82% of users selecting them as their top source, followed by journals/magazines (39.21%), current awareness services (37.85%), and e-resources (36.01%). Conferences and workshops also play a significant role, with 32.53% of users favoring them. These findings emphasize the varied preferences of users and the importance of providing diverse resources for staying informed about current affairs.

Table 5.3 Sources of Information Preferred for updating current affairs knowledge

Sources	MF-5	F-4	O-3	R-2	NU-1	Total
Journals / magazine	405 (39.21)	257 (24.88)	197 (19.07)	98 (9.49)	76 (7.36)	1033 (100)
News paper	432 (41.82)	258 (24.98)	199 (19.26)	94 (9.10)	50 (4.84)	1033 (100)

E-resources/ e-database	372 (36.01)	305 (29.53)	223 (21.59)	77 (7.45)	56 (5.42)	1033 (100)
Current awareness service	391 (37.85)	282 (27.30)	204 (19.75)	83 (8.03)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)
Conferences / workshops	336 (32.53)	294 (28.46)	211 (20.43)	108 (10.45)	84 (8.13)	1033 (100)

5.4 Utilization of the Library Services Offered

Table 5.4 analyzes the utilization of library services based on user opinions.

Table 5.4 Utilization of the Library Services Offered

Sr. No.	Library Services	Used	Not used	Total / Percentage
1	Circulation service	789 (76.38)	244 (23.62)	1033 (100.00)
2	OPAC service	641 (62.05)	392 (37.95)	1033 (100.00)
3	Reference service	831 (80.45)	202 (19.55)	1033 (100.00)
4	Current awareness service	694 (67.18)	339 (32.82)	1033 (100.00)
5	Wi-Fi/ internet service	816 (78.99)	217 (21.01)	1033 (100.00)
6	Question bank service	831 (80.45)	202 (19.55)	1033 (100.00)
7	Book bank services	577 (55.86)	456 (44.14)	1033 (100.00)
8	Digital library service	775 (75.02)	258 (24.98)	1033 (100.00)
9	Reprography service	614 (59.44)	419 (40.56)	1033 (100.00)
10	Inter-library loan services	527 (51.02)	506 (48.98)	1033 (100.00)
11	Library orientation service	768 (74.35)	265 (25.65)	1033 (100.00)

Table 5.4 indicates the utilization of library services based on user opinions. The data reveals that the majority of users utilize services such as the Question Bank (80.45%) and Reference (80.45%) almost equally. These are followed by Wi-Fi/Internet (78.99%), Circulation (76.38%), Digital Library (75.02%), Library Orientation (74.35%), Current Awareness (67.18%),

OPAC Service (62.05%), Reprographic Services (59.44%), Book Bank (55.86%), and, finally, the least utilized service, Inter-Library Loan (51.02%).

5.5 Users' responses to the library offered services

From Table 5.5, it is evident that the majority of users rate the circulation services as excellent compared to all other services. Respondents rated circulation at 53.53%, followed by Reference at 44.24% and the Question Bank at 44.05%. However, the majority of users rated the OPAC services as good, with respondents giving it a rating of 41.72%. Notably, 15.30% of users indicated a need for improvement in Inter-library loan services, 12.58% expressed a similar need for Wi-Fi/Internet services, and 12.20% identified a need for improvement in Current Awareness services.

Table 5.5 Users' responses to the library offered services

Library Services	E-5	Good-4	Poor-3	VP -2	NI-1	Total & %
Circulation	553 (53.53)	301 (29.14)	55 (5.32)	28 (2.71)	96 (9.29)	1033 (100)
OPAC	371 (35.91)	431 (41.72)	82 (7.94)	42 (4.07)	107 (10.36)	1033 (100)
Reference	457 (44.24)	317 (30.69)	130 (12.58)	31 (3.00)	98 (9.49)	1033 (100)
Current awareness	409 (39.59)	354 (34.27)	90 (8.71)	54 (5.23)	126 (12.20)	1033 (100)
Wi-Fi/ internet	386 (37.37)	325 (31.46)	132 (12.78)	60 (5.81)	130 (12.58)	1033 (100)
Question bank	455 (44.05)	372 (36.01)	63 (6.10)	40 (3.87)	103 (9.97)	1033 (100)
Book bank	426 (41.24)	340 (32.91)	93 (9.00)	52 (5.03)	122 (11.81)	1033 (100)
Digital library	418 (40.46)	358 (34.66)	80 (7.74)	51 (4.94)	126 (12.20)	1033 (100)
Reprography service	395 (38.24)	328 (31.75)	133 (12.88)	70 (6.78)	107 (10.36)	1033 (100)
Inter-library loan	349 (33.79)	309 (29.91)	120 (11.62)	97 (9.39)	158 (15.30)	1033 (100)
Library orientation	412 (39.88)	372 (36.01)	86 (8.33)	58 (5.61)	105 (10.16)	1033 (100)

*Excellent (E-5); Very Poor (VP-2) Needs Improvement (NI-1)

5.6 Uses of ICT facilities available in your library

The library employs various ICT facilities to enhance and streamline information-seeking. Table 5.6 presents users' opinions on the usefulness of these ICT facilities in the library.

Table 5.6 Uses of ICT facilities available in your library

ICT facilities	Most Frequently Used	Frequently Used	Occasionally Used	Rarely Used	Not Used	Total & %
Multimedia	340 (32.91)	249 (24.10)	190 (18.39)	143 (13.84)	111 (10.75)	1033 (100)
Wi-Fi / Internet	345 (33.40)	305 (29.53)	168 (16.26)	120 (11.62)	95 (9.20)	1033 (100)
E-database: DELNET, N-List, PubMed	318 (30.78)	248 (24.01)	197 (19.07)	148 (14.33)	122 (11.81)	1033 (100)
e-resources: E-Book & E-Journal	259 (25.07)	226 (21.88)	204 (19.75)	179 (17.33)	165 (15.97)	1033 (100)
Photocopying	290 (28.07)	231 (22.36)	221 (21.39)	153 (14.81)	138 (13.36)	1033 (100)

Table 5.6 reveals that the highest percentages of users, 33.40%, most frequently utilize the internet. Following closely behind are Multimedia at 32.91%, E-database at 30.78%, Photocopying at 28.07%, and Remote access to e-resources at 25.07%. However, a notable portion of users, 15.97%, do not use Remote access to e-resources facilities, with 13.36% do not use Photocopying, followed by E-database at 11.81%, Multimedia at 10.75%, and Wi-Fi / Internet at 9.20%.

5.7 Users Suggested Strategies for Accessing Information More Effectively

Table 5.7 presents an analysis of the strategies suggested by users for accessing information more effectively, as detailed below.

Table 6.7 Users Suggested Strategies for Accessing Information More Effectively

Strategies	MSS-5	SS -4	AS-3	WS-2	NS-1	Total
Conduct orientation programmes	534 (51.69)	247 (23.91)	153 (14.81)	55 (5.32)	44 (4.26)	1033 (100)
Lib. catalogue facility available	458 (44.34)	288 (27.88)	178 (17.23)	53 (5.13)	56 (5.42)	1033 (100)
Conduct book exhibitions programme	404 (39.11)	224 (21.68)	258 (24.98)	92 (8.91)	55 (5.32)	1033 (100)
Open access facility	448 (43.37)	256 (24.78)	185 (17.91)	93 (9.00)	51 (4.94)	1033 (100)
Web-OPAC facility available	396 (38.33)	211 (20.43)	250 (24.20)	103 (9.97)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)
Virtual facility available	291 (28.17)	200 (19.36)	251 (24.30)	168 (16.26)	123 (11.91)	1033 (100)
Conduct lib. lectures once in a week	362 (35.04)	252 (24.39)	251 (24.30)	96 (9.29)	72 (6.97)	1033 (100)

* Most Strongest Suggest (MSS-5), Strongest Suggest (SS-4), Average Suggest (AS-3), Weakest Suggest (WS-2), Non Suggest (NS-1)

Table 6.7 highlights user-suggested strategies for improving library information access in pharmacy colleges. Organizing orientation programs was the top recommendation, with 51.69% supporting it, followed by 44.34% favoring the enhancement of library catalogue facilities and 43.37% suggesting the implementation of open access facilities. Additionally, 28.17% recommended virtual facilities for effective resource access. These strategies reflect user preferences for improving library accessibility and usability.

6. FINDINGS

- The data reveals that 67% of respondents visit the library primarily to borrow books.
- Books are the most preferred source of information among library users in pharmacy colleges, with 54.70% selecting them as their top choice.
- Newspapers are the most favored source for updating current affairs knowledge, with 41.82% of users identifying them as their primary choice.
- A significant majority of users utilize library services such as the Question Bank (80.45%) and Reference Services (80.45%) almost equally.
- The majority of users rated the circulation services as excellent, with 53.53% giving it the highest rating.
- The internet is the most frequently utilized service, with 33.40% of users reporting regular usage.

- Organizing orientation programs emerged as the top recommendation for improving library access, supported by 51.69% of users.

7. SUGGESTIONS

Users have suggested valuable improvements for relevant practices. Enhance Resource Availability: Increase the collection of relevant books, journals, and digital databases to meet the diverse academic and research needs of users. User-Centric Services: Organize workshops and orientation programs to familiarize users with available resources and services. Upgrade Infrastructure: Improve library facilities, including seating, lighting, and internet connectivity, to create a conducive learning environment. Feedback Mechanism: Establish a regular feedback system to understand user needs and improve library services accordingly.

8. CONCLUSION

This study highlights the patterns and challenges in the use of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across the Vidarbha region. While libraries play a critical role in supporting academic and research activities, gaps in resource availability, infrastructure, and user awareness were identified. Enhancing resource collections, upgrading infrastructure, promoting digital access, and implementing user-focused initiatives can significantly improve the library experience. Addressing these areas will ensure that library services effectively meet the evolving needs of students, faculty, and researchers, fostering a robust academic environment.

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BALANCING TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL LANDSCAPE IN LIBRARIES: A CASE STUDY OF NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract

In the modern era, libraries are experiencing a paradigm shift from traditional physical spaces to digital platforms, with technological advances leading to new ways of managing, accessing, and distributing information. This paper examines the balance between traditional and digital landscapes in libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The research explores how libraries in the region are integrating digital technologies while preserving the core values of traditional library practices. Through surveys, interviews, and literature review, this study provides insights into the challenges, opportunities, and strategies adopted by libraries in Nagpur for balancing these two domains effectively.

Keywords: *Traditional libraries, digital transformation, library resources, e-books, digital cataloging, user engagement, Nagpur libraries, digital divide, library services, information access, technological adoption, Maharashtra libraries.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been custodians of knowledge, providing access to a wide range of information resources to their users. Traditionally, libraries have operated as physical spaces where users could access books, journals, and other printed materials. However, the rise of digital technologies has profoundly transformed library services and how information is accessed. Digital libraries, e-books, databases, and online resources have become essential parts of library services. In Nagpur, a city in Maharashtra, the transformation of libraries is an ongoing process that seeks to reconcile traditional methods with digital advancements.

The purpose of this paper is to explore how libraries in Nagpur are managing this transformation by balancing the traditional and digital landscapes, ensuring that both remain complementary rather than competing. The paper investigates the strategies that libraries are adopting, the challenges they face, and the potential for further integration of digital services in Nagpur's libraries.

Literature Review

The Evolution of Libraries

Libraries have evolved from mere repositories of books to multifaceted institutions that offer a variety of services. According to Shree (2017), the integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into library systems has significantly improved access to information. Digital libraries enable users to access resources from anywhere at any time, expanding the reach of libraries beyond their physical walls.

However, despite the growth of digital libraries, there is a continued reliance on traditional library practices. Khullar and Sharma (2019) argue that physical books and face-to-face interactions remain crucial for library users who prefer tangible resources over digital formats.

Digital Transformation in Libraries

The digital transformation of libraries has involved the adoption of various technologies, including digital catalogs, e-books, online journals, and digital archives. Libraries now provide access to electronic resources such as e-books, audiobooks, and online databases, which have increased the speed of information retrieval and access. According to Pawar (2020), public libraries in Maharashtra have embraced these technologies to meet the demands of their users.

However, the transition to digital landscapes comes with its own set of challenges. As Gopalan (2022) points out, digital divide issues such as limited internet access, lack of digital literacy, and the high cost of digital infrastructure can hinder the effective implementation of digital services.

Traditional Library Practices

Traditional library services remain relevant, as they promote physical interaction with books, journals, and other printed resources. According to Gupta (2018), traditional libraries continue to play an essential role in fostering community engagement, providing spaces for quiet study, and supporting educational institutions.

In Nagpur, traditional libraries maintain their appeal due to the deep cultural value placed on physical books and the social role libraries play in the community. Traditional libraries also provide a necessary space for individuals who may not have access to digital devices or reliable internet connections.

Objective:

The objective of this study is to explore the integration and balance between traditional and digital landscapes in libraries, focusing on the case study of Nagpur, Maharashtra. This research aims to:

1. Examine the role of traditional library resources (books, print media, etc.) in the digital age.
2. Assess the adoption of digital resources and technologies (e-books, online databases, digital cataloging systems) in libraries in Nagpur.
3. Identify the challenges and opportunities faced by libraries in maintaining a balance between traditional and digital media.
4. Explore user preferences, perceptions, and the overall impact of digital transformations on library services in Nagpur.
5. Recommend strategies to improve library services by fostering a synergy between traditional and digital library resources.

Hypothesis:

1. H1 (Alternative Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, have successfully integrated digital resources and technologies, while maintaining the importance of traditional resources to meet the diverse needs of their users.
2. H0 (Null Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, have faced significant

challenges in balancing traditional and digital resources, resulting in limited integration and reduced effectiveness in serving their users.

3. H2 (Alternative Hypothesis): The adoption of digital technologies in libraries in Nagpur has led to an increase in user engagement, with more patrons utilizing digital resources over traditional materials.

4. H3 (Alternative Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur face infrastructure, budget, and training challenges that hinder their ability to fully integrate traditional and digital landscapes.

These hypotheses aim to explore the extent to which libraries in Nagpur are balancing both landscapes and how this impacts their effectiveness and user satisfaction.

Methodology

Data Collection

This study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques. Surveys were distributed to library users across public, academic, and private libraries in Nagpur. Additionally, in-depth interviews were conducted with library staff, administrators, and technology experts involved in the integration of digital services in libraries.

Surveys: A questionnaire was developed to assess user preferences regarding traditional and digital library services, their frequency of use, and the challenges they face in accessing digital resources.

Interviews: Library staff provided insights into the challenges faced during the integration process, the strategies used to balance both traditional and digital services, and the impact of this integration on library operations.

Sampling

The study targeted a representative sample of libraries in Nagpur, including government-run public libraries, academic libraries (colleges and universities), and private libraries. A total of 150 survey responses were collected, and 15 interviews were conducted with library staff and administrators.

Results and Discussion

User Preferences and Trends

The survey results revealed that a significant number of library users in Nagpur prefer using both traditional and digital resources. While younger users are more inclined

toward digital formats, such as e-books and online databases, older users and those with limited digital literacy express a preference for physical books and in-person library visits. This highlights the need for libraries to continue offering both options, allowing users to choose the most suitable format based on their preferences.

The findings also indicate that digital access has improved in Nagpur's libraries, but challenges remain. For instance, limited internet bandwidth, a lack of awareness about available digital resources, and inconsistent quality of digital services were noted as key barriers. Despite these challenges, the growing trend toward digital services is evident, especially among students and professionals who benefit from instant access to research materials and journals.

Challenges Faced by Libraries

Several challenges were identified in the transition to a more digitally integrated library system:

Infrastructure Issues: Many libraries in Nagpur still face difficulties in implementing robust digital infrastructure. This includes inconsistent internet access, outdated hardware, and insufficient funding for digital resources.

Digital Literacy: A significant portion of library users lack the necessary digital skills to effectively utilize digital resources. This digital divide prevents equal access to the advantages of digital libraries.

Maintenance and Preservation: Digital resources require continuous maintenance, updates, and preservation, which can place additional financial and technical burdens on library staff.

Library Space Management: Libraries also face spatial constraints. While digital resources allow for virtual access, there remains a need for physical spaces where users can engage in social and academic activities.

Opportunities and Strategies for Integration

Libraries in Nagpur are adopting several strategies to balance traditional and digital services. Some of the key strategies include:

Hybrid Library Models: A combination of physical and digital resources is increasingly common. Hybrid libraries provide access to physical books, printed journals, and digital platforms, allowing users to access information in a way that suits their needs.

Community Engagement Programs: Libraries are offering digital literacy programs and workshops to help users become comfortable with digital tools. These programs

focus on training older users, students, and professionals to better navigate the digital landscape.

Mobile Library Services: Some libraries have implemented mobile platforms that allow users to access digital resources through smartphones, offering a more flexible and portable solution to accessing library services.

Collaboration with Educational Institutions: Libraries collaborate with educational institutions to provide digital resources for students and faculty, ensuring that academic libraries remain at the forefront of digital integration.

Conclusion

Balancing traditional and digital landscapes in libraries is an ongoing challenge but also an opportunity for growth. Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, are navigating this balance by adopting hybrid models that integrate both traditional and digital services. While digital resources provide convenience and expand access, traditional libraries continue to play a vital role in maintaining community engagement, providing tangible resources, and ensuring inclusivity.

To achieve a sustainable balance, libraries in Nagpur need to invest in improving digital infrastructure, digital literacy programs, and collaborative efforts with educational institutions. By doing so, they can ensure that they cater to the diverse needs of their users while preserving the core values of traditional library services.

Recommendations

1. Libraries should invest in upgrading digital infrastructure, including faster internet, modern hardware, and training for library staff.
2. Government funding should be directed toward improving digital accessibility, especially for users from underprivileged backgrounds.
3. Libraries should continue to offer physical resources alongside digital ones to accommodate users who may not have access to technology.
4. Digital literacy initiatives should be expanded to ensure that all library users can effectively utilize digital resources.

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माहितीचास्फोट, कमीहोतजाणारेबजेटआणिनवीनमाहितीसंप्रेषणतंत्रज्ञानामुळेग्रंथालयाचीभूमिकाबदलली. याघटकांमुळेवापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्यावाढतआहेत, परंतुपारंपारिकलायब्ररीवापरकर्त्यांच्यायागरजापूर्णकरूशकतनाही. यासमस्यासोडविण्यासाठीलायब्ररींनीडिजिटललायब्ररीम्हणूनरूपांतरितकेलेआहे. डिजिटललायब्ररीडिजिटलयुगातज्ञानसाठवणे, प्रवेशकरणेआणिप्रसारितकरण्याच्यापद्धतीबदलतआहेत. आधुनिकमाहितीतंत्रज्ञानआणिपारंपरिकग्रंथालयप्रथांच्यासंयोजनाने, डिजिटललायब्ररीसुलभता, कार्यक्षमताआणिमाहितीचेसंरक्षणसुधारतात. हापेपरडिजिटललायब्ररीचीसंकल्पनापरिभाषितकरण्याचाप्रयत्नकरतो. त्यातीलआवश्यकघटकांचेवर्णनकेलेआणिडिजिटललायब्ररीचेफायदेआणितोटेओळखले.

कीवर्ड:- डिजिटललायब्ररी, डिजिटललायब्ररीचेघटक, आव्हाने

परिचय:

डिजिटललायब्ररीहाशब्दलायब्ररीच्याकार्येपारपाडण्याच्यानवीनपद्धतीचासंदर्भदेतेज्यामध्येनवीनप्रकारचेइलेक्ट्रॉनिक्समाहितीसंसाधने , संपादनकरण्याचानवीनमार्ग, इतरलायब्ररीच्यासंग्रहातप्रवेशकरणेआणितेसामायिककरणेसमाविष्टआहे. हीस्टोरेजआणिजतनकरण्याचीपद्धतआहेआणिकॅटलॉगिंगआणिवर्गीकरणाचानवीनमार्गआहे

डिजीटाइज्डडेटावरआधारितआजचीइलेक्ट्रॉनिक्सलायब्ररीहळूहळूकागदावरआधारितरेकॉर्डबदलतआहेआणिनेटवर्किंगच्यामाध्यमा तूनएखाद्यालादिवसाचे 24 तासससंसाधनांमध्येप्रवेशमिळूशकतो. हेसंशोधनविकासआणिअनुप्रयोगाचेएकविकसितक्षेत्रआहे.

वापरकर्त्यांनामाहितीदेण्यासाठीग्रंथालयहेसंस्थेचेकेंद्रआहे.
संग्रहविकासआणित्याच्यावापरकर्त्यांनाविविधसेवाप्रदानकरण्यासाठीहेनवीनतंत्रज्ञानवापरलेजाते.
डिजिटललायब्ररीचीनिर्मितीहाअसाचएककार्यक्रमआहे.
डिजिटललायब्ररीम्हणजेवाचनसाहित्यडिजिटलस्वरूपातव्यवस्थापनआणिप्रसारासाठीलायब्ररीद्वारेत्याच्यावापरकर्त्यांनाऑफरकेले ल्यासेवांचासंचआहे. लायब्ररीअनेकवर्षांपासूनज्ञानाचाभांडारआणिसंशोधनवशिक्षणासाठीमहत्त्वाचीसंसाधनेआहेत.
डिजिटलयुगातग्रंथालयांचेपारंपरिकस्वरूपडिजिटललायब्ररींनीबदललेआहे.
डिजिटललायब्ररीह्याअशाप्लॅटफॉर्मआहेतज्यावापरकर्त्यांनाइलेक्ट्रॉनिकस्वरूपातज्ञानसुलभकरतात.

व्याख्या:

डिजिटललायब्ररीहाशब्दप्रत्येकवाचकावरवेगळाठसाउमटवतो. काहींनाहेसोपेसुचवतेकीपारंपारिकलायब्ररीचेसंगणकीकरण. लायब्ररीसायन्सचाअभ्यासकरणाऱ्याइतरांनालायब्ररीचेकार्यनवीनपध्दतीनेपारपाडणेआणिनवीनप्रकारच्यामाहितीसंसाधनांचासमावे शकरणेआवश्यकआहे. अनेकसंगणकव्यावसायिकांसाठीडिजिटललायब्ररीम्हणजेप्रणाली, वितरितजागेचासंग्रहकिंवानेटवर्कआधारितमल्टीमीडियामाहितीप्रणाली.

ए.एन. येर्कीडिजिटललायब्ररीचीव्याख्या "इलेक्ट्रॉनिकलायब्ररीज्यामध्येमोठ्यासंख्येनेभौगोलिकदृष्ट्यावितरितवापरकर्तेइलेक्ट्रॉनिकवस्तूंच्यामोठ्याआणिवैविध्यपूर्णभांडारां च्यासामग्रीमध्येप्रवेशकरूशकतात" अशीव्याख्याकरतात.

क्लीव्हलँडच्यामते "डिजिटललायब्ररीम्हणजेपारंपारिकलायब्ररी, संग्रहविकासआणिव्यवस्थापन, विषयविश्लेषणनिर्देशांकतयारकरणे, प्रवेशसंदर्भकार्याचीतरतूदआणिजतनकरणे, केवळडिजिटलस्वरूपांवरएकसंकुचितफोकसपडद्यामागीलगहनगोष्टीलपवते.
संग्रहविकसितआणिव्यवस्थापितकरण्यासाठीआणिवापरकर्त्यांनामाहितीशोधण्यातमदतकरण्यासाठीग्रंथालयेकरतात.

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1) डिजिटललायब्ररीचेमहत्त्व

1.1 सुलभप्रवेश

डिजिटललायब्ररींच्यामदतीनेजगाच्याकोणत्याहीभागातूनकधीहीमाहितीमिळवतायेते. ग्रामीणभागातील, अपंगव्यक्तींसाठीकिंवापारंपरिकग्रंथालयेनसलेल्याठिकाणीडिजिटललायब्ररीअधिकउपयुक्तठरतात. डिजिटललायब्ररीकधीही, दिवसाचे 24 तासआणिवर्षाचे 365 दिवसप्रवेशकरतायेतात.
एकलसंसाधनकिंवादस्तऐवजएकाचवेळीअनेकवापरकर्त्यांद्वारेप्रवेशकेलाजाऊशकतो.
डिजिटललायब्ररीयूजरफ्रेंडलीइंटरफेसप्रदानकरेल,
कोणत्याहीभौतिकसीमावापरकर्त्यासजगभरातीलकोणत्याहीमाहितीमध्येप्रवेशनाही.

1.2 ज्ञानाचेजतन

डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येपारंपारिकलायब्ररीपेक्षाअधिकमाहितीसाठवण्याचीक्षमताअसते, डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येमुद्रण, साठवणआणिइमारतीच्याखर्चाचीगरजकमीहोते.
अनेकसंस्थांनासबस्क्रिप्शनद्वारेप्रचंडज्ञानसंपदामिळवतायेते.प्राचीनहस्तलिखितेआणिदुर्मिळग्रंथडिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येसंरक्षितकेले जातात. त्यामुळेहीमौल्यवानसामग्रीभावीपिढ्यांसाठीसुरक्षितराहते. डिजिटायझेशनद्वारेअद्वितीयसंग्रहजतनकरा

1.3 संशोधनआणिशिक्षणासाठीपाठिंबा

डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येशैक्षणिकआणिसंशोधनासाठीआवश्यकअसलेल्याई-पुस्तके, जर्नल्सआणिसंशोधननिबंधांचासंग्रहअसतो. त्यामुळेजागतिकसंशोधनातसहकार्यकरणेसोपेहोते.
डिजिटललायब्ररीचीदेखभालकरण्याचाखर्चपारंपारिकलायब्ररीच्यातुलनेतखूपचकमीआहे

1.4 पर्यावरणीयफायदे

डिजिटलस्वरूपातीलमाहितीमुळेकागदाच्यावापरातघटहोते.
डिजिटललायब्ररीकागदाच्यावापराचीगरजकमीकरूनझाडेवाचविण्यासमदतकरतेवपर्यावरणीयपर्यावरणाचेसंरक्षणहोते

2)डिजिटललायब्ररींनायेणारीआव्हाने

2.1 प्रवेशाचीगती:-

प्रत्येकालाडिजिटललायब्ररींचालाभघेतायेतनाही.
अनेकग्रामीणआणिवंचितभागांमध्येइंटरनेटचाअभावअसल्यानेहीसमस्यागंभीरआहे.

2.2 कॉपीराइटसमस्या:-

डिजिटललायब्ररींनाकॉपीराइटनियमांचेपालनकरावेलागते. त्यामुळेकाहीसामग्रीमर्यादितहोते.

2.3 डेटासुरक्षा:-

डिजिटललायब्ररींनासायबरसुरक्षेचाधोकाअसतो. वापरकर्त्यांचीगोपनीयताआणिमाहितीसुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीप्रयत्नकरावेलागतात.

2.4 तांत्रिकमनुष्यबळ:-

डिजिटललायब्ररीकार्यरतठेवण्यासाठीतांत्रिकज्ञान, हार्डवेअरआणिसॉफ्टवेअरचीसततगरजअसते. संगणकाविषयीज्ञान ,इंटरनेट, नेटवर्किंगविषयीज्ञानअसलेल्यामनुष्यबळाचीकमतरता.

2.5 प्रारंभिकखर्चजास्तआहे:-

डिजिटलग्रंथालयसुरुकरण्याकरिताआरंभिलापैशाचीजास्तगुंतवणूककरावीलागते

2) डिजिटललायब्ररीचीगरज:

लायब्ररीआपल्यासेवांचेऑटोमेशनआणिइन-हाउसऑपरेशन्सद्वारेवापरकर्त्यांनामोठ्याप्रमाणातमाहितीसेवाप्रदानकरते.
परंतुवापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्याआणिलायब्ररीद्वारेपुरवल्याजाणाऱ्यासेवांमध्येतफावतआहे.
सर्वक्षेत्रांतीलसंशोधनातवाढझाल्यामुळेमाहितीचीप्रचंडवाढआणिविकासाचीआर्थिकअडचणआणिमनुष्यबळाच्यासमस्यांमुळेग्रंथालयांनात्यांच्यावापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्यापूर्णकरण्यातमदतहोऊशकलीनाही.

3.1 डिजिटललायब्ररीच्यानिर्मितीचीकाहीप्रमुखकारणेपुढीलप्रमाणे

अ) डिजिटललायब्ररीनेजागावाचवलीआहेकारणत्यातभरपूरसाठवणक्षमताआहे

b) वेळआणिस्थानविचारातनघेतामाहितीमध्येतथ्यप्रवेशप्रदानकरते

c) डिजिटललायब्ररीद्वारेतुम्हालादुर्मिळपुस्तकेउपलब्धआहेत

ड) यातअपलोड, डाउनलोडआणिप्रिंटिंगसुविधाउपलब्धआहे

e) पाठ्यपुस्तकांच्याएकाधिकप्रतींचीखरेदीकमीकरण्यातमदत.

4) डिजिटललायब्ररीचेघटक :

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येअनेकभिन्नघटकअसतात, खालीलतीनघटकमुख्यघटकआहेत.

4.1) मशीन: यातआवश्यकहार्डवेअरआणिसॉफ्टवेअरसमाविष्टआहे

अ) हार्डवेअर: लायब्ररीच्याडिजिटायझेशनसाठीमूलभूतआवश्यकहार्डवेअर

i संगणकप्रणाली- मॉनिटर

ii हार्डडिस्क

iii स्कॅनर

iv डिजिटलकॅमेरा

v. सीडीरेकॉर्डर

vi बॅकअपड्राइव्ह

vii प्रिंटरइ.

ब) सॉफ्टवेअर: मुळातखालीलसॉफ्टवेअरडिजिटायझेशनसाठीआवश्यकआहेत

i स्कॅनिंगसॉफ्टवेअर

ii प्रतिमासंपादनसॉफ्टवेअर

iii बॅचप्रोसेसिंगसॉफ्टवेअर

iv डिजिटललायब्ररीसॉफ्टवेअर

4.2) मनुष्यबळ: मनुष्यबळहाग्रंथालयाच्याकोणत्याहीडिजिटायझेशनचामहत्त्वाचाघटकआहे. डिजिटायझेशनच्याकामातसाधारणपणेखालीलप्रकारचेमनुष्यबळलागते.

i व्यवस्थापकीयकर्मचारी:

डिजिटायझेशनप्रक्रियेतव्यवस्थापकीयकर्मचाऱ्यांचेमुख्यकामनिर्धारितबजेटसहविशिष्टवेळेतग्रंथालयाचेडिजिटायझेशनपूर्णकरणेआहे .

ii तांत्रिककर्मचारी:

हेकर्मचारीसंगणकाचेनेटवर्किंग, स्कॅनिंगआणिडेटाट्रान्सफरइत्यादीतांत्रिककामेहाताळण्यासाठीजबाबदारआहेत.

iii ऑपरेशनलकर्मचारी.

लायब्ररीतीलकागदपत्रेआणिइतरघरकिपिंगचीकामेहाताळण्यासाठीऑपरेशनलकर्मचारीजबाबदारअसतात

5)भविष्याचीनव्याडिजिटललायब्ररीकल :-

5.1 कृत्रिमबुद्धिमत्तेचासमावेश

माहितीशोधणे , सुधारण्यासाठी, वर्गीकरणासाठीआणिवैयक्तिकसामग्रीशिफारसींसाठीकृत्रिमबुद्धिमत्तेचावापरहोऊशकतो.

5.2 क्लाउड-आधारितलायब्ररी :-

क्लाउडतंत्रज्ञानामुळेसाठवणक्षमतावाढतेआणिविविधसंस्थांनाएकत्रकामकरण्याचीसंधीमिळते.
याआधुनिकतंत्रज्ञानाचावापरशैक्षणिकसंसाधनांनाअधिकआकर्षकबनवण्यासाठीहोऊशकतो.

5.3 मुक्तप्रवेशचळवळ :-

संगणकाविषयीज्ञान ,इंटरनेट, नेटवर्किंगविषयीज्ञानअसलेल्यामनुष्यबळाचीकमतरताप्रशिक्षणादेऊनदूरकेल्यासमाहितीशोधणेमुक्तप्रवेशचळवळज्ञानसर्वांसाठीमोफतउपलब्धकरूनदेण्यासाठीजोरधरतआहे.

निष्कर्ष:

आपल्यावापरकर्त्यांनामाहितीसेवाप्रदानकरण्यासाठीडिजिटललायब्ररीहेएकसंपूर्णवापरण्याचेसाधनआहे हेडिजिटललायब्ररीतसेचपारंपारिकलायब्ररीमध्येडिजिटलसामग्रीआणिसेवांचाविकास, व्यवस्थापनआणिप्रवेशकरण्यासमदतकरते. यानेग्रंथपालांनाविद्यमानआणिवापरकर्तासमुदायांनासेवादेण्याचीनवीनसंधीदिलीआहे डिजिटललायब्ररीज्ञानसाठवणआणिप्रसारितकरण्याच्यापद्धतींमध्येक्रांतीघडवतआहेत. त्यांनीशिक्षण, संशोधनआणिसांस्कृतिकवारशाच्यासंरक्षणालानवाआयामदिलाआहे. भविष्यातडिजिटललायब्ररींचाविकासआणिउपयोगवाढवण्यासाठीतांत्रिकप्रगतीआणिजागतिकसहकार्यमहत्त्वाचेठरणारआहे

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Cloud Computing and Remote Access

SECURE REMOTE ACCESS SOLUTIONS AND SOFTWARE (OPEN ACCESS AND COMMERCIAL) FOR LIBRARY DIGITAL RESOURCES

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Abstract

The rise of digital resources in libraries has transformed how users access academic materials, yet remote access to these resources raises significant security concerns. Libraries, regardless of type-academic, public, or specialized-face the challenge of providing convenient access to their vast digital collections while safeguarding against unauthorized access, data breaches, and cyber-attacks. The need for secure remote access has led libraries to adopt both open-access and commercial solutions that ensure the privacy, integrity, and confidentiality of digital assets. This paper examines a variety of security solutions, focusing on software and tools that enable safe remote access to library digital resources. These solutions range from open-access software, which is cost-effective and flexible, to commercial solutions, which offer advanced features, technical support, and scalability. The present study analyze technologies such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Single Sign-On (SSO), encryption methods, and Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to determine their effectiveness in library environments. Additionally, this paper compares and contrasts several widely used software options for secure access, discussing their strengths, weaknesses, implementation challenges, and suitability for various types of libraries. By exploring both open-access and commercial solutions, this research provides comprehensive recommendations for libraries seeking to implement secure remote access systems, ensuring the protection of digital resources and maintaining user privacy.

Keywords: *Remote Access Security, Library Digital Resources, VPN (Virtual Private Network), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Access Control Technologies.*

Introduction

The transition from physical collections to digital resources has fundamentally reshaped libraries' roles in education, research, and leisure. Today, academic, public, and special libraries are custodians of an extensive range of digital content, from e-books and academic journals to databases, multimedia files, and proprietary research data. With an increasing shift toward remote access for these resources, libraries are compelled to address critical security concerns to protect user data and intellectual property. Secure access to digital resources is essential not only for the protection of sensitive information but also to maintain user trust in library systems.

Remote access allows authorized users to utilize library resources from any location, which is particularly important in an increasingly globalized and digital world. However, ensuring secure access for users-while maintaining ease of use-presents several technical and operational challenges. The growing volume of cyber-attacks, including data breaches, phishing, malware, and other malicious activities, has made it imperative for libraries to adopt strong, multifaceted security protocols.

This paper explores secure remote access solutions and software for library digital resources, analyzing both open-access and commercial options. It delves into the technologies and strategies libraries employ to safeguard their digital collections while ensuring users can access content safely and conveniently.

Overview of Digital Resources in Libraries

Libraries around the world house a wide variety of digital resources that are essential for academic research, public education, and personal enrichment. These digital resources include:

- **E-books and digital publications**: Often stored in formats like PDF, ePub, or proprietary formats, e-books form the backbone of modern library collections.
- **Academic databases and journals**: Libraries provide access to paid and open-access scholarly journals, research papers, and other academic resources.
- **Multimedia content**: Videos, audios, and interactive media are becoming increasingly popular as digital learning and research tools.
- **Archives and special collections**: Many libraries maintain digital archives, such as historical documents, rare books, and government records.

These digital resources are often protected by copyright law and other intellectual property protections. As such, ensuring that only authorized individuals can access these materials is a top priority for library administrators. Remote access to these resources, if not properly secured, poses risks of unauthorized access, piracy, data theft, and misuse of copyrighted content.

Security Threats to Library Digital Resources

With the convenience of remote access comes the challenge of safeguarding sensitive information and resources from malicious threats. Some common security threats to library digital resources include:

- **Unauthorized access**: Hackers or unauthorized users gaining access to restricted library resources.
- **Data breaches**: Sensitive information, such as user credentials or access logs, being exposed or stolen.
- **Malware and ransomware attacks**: Malicious software that can compromise data or deny access to essential resources.
- **Phishing and social engineering attacks**: Deceptive methods that trick users into providing personal data or login credentials.
- **Intellectual property theft**: Unauthorized sharing or downloading of copyrighted content, such as e-books, journals, and other resources.

Given these threats, it is crucial for libraries to adopt security solutions that address both access control and the protection of user data. (Anderson, 2020)

Secure Remote Access Solutions for Libraries

Libraries must implement a combination of technical measures to ensure secure remote access to their digital resources. These measures typically fall into the following categories:

Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is one of the most commonly used technologies for securing remote access to library resources. VPNs create an encrypted tunnel between the user's device and the library's server, preventing third-party entities from intercepting data. This provides a secure communication channel for users, whether they are accessing resources from within the library or from remote locations. Libraries typically use VPNs to protect sensitive information during the transmission process and to ensure that only authorized users can access certain digital assets. (Harris, 2019)

Advantages:

- Simple to implement for large user groups.
- Effective for securing access over insecure networks like public Wi-Fi.
- Many VPN solutions allow libraries to maintain control over access.

Limitations:

- Requires users to install and configure software.
- VPN performance can degrade with heavy traffic or unreliable internet connections.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adds an additional layer of security to the remote access process. MFA requires users to verify their identity using two or more different factors:

1. **Something they know** (e.g., a password).
2. **Something they have** (e.g., a smartphone app or hardware token).
3. **Something they are** (e.g., biometric authentication like fingerprints or facial recognition).

By combining multiple methods of authentication, MFA significantly reduces the chances of unauthorized access, even if a password is compromised. Libraries can implement MFA for users who access restricted digital resources, providing an extra layer of security for high-value materials. (Peltier, 2020)

Advantages:

- Reduces the risk of unauthorized access, even if login credentials are stolen.
- Easy to integrate with existing authentication systems.

Limitations:

- Can create friction for users, especially if they are not familiar with the process.
- Requires additional resources for implementation and maintenance.

Single Sign-On (SSO)

Single Sign-On (SSO) allows users to access multiple library resources with a single set of credentials, streamlining the authentication process. SSO systems are often integrated with other access control technologies, such as MFA, to further enhance security. Libraries can use SSO for their internal systems as well as third-party databases, allowing users to access a variety of resources without needing to remember multiple passwords.

Advantages:

- Provides a seamless user experience.
- Reduces password fatigue and improves user compliance with security protocols.
- Simplifies management of user credentials.

Limitations:

- SSO systems must be carefully configured to prevent the risk of a single compromised login affecting all linked systems.
- Can introduce a single point of failure if the SSO system experiences downtime.

Encryption

Encryption is a fundamental security measure for ensuring the confidentiality of data both in transit and at rest. Libraries use encryption to protect users' data when it is transmitted between remote users and the library's servers. Additionally, encrypted storage prevents unauthorized access to library resources even if physical servers are compromised.

Advantages:

- Protects sensitive information from interception.
- Ensures that even if data is exposed, it cannot be easily read or exploited.

Limitations:

- Encryption can introduce processing overhead, which may affect performance.
- Must be implemented correctly to avoid vulnerabilities.

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) is a method of managing access to library resources based on the roles and responsibilities of users. For instance, faculty might have access to specific academic journals, while students might only have access to e-books. This ensures that users are only granted access to resources that are appropriate for their roles, minimizing the risk of unauthorized access.

Advantages:

- Simplifies user access management by assigning permissions based on roles.
- Reduces the administrative burden of managing access on an individual basis.

Limitations:

- Requires careful planning and maintenance to ensure that roles and permissions are up to date.
- Can become complex in large libraries with many users and resources.

Open-Access vs. Commercial Solutions for Secure Remote Access

Libraries have the option of using open-access or commercial software solutions for secure remote access. Both types offer different advantages, and the choice depends on the size, resources, and specific needs of the library.

Open-Access Solutions

Open-access solutions are cost-effective and flexible but may lack the support and advanced features of commercial products. Popular open-access tools include:

- **OpenVPN**: A free, open-source VPN solution that allows libraries to create secure connections between users and library servers. OpenVPN supports a wide range of operating systems and is highly customizable.
- **Shibboleth**: An open-source Single Sign-On (SSO) software commonly used by academic institutions. It enables federated authentication for accessing library digital resources across multiple institutions. (Shibboleth Consortium, 2023)

Advantages:

- Cost-effective, especially for small or resource-constrained libraries.
- Highly customizable to meet the specific needs of libraries.

Limitations:

- May require more technical expertise for implementation and maintenance.
- Limited support compared to commercial solutions.

Commercial Solutions

Commercial solutions offer robust features, technical support, and scalability, making them suitable for larger institutions or those that require high levels of security and reliability. Notable commercial solutions include:

- **Cisco AnyConnect**: A commercial VPN solution that offers secure remote access, scalability, and enterprise-grade security features.
- **Okta**: A leading provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions, Okta offers Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication for secure access to digital library resources. (Okta, 2024)

Advantages:

- Professional support and regular updates.
- Scalable for libraries of all sizes.

Limitations:

- Higher cost compared to open-access solutions.
- May require more administrative overhead and vendor management.

Conclusion

As libraries continue to provide more digital resources remotely, the need for secure access solutions has never been greater. Both open-access and commercial software offer viable options, each with its advantages and limitations. Libraries must carefully evaluate their specific needs, resources, and the level of security required to protect digital assets. By combining effective technologies like VPNs, MFA, encryption, and RBAC with sound implementation strategies, libraries can ensure secure remote access to their digital resources, safeguarding intellectual property and user data.

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REVOLUTIONIZING LIBRARY SERVICES: AN OVERVIEW OF CLOUD-BASED LIBRARY SYSTEMS

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Abstract

The evolution of cloud computing has transformed library management systems by bringing with it an age of cloud-based library in a newer generation. Living Clouds: A Guide to Cloud-Based Library Systems Abstract: The cloud-computing boom that began in the late 20th century quickly swept across every industry including libraries. The benefits of cloud computing include scalability, cost-effectiveness, and efficient management of library resources through easy remote access, streamlined data storage, and real-time collaboration. Cloud ComputingCloud computing has changed everything from Software as a Service (SaaS) to Platform as a Service (PaaS) to Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), libraries can do business in an extraordinary manner, improving user experience and data security. They claim that cloud computing has the potential to revolutionize the traditional library systems and push forward the digital libraries which will help enhance the research by making the process more efficient and effective.

Keywords:*Cloud-Based Library System, Cloud Computing, SaaS, PaaS, IaaS, Digital Libraries, Library Automation.*

1. Introduction:

Library management systems have come a long way from traditional hosting on-site infrastructure to cloud-based hosting as a part of the evolution in Cloud Computing. Cloud-based library system makes use of cloud computing technology to maintain vast information resources and access them easily, and also provides a cost-efficient scalable solution. These can all agglomerate in a service model, such as Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), enabling libraries to reduce the operational load, share resources, or provide remote access to digital collections. In this paper, the cloud-based library systems will be discussed along with their benefits, hurdles, and their importance in the future and designing of library services.

2. Definition analysis

Cloud computing simply refers to the delivery of computing services over the internet, including storage, databases, software, and analytics.

According **to Douglas Gourlay** "People are coming to grips with Virtualization and how it reshapes IT, creates service and software based models, and in many ways changes a lot of the physical layer we are used to. Clouds will be the next transformation over the next several years, building off of the software models that virtualization enabled."

3. Platform of cloud computing services :

There are various services models originated on the web but three models widely used for delivering the different cloud based services that described as below.

3.1 Software as a Service (SaaS): The Software as a Service (SaaS) model of cloud computing delivers applications and services via the Internet. These services are accessible online without requiring software installation or maintenance. Cloud service providers offer SaaS as a comprehensive software solution on a pay-as-you-go basis. Additionally, SaaS applications can be used directly on local computers through a web browser without the need for downloads or installations. SaaS applications are also referred to as on-demand software, web-based software, or hosted software. This service model provides consumers with standardized interfaces for accessing services. (Gong et al., 2010).

3.2 **Platform as a Service (PaaS):** The Software as a Service (SaaS) is a model of cloud computing that delivers applications and services over the Internet. These tools are online based, and need no software installation or maintenance. SaaS is offered as a complete software on a pay-as-you-go basis by cloud service providers. There is no need for downloads or installations as SaaS applications can be directly used on local computers through a web browser. SaaS applications are also known as web-based software, on-demand software, or hosted software. It provides consumers with standardized interfaces for the access of services.(Mell and Grance, 2011; Carlin and Curran, 2012).

3.3 Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS): Infrastructure as a service (IaaS) which provides data storage, processing power, and high-bandwidth network resources as a service. It allows enterprises to outsource components of their infrastructure—including networking hardware, devices, databases and web servers. It is known as Hardware as a Service (HaaS) as well; Cloud computing model that offers everything from Storage, Servers, Networking and virtualization.(Creeger, 2009).

4. Deployment Models of Cloud Computing.

Cloud services can be deployed in various ways, on the basis of the organizational behavior and the providing location. Four deployment models for cloud service usage are as follows:

- **Private cloud:**The cloud infrastructure is exclusively maintained for usage by a single organization of multiple consumers (e.g., business units) where resources are not shared with other organizations. (Bardin et al., 2009).
- **Community cloud:**The cloud infrastructure is provisioned for exclusive use by a specific community of consumers from organizations that have shared concerns (e.g., mission, security requirements, policy, and compliance considerations) (Rao et al., 2013).
- **Public cloud:** The cloud infrastructure is available for use by the general public. Cloud is located within the physical premises of a third-party provider uploading the required infrastructure. Public cloud users are considered dangerous because they do not belong to the organization being an employee and the user has no contractual bond agreements with the provider.
- **Hybrid cloud:** The cloud infrastructure is a consortium of two or more disparate cloud infrastructures (private, community, public) that remain individual entities, yet it is bound together by standardized technology that allows for data and application portability.

5. Cloud computing Advantages:

- **Cost Efficiency** – Eliminates the purchase & maintenance of hardware or software hence lowers capital expenditure. Users only pay for the consumed resources.
- **Scalability & Flexibility** – The ability to scale the resources up or down based on the demand, ensuring that the computing power is used efficiently.
- **Accessibility & Remote Access** – Allows users to access data & Applications from any location with an internet connection, which encourages telework & collaboration
- **Automatic Updates & Maintenance** – All the software updates, security patches, and maintenance are carried by the cloud service providers.
- **Data Backup & Disaster Recovery** – It offers data backup and disaster recovery services automatically and ensures that data is safe and that the business can resume at the earliest.
- **Security & Compliance** – Provides strong security and compliance capabilities, such as data encryption, firewalls, and access controls, to secure sensitive data and meet industry compliance standards.

- **Improved Collaboration** – Work for shared documents and applications simultaneously for real-time collaboration.
- **Performance & Reliability** – Promises high availability which results in minimized downtime, since there are redundant data centers available with cloud providers which helps in maintaining the integrity of the services.
- **Eco Friendly** – Resource utilization is mapped, thereby requiring less energy and emitting less carbon compared to traditional IT infrastructures.
- **Integration with AI & Big Data** – Provides advanced technology support that includes artificial intelligence (AI) and big data analytics. Aid organizations to perform valuable insights and improve decision-making.

6. Cloud Computing Application in Libraries

- **Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS)** – Cloud ILMS importing the business processes of cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, and patron records from the library ensures that organizations do not need investment in extensive on-premises infrastructure but still being able to manage their library solutions in efficient manner.
- **Digital Libraries & Repositories** – Cloud platforms have enabled the creation and maintenance of digital libraries, institutional repositories, and archives, facilitating access to e-books, journals, and research materials.
- **Remote Access to Resources** – Cloud computing allows library users to access digital resources, databases and e-learning materials from anywhere, which promotes remote learning and research.
- **Collaboration & Resource Sharing** – Cloud-based networks, make it possible for libraries to collaborate with each other and share resources, interlibrary loans and engage in cooperative cataloging.
- **Data Storage & Backup** – Cloud solutions offer secure for the library data with regular backup & Disaster recovery options to avoid the loss of data.
- **Library Automation & Smart Services** – AI-based cloud applications can facilitate automation of library functions like chatbot-based reference services, smart recommendations, self-service kiosks, etc.
- **Hosting Open Access & Research Platforms** – ST cloud computing enables open access publishing and research platforms, making scholarly content available to all and enhancing the dissemination of knowledge.

- **Cost-Effective IT Management** – Cloud-based systems require little to no IT infrastructure and maintenance, allowing libraries to spend resources more wisely.
- **Virtual Learning & Training Programs** – Libraries can conduct online courses, webinars, and training on cloud platforms where through this, user engagement can be increased along with digital literacy.
- **Security & Compliance** – Cloud service providers offer advanced security measures such as encryption and access control, which ensure protecting sensitive library data & user privacy.

7. Conclusion

Cloud computing is revolutionizing traditional library systems, providing scalable, cost-effective and efficient solutions for information management and delivery. Cloud-based services including SaaS, PaaS, and IaaS will help libraries save time, ease access, and help with collaboration. Digital libraries, Integrated library management systems, remote access, cloud computing services for security and data storage and seamless transfer of information are all results of cloud technology that have contributed to easy library usage. Cloud-based libraries have several limitations too — security of sensitive data, dependency on the internet, etc. — but the advantages overshadow the disadvantages. Library professionals must leverage cloud computing to optimize the digital services offered to patrons, making them more flexible, effective, and resourceful as technology advances.

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IMPORTANCEOFCLOUD-BASEDINTEGRATED LIBRARYSYSTEMS IN DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract:-

Rapid developments in communication, storage, and information processing technologyhavecompletelychangedthefunctionoflibraries.Theservicesofferedbylibraries as wellas the issues and forces behind the transitionfromthe traditionaltothe digital format. After that, the chapter concentrates on the present cloud age. Comparatively speaking, it discusses the features, benefits, and drawbacks of cloud-based platforms, services, management systems, novelproducts, andopensettings for libraries.Anextensiveanalysisof cloud-eradigitallibraries.Alibraryisawell-curatedcollectionofmaterialsmadeavailablefor referenceorloantoaspecificcommunity.Itmightbearealbuilding,avirtualenvironment,or both,anditoffersaccesstocontentbothdigitallyandphysically.Thelibrarieshaveundergone and continue to undergo a constant revolution during the recent decays. This essay examines the key turning points in this revolution, from the classical era to the present cloud-based era and the period of intermediate digital transformation.

Keywords:*-Cloud-based,IntegratedSystem,DigitalLibraries, HigherEducationInstitution, Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS)*

Introduction:-

Librariesareinformationhubscreatedtosupportthehostinstitutions'aimto createknowledgeandprovideindividualswiththeknowledgetheyneedtobenefitsocietyand improve humankind's well-being.

The promotion of learning and knowledge acquisition is the main goal of academic institutions of higher education. A university's organisational culture includes its academic libraries. Librariesat universitiesare impactedbyeverythingthathappenstothem. Inorderto give the university a competitive edge, university libraries are playing a different role. Academic libraries are essential to academic institutions because they facilitate research, teaching, and other academic activities. The task of producing and sharing knowledge with societyisaproblemforuniversitiesandotherhighereducationinstitutions(HEIs).Universities have long been the places where knowledge is created, stored, shared, and approved. The academic community both inside and outside of universities must exchange information and expertise.Thus, knowledgeproduced inuniversitiesthroughresearchand instructionoughtto be applicable to society, and advancing knowledge should be a key component of university and higher education institutions' operations.

TheDigitallibraryplaysanimportantroleinpromotingtheuseofinformation.Digitallibraries give solutions to main challenges to traditional libraries such as storage.This paper discusses the concept of digital library and how it helps in conserving manuscripts and what type of equipment's or software are required in this work.We want digital information in every field so that every library should be a digital library. It highlights the Necessity, Challenges and issues in creating digital library, there are certain issues which should be taken care like copyright and Intellectual Property Right. This article also explores successful digital library projectsetupinIndiaandwhatisthefutureofdigitallibraryinIndianscenario.Allknowledge is decomposed into two digits, the binary string of 0s and 1s that is the genetic code of data, according to the definition of the word "digital." Libraries have access to and store items in electronic format. Digital libraries have emerged as "libraries without walls. Kaur, Harpreet (2018)

TraditionaltoCloud-BasedTimes:-

A library is a well-curated collection of materials made available for reference or loan to a specific community. It might be a real building, a virtual environment, or both, and it offers access to content both digitally and physically. The libraries have undergone and continue to undergo a constant revolution during the recent decays. This essay examines the key turning pointsinthisrevolution, fromtheclassicaleratothepresent cloud-basederaandtheperiodof intermediatedigitaltransformation.Itgoesonlibrarytypes,services,issues,andthemotivation behindchangesfromthetraditionalformat. Cloudcomputingisanonlineservicethatallowsa collection of computers and other devices to access resources, apps, data, and information. request throughthe use ofweb-based tools. The internet is mostlyused for cloud computing; ingeneral,theinternetisthoughtofasacloudthatcanstoreandfunctionremotely.Theability toconnecteverythingtotheinternetmakesitpossibletoimplementaweb-basedonlinelibrary supply chain and integrate it with various technological advancements, including database management, cloud computing systems, Wi-Fi and Internet-based technologies, and data acquisition. Numerous internet services can be produced and supplied by integrating these technologies.Any libraryautomation must make use ofthe cloud versionofILMS inorderto achieve the desired results in terms of automating the library and information services. efficiently. The type of ILMS is determined by the requirements and can be as simple as integrating library management software that can accomplish the functions of collection, cataloguing,circulation,serialscontrol,micro documentmaintenance,andothertasks,aswell as completing the tasks of acquisition, organisation, cataloguing, and circulation.

IntegratedLibraryManagementSoftware(ILMS):-

A software program called an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) helps and supportsalllibrariesandinformationcentresandoverseesallacquisitions. and procedures more effectively. The user community may use libraries and information

resourcesmoreefficientlythankstothedeploymentofILMS,whichalsospareslibrariansfrom having to repeat tasks.

Systems for Integrated Library Management (ILMS) are extremely versatile and active solutions that empower libraries and information centres to adapt to the rapidly evolving digital era. They modernise, automate,andenhancesavarietyoflibraryoperations,enablinglibrariesto provide their clients with efficient information services. andkeepupthepacewiththechangingscenery oftheadministrationoflibraries.Asdatacentrescontinueto advance, the ILMS's distinguishing attribute in identifying Theseknowledgecentrescontinuetoholdadominatingpositioninthefuture. Severalofthemostwell-knownandwidelyusedILMSpackages are SLIM, KOHA, e-Granthalaya, EasyLib, LIBSYS, Libero, Libsoft, Library Manager, and NewGenlib.

IMPORTANCEOFCLOUD-BASEDINTEGRATED :-

Cloud-BasedIntegratedLibrarySystems'SignificanceintheDigitalAge TheuseofCloud-BasedIntegratedLibrarySystems(ILS)hashadamajor impactonlibraries' digital transformation. Libraries can manage their collections, services, and user interactions witheaseandefficiencythankstothesetools. It is impossibletooverestimatethesignificance ofcloud-basedILSinthedigitalage.Thefollowingarethemainjustificationsforthenecessity of these systems:

1. ImprovedCooperationandAccessibility

Withcloud-basedILS,patronscanuse internet-enabledevicesto accesslibraryresourcesat any time and from any location. For educational institutions, public libraries, and research groups that cater to a worldwide audience, this degree of accessibility is essential.

Additionally,severallibrariescanworktogetherandexchangeresources,increasingthe selection of things that are accessible.

2. Theabilitytoscaleand cost-effectively

Conventionallibrarysystemsdemandheftymaintenance,software,and hardware

expenditures. By moving infrastructureto cloud service providers, which offer variable pricingmodelsbasedonconsumption,cloud-basedILSlowerstheseexpenses.Additionally, cloud solutions are easily scalable to meet growing user demand and data storage needs as

librariesexpand.

3.**Better Security and Data Protection** To ensure data integrity and defense against cyber threats, cloud service providers employ cutting-edge security methods including encryption, authentication processes, and frequent backups. With on-premise systems, this degree of protection is frequently better than what individual libraries can accomplish.

4.IntegratingDigitalResourcesEffortlessly

Thesedays,librariesoverseeawiderangeofdigitalmaterials,suchase-books,audiobooks,

researchdatabases,and multimediacontent,inadditionto actualbooks.Cloud-basedILS makes it easier to integrate with these digitalassets and gives users a single platform for effective resource access, borrowing, and searching.

5. EffectiveUpdatingandMaintenanceofSystems

TraditionalILSrequiresmanualinterventionsforupgradesandmaintenance,whichresultsin downtime and disruptions. Service providers update cloud-based systems automatically, so

librariesalwayshaveaccesstothenewest features,securityfixes,andperformance improvements without adding to the effort of IT personnel.

6. ImprovedUserExperience

Theuserexperience isenhancedbycontemporarycloud-basedILS'sintuitiveuser interfaces, tailored search features, and AI-powered suggestions. Self-service portals and mobile

compatibilityaretwoexamplesof featuresthat increaseuserhappinessandengagement by enabling users to freely manage their library interactions.

7. DataAnalyticsand Insights

Cloud-basedILSgive librariestheanalyticalcapabilitiestheyneedtomonitorborrowing patterns, resource usage, and user activity. Through data-driven decision-making made

possiblebytheseinsights, librariesmaybetterservetheirpatrons,maximizetheircollections, and better meet their needs.

8. SustainableandEco-FriendlyMethod

Cloud-based solutions help to promote sustainability by lowering dependency on physical storageandpaper-baseddocumentation.Theylessenthecarbonimpactoflibraryoperations by eliminating the need for printed catalogs and administrative paperwork. This is in line with international campaigns for resource efficiency and environmental preservation.

DifficultieswithLibraryServicesBasedonCloudComputing

Cloudcomputingpresentsanumberofdifficulties.Securityandprivacyaretwooftheprimary issues; due to growing apps and an increasing number of devices, security is deteriorating. Businessesrequireservicesthatareavailableatalltimes. As a result, whenservice providers set up networkgear and architecture, theymust build ina way that makes services scalable and continuous. Organisations must now pay extra for bandwidthintheinterim.Applicationsrequireasteadyinternetconnectioninordertofunction. The required care and servicesshould be provided byservice providers.Yourisk losing allof your data due to a cloud glitch that could happen.

Howtoprotectdataincloudbasedlibrarysystem?

- ❖ **AuthenticationandAccessControl**

➢ Tolimitdataaccessaccordingtouserroles,employrole-basedaccesscontrol,orRBAC.

- For further security, use multi-factor authentication (MFA). Implement stringent password regulations and change them frequently.

- Protectingdatainacloud-basedlibrarysystemrequiresacombinationofsecuritymeasures to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Here are some key strategies.

❖ **Encryptionof Data**

- Userobustencryptiontechniques(likeAES-256)toprotectdatawhenit'satrest.
- UseSSL/TLStoencryptdatawhileit'sintransittopreventinterception.
- Forsensitivedata,thinkaboutend-to-endencryption.

❖ **FrequentDisasterRecoveryandBackups**

- Planfrequentbackupsandkeepthemindifferent,safeplaces.
- Createa disasterrecoverystrategyto restore dataintheeventoffailuresorbreaches.

❖ **SafeSoftwareDevelopment&API**

- MakeuseofsecureAPIs(likeOAuthandJWT) thatprovideauthentication tokens.
- Toavoid vulnerabilitieslikeSQLinjectionandcross-sitescripting(XSS), usesafe coding techniques.

❖ **SecurityofNetworks**

- Installintrusiondetection/preventionsystems(IDS/IPS)andfirewalls.
- Tolimitaccess,usesecurenetworkprotocolsorvirtualprivatenetworks(VPNs).

❖ **TrackingandRecordingUserActivity**

- Turnonauditlogssoyoucanmonitoruseractivity.
- Tospotoddbehaviour,useanomalydetectionpoweredbyAI.

❖ **LegalandComplianceAspects**

- Verifyadherencetodataprotectionlaws(suchastheCCPA,GDPR,andHIPAA).
- Tofindandaddressvulnerabilities,doroutinesecurityaudits.

❖ **Awarenessand Training inSecurity**

- Informlibraryemployeesandpatronsaboutsocialengineering,phishingscams,and security best practices.

- Encouragesecureloginproceduresandsafewebbrowsing.

FivedefiningfeaturesofcloudcomputingBroadnetworkaccess:

- **Broad network access:** Users can use their devices (desktop, mobile laptop) to accessresourcesthat areconstantlyavailableovertheinternet inthecloudfromany location in the world.

- **On Demand Self Service**: End users can get computer resources including server time,CPU,apps,andstoragewithout speakingtoapersonoracloudserviceprovider.

- **Rapid Elasticity:** The ability of computer resources to be swiftly raised or decreased is known as elasticity. Customers are subjected to the demands ofcomputers. Despite the potential requirement for resources, the service provider can swiftly scale up or down as required by the user.
- **Resource Pooling:** Multi-tenant cloud service architectures combine contributors to serveallusers,andphysicalandvirtualsystemsareeagerlydistributedandreallocated to satisfyuser demands. For example, think about memory, accessprivileges, storage, network bandwidth, virtual computers, and connection.

- **Measured Service**: Cloud system services are designed to be managed by users and service providers for services that are consumed, and theyoffer a pay-per-use basis.

Conclusion

Inorderto becompetitiveanduser-friendlyinthe digitalage, modernlibraries must makethe switchtocloud-basedIntegratedLibrarySystems.Thesetechnologiesenable librariestooffer top-notchservices while adjusting tothe changing demands ofits customers, withadvantages ranging from improved accessibility to cost effectiveness and strong security. Libraries may maintain their status as essential hubs for learning and knowledge in the twenty-first century by adopting cloud computing. The well-structured library of this study offers cloud-based applications and associated service models with the intention of development. Models and conceptsforcloudcomputingservicesarealsocovered.Currently,somelibrariesareswitching to cloud computing technologies. Cloud computing has made it possible for the creation of digital archives and libraries.Although social networking has witnessed manyadvancements, therearestillanumberofissueswithprivacy,security,andlegalissuesthatneedtoberesolved. Therefore,alibraryshouldthinkcarefullybeforeintegratinglibraryservices.Thesedays,cloud computing is a new trend. Cloud computing powers the entire library system, which is advantageousforlibrariesinthisdayandage.Arangeofskillsareneededforcloudcomputing, whichhascreatednewservicemodelsforbasicandIT-relatedjobs.allthroughouttheinternet

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Abstract

The paper aims to explore the application of cloud computing in the library. The findings show that cloud computing is an important technology in the library field because of its characteristics and advantages. In the paper, the authors discussed about the cloud computing, it's characteristic, models, library services through cloud, advantages and disadvantage. The researcher has identified that it is one time and customized investment and library gets lots of benefits from it. Presently maximum libraries are converted to the cloud system.

Keyword: Cloud computer, Cloud System, Cloud System In library, Digital Library,

Introduction-

In the modern digital era, cloud computing has become a transformative technology, reshaping industries worldwide, including the library sector. Libraries, which have traditionally been repositories of knowledge and information, are now leveraging cloud computing to enhance their services and operational efficiency. Cloud systems enable libraries to automate routine tasks, digitize their collections, and provide users with seamless access to resources from anywhere in the world.

The Article discussed into the applications of cloud computing in libraries, examining its role in streamlining processes like cataloging, circulation, and storage. It also explores different cloud computing models—Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)—and how they cater to the diverse needs of libraries.

Additionally, the discussion highlights the numerous advantages of cloud computing, such as cost-effectiveness, scalability, and global accessibility, alongside the challenges like data privacy, security concerns, and vendor dependency. By adopting cloud technology, libraries can not only enhance their operational capabilities but also remain relevant and innovative in an increasingly digital world.

Definition

According NIST National Institute of Standard & technology US dept. of commerce

Cloud computing is a model that enables on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources—such as networks, servers, storage, applications, and services—that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

The present researcher has discussed about the use library services through cloud computing or system.

Objectives

The present study is related to library and cloud computing. Objectives are as follows.

1. To study Cloud computing in library.
2. To examine services through the cloud.

Review of literature

Suman Patel and Vijesh (2023), Defines cloud computing, describes its operation, and discusses the implications of cloud-based services and applications for the library industry. These days, libraries use cloud-based services and technology, particularly for automation, digital libraries, long-term storage, fast information retrieval, and social networking. The primary advantage of cloud computing is the reduction in the price of hardware, software's, and license purchases. Nonetheless, there are still a number of significant issues with data security, privacy, and reliability.

Roy and Kumar (2017), Examines of the web-enabled Koha and NewGenLib software's demonstrates that library automation is a simple and essential procedure. The study reports on the software's real operation, including all of its salient features as well as additional features and functionalities.

Kumar (2017) Explain cloud computing can be used in almost all library operations. Furthermore, cloud computing makes it very simple to do all library services. Furthermore, because of the financial crisis and a lack of technological know-how, cloud in the contemporary context of information and communication technology, computing becomes increasingly important.

Suman and Singh (2016) suggest that networking and online software's applications have been built upon by cloud computing. Among many other things, it suggests a service-oriented architecture, low total cost of ownership, high flexibility, and less information technology overhead for the end user.

Dutt(2015)explain a recent development in computer systems technology is cloud computing. It came about as a result of advancements in related technologies and the internet. This phenomenon is still in its early stages, but if the services are used carefully, it will be highly beneficial for the organizations. Nonetheless, libraries and other similar institutions find that this technology greatly aids in automating and controlling their services.

Types/Models of cloud computing

Software's as a Service (SaaS)

Software's as a Service or Saas is a service in which software's or applications are provided to the users as a service. So we know it popularly as software's on demand. The program can be accessed online via any suitable client such as a web browser. In this model, users are provided the access of the applications through licenses or subscriptions. The

software's are provided in a „pay as- you-go" model, where the user has to pay only for the software's or applications which s/he is going to use or at no charge. Example of such services is Google Apps, Salesforce, etc.

It is hosted centrally hosted and scope for customization or control of applications or software's is little.

However, there are benefits like the user has no worry about hosting, installing, upgrading, or maintaining the software's or applications. In addition, the user has low initial costs, and access to (usually 24/7) support services.

Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Platform as a Service is a category of service which provides platform or environment to allow the developers to build the required applications or software's and the users have the access simply via a web browser over the internet. Software's are deployed and configuration settings are done by users.

All types of enterprises, irrespective of its size, are adopting this service as it is very hassle free, no worry about the maintenance of hardware of software's infrastructure.
In this model, the enterprises are helped in building, testing and deploying web based applications. The organisations need not to invest for the infrastructure they require for building web and mobile applications. They have to simply rent the use of platforms of vendors such as Windows Azure, Google AppEngine, and Force.com.

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Infrastructure as a Service is Iaas is also called as Hardware as a Service or Haas. In this pay as you go service model, the user is offered both storage and computing power services. It includes virtual service space or a platform. It also includes storage, network connections, IP addresses and bandwidth. In this model, user doesn't buy separately software's, servers, network equipment or data-centre space; rather he buys all these as a fully outsourced service. The cost of the services is on computing basis, the user pay for bundle of services chosen. The example can be taken from Amazon's web services. AWS provides Simple Storage Services (S3) for data storage and elastic compute cloud (EC2) for computing resources. Amazon's web services are being used by organizations for many purposes viz. to run high performance computing simulations, for content delivery etc. It is also being used to host or backup the organization's websites, to host their media collections and many other services.

Characteristic of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers a wide range of features that make it highly versatile and beneficial for individuals and organizations. Some of the key features include:

1. On-Demand Self-Service

- Users can provision computing resources (like servers, storage, and applications) as needed without requiring human intervention.

2. Scalability and Elasticity

- Resources can be scaled up or down automatically or manually, depending on workload demands. This ensures optimal use of resources and cost efficiency.

3. Cost-Effectiveness

- Cloud computing operates on a pay-as-you-go or subscription model, allowing users to pay only for what they use, reducing capital expenditures.

4. Resource Pooling

- Providers use multi-tenant models to share resources among multiple users securely, offering economies of scale.

5. Global Accessibility

- Cloud services can be accessed from anywhere in the world via the internet, fostering remote work and global collaboration.

6. High Availability and Reliability

- Cloud services often provide high uptime guarantees, redundant systems, and disaster recovery options to ensure consistent availability.

7. Flexibility and Agility

- Organizations can quickly adapt to changing business needs by deploying or removing resources as required.

8. Security

- Leading providers implement robust security measures, including encryption, firewalls, and compliance with regulatory standards, to protect data.

9. Multi-Tenancy

- Multiple users and applications share the same infrastructure while keeping their data isolated and secure.

10. Broad Network Access

- Services are accessible via various devices such as laptops, smartphones, and tablets, ensuring connectivity and convenience.

11. Automation

- Cloud platforms offer automation tools for resource provisioning, deployment, and scaling, reducing manual intervention.

12. Disaster Recovery and Backup

- Cloud computing simplifies backup and disaster recovery processes, enabling fast data restoration in case of failures.

13. Integration with Other Services

- Cloud platforms provide APIs and integration capabilities to connect with other software's, systems, and services.

14. Environmental Sustainability

- Shared resources and energy-efficient infrastructure help reduce the carbon footprint compared to traditional on-premise setups.

Initiatives of cloud computing

There are good number of cloud computing initiatives undertaken by Amazon, Google, Microsoft and others offering various types of cloud computing services for the organisations, businesses, and individuals. Some services offered by these initiatives are:

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Amazon is a major player of cloud computing. It offers a wide range of prominent services, for example, simple storage service (S3), elastic compute cloud (EC2), simple DB and simple queuing service (SQS). AWS provides a scalable and reliable low-cost platform of infrastructure in the cloud that powers hundreds of thousands of businesses in countries around the world8. Some of the solutions offered by Amazon through cloud computing include application hosting, web hosting, backup and storage, enterprise IT, content delivery, and databases. To help new users, Amazon also offers a free service for a period of one year on all its cloud computing services to launch new applications, test existing applications in the cloud, or simply gain hands-on experience with AWS.

Google Apps

Google Apps cloud services, a multi-tenant, internet scale infrastructure, offers faster access to innovation, superior reliability, and security, and maximum economies of scale as compared to on-premises, hosted and software's plus services technologies9. Google Apps is available free for individuals and organisations (limited up to 10 user accounts), educational institutions and US non-profitable organisations and for a price to businesses and organisations. Google apps offer Gmail which is now most preferred email service. It also provides Google Docs, Google Sites, Google video and other services. Google Apps helps organisations to move their e-mail services, web services and office applications. Google also has „Google App Engine" service. With this service, organizations can build and host web apps on the same systems that power Google applications. It offers fast development and deployment; simple administration, with no need to worry about hardware, patches or backups; and effortless scalability.

Microsoft Windows Azure

Microsoft Corporation has created its own cloud platform on 1st February 2010 which was named as Windows Azure before 25 March 2014. After this it is renamed as Microsoft Azure. Microsoft provides this service through its data centres. In this platform, organisations can develop and run applications itself with unbounded scalability. User has to pay only for the services he chooses. Windows Azure allows developers to develop and run applications quickly, while leveraging current skills to develop applications with .NET, PHP, or Java10. Some of the scenarios offered by Windows Azure for businesses and organisations include SaaS, storage, computing, database management etc.

Softech Solutions & Services (Pune)

Softech Solutions & Services is a Pune-based company established in 2011 with over 13 years of experience serving libraries throughout Maharashtra. They specialize in library

automation using the KOHA Library Management Software's. Additionally, they offer a Library User Tracking System to monitor library footfall and provide digital library software's (DSpace) for digitizing library collections. Their team of experienced library consultants offers guidance and support for accreditation and assessment processes.

Library Services through cloud computing

Cloud computing has revolutionized library services, enabling greater efficiency, accessibility, and innovation. Here are some key ways libraries use cloud computing:

1. Integrated Library Systems (ILS) in the Cloud

- Libraries adopt cloud-based ILS platforms like **Koha**, or **WorldShare** for managing collections, circulation, cataloguing, and acquisitions.
- These systems reduce the need for local server maintenance and provide real-time updates, scalability, and better interoperability.

2. Digital Collections and Repositories

- Cloud storage allows libraries to digitize and store vast amounts of data, including books, research papers, manuscripts, and multimedia.
- Services like **Google Drive**, **Dropbox**, or specialized platforms like **Dura Cloud** offer secure and scalable storage for digital collections.

3. E-Library Services

- Cloud-based platforms like **Over Drive**, **Libby**, and **Hoopla** provide patrons with seamless access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and videos.
- These services use the cloud to handle user authentication, content delivery, and synchronization across devices.

4. Remote Access and Virtual Libraries

- Cloud computing supports remote access to library resources, enabling users to search catalogues, reserve books, and access databases from anywhere.
- Virtual library systems use platforms like **AWS**, **Azure**, or **Google Cloud** for hosting resources and services.

5. Collaboration and Resource Sharing

- Libraries use cloud-based tools like **Google Workspace**, **Microsoft 365**, or **Slack** for internal collaboration and communication.
- Cloud-enabled interlibrary loan systems facilitate sharing of resources among libraries worldwide.

6. Big Data and Analytics

- Cloud computing powers data analytics tools that help libraries analyse user behaviour, track resource usage, and make data-driven decisions to improve services.

7. Disaster Recovery and Backup

- Cloud services provide robust disaster recovery and backup solutions, ensuring critical library data remains safe from hardware failures, natural disasters, or cyber-attacks.

8. User Authentication and Access Management

- Libraries use cloud-based identity management systems like **Open Athens** and **Shibboleth** to streamline user authentication for accessing digital resources.

9. Cost-Effectiveness

- Moving to the cloud reduces the need for expensive on-site infrastructure, maintenance, and IT staff, making it an attractive solution for budget-conscious institutions.

10. Library Apps and APIs

- Cloud-based APIs and platforms enable libraries to integrate services into mobile apps or websites, providing patrons with on-the-go access to resources and services.

Advantage of cloud system in library

Cloud systems offer numerous advantages for libraries, enhancing their operations, services, and user experience. Here are some key benefits:

1. Cost-Effectiveness

- **Reduced Infrastructure Costs**: Libraries don't need to invest heavily in on-premises servers or IT infrastructure.
- **Pay-As-You-Go Models**: Many cloud services offer flexible pricing, enabling libraries to pay only for the resources they use.

2. Accessibility

- **Remote Access**: Users and staff can access library resources, catalogues, and systems anytime, anywhere, via the internet.
- **Multi-Device Support**: Cloud systems are often compatible with various devices like PCs, tablets, and smartphones.

3. **Scalability**
   Libraries can easily scale their storage or processing power as their needs grow, such as when adding new digital collections or accommodating more users.

4. Automation and Updates

- **Automatic Updates**: Cloud providers handle system updates and maintenance, ensuring that libraries always run the latest and most secure versions.
- **Streamlined Workflows**: Automating routine tasks, such as backups, reduces the workload for library staff.

5. Collaboration and Integration

- **Shared Resources**: Cloud systems enable multiple libraries to collaborate by sharing catalogues and resources, benefiting inter-library loan systems.
- **Third-Party Integration**: Many cloud systems integrate seamlessly with other library tools and platforms (e.g., digital archives or eBook platforms).

6. Enhanced Data Security

Reputable cloud providers offer robust security features, such as encryption, multi-factor authentication, and regular security audits, which might be challenging for smaller libraries to implement independently.

7. Disaster Recovery

Cloud systems provide reliable backup and recovery options, ensuring that data is safe even in the case of local hardware failures or natural disasters.

8. User-Friendly Experience

- **Streamlined Searches**: Cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS) often provide intuitive search interfaces for users.
- **Personalized Features**: Users can create accounts to save preferences, track borrowing history, and receive recommendations.

9. Environmental Impact

By reducing the need for physical servers and associated cooling systems, cloud computing can be more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

10. Global Reach

Libraries can make their collections accessible to a broader audience, including international users, fostering knowledge sharing on a global scale.

Disadvantage of cloud system in library

While cloud-based systems have many advantages for libraries, such as accessibility, scalability, and cost efficiency, they also have some potential disadvantages:

1. **Dependence on Internet Connectivity**:
   Cloud systems require a stable and reliable internet connection. Any downtime or slow connection can disrupt access to library services and resources.
2. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns**:
   Sensitive user data and library records are stored in the cloud, making them potentially vulnerable to hacking or unauthorized access if the provider's security measures are insufficient.
3. **Ongoing Costs**:
   Cloud systems typically involve subscription-based pricing, which can lead to higher long-term costs compared to on-premise systems, especially for libraries with tight budgets.
4. **Limited Customization**:
   Cloud-based systems often offer standardized solutions, which may limit the library's ability to customize features or integrate specific tools based on its unique needs.

5. **Vendor Lock-In**:
   Libraries may become dependent on a particular cloud service provider, making it challenging and costly to migrate to another system if necessary.
6. **Compliance Issues**:
   Libraries that handle sensitive data may face challenges ensuring compliance with local regulations and data protection laws, particularly when the cloud provider's servers are located in different countries.
7. **Staff Training Requirements**:
   Transitioning to and managing a cloud system often requires staff training, which can be time-consuming and costly, especially for smaller libraries.

Conclusion

Maximum librarians are aware about the Cloud system. They are using it in the library. Three types of cloud system discussed in the article. Cloud is very useful because they have save time of user as well as library staff. Also it is an authentic and standard technology for library. Library staff are able to give pin pointed and precision information to the user at any time and any anywhere. Lots of advantages and disadvantages are discussed above in the article.

Clouds system is a standard technology, only the librarian needs to first learn it and then apply it. Researchers are not claiming to use it in the library, rather they are suggesting that cloud system should be used in the library. It will be save the time of readers as well as staff.

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CONTENT ANALYSIS OF WEBSITES OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN NAGPUR DISTRICT (MAHARASHTRA): A STUDY

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Abstract

This study aims to evaluate the library websites of selected state, deemed and private universities on Nagpur district (Maharashtra). The study adopted the checklist techniques to evaluate all the content of library's webpage. A checklist was designed on the basis of previous studies. It includes 5 main aspects which are further divided into 49 elements. The study shows that library related information such as basic library information, its collection, about e-resources, library services, currency and authority of websites are presented on the university library webpage. Symbiosis International University (SIU) scored highest, 49 out of 49 and Laxminarayan Institute of Technology (LIT) scored the least 5 out of 49 in overall ranking of websites based on elements presented on their library webpages.

The study suggested that libraries need to include more information on their websites to promote the use of library resources and services. Libraries need to upgrade their websites and provide all the valuable and relevant information related to the library on their websites/ library webpage.

Keywords: *Content Analysis, University Libraries, Library website, Library webpage,*

Introduction:

Technology has evolved drastically over the last few decades, bringing drastic transformation and breakthrough in the library landscape. Libraries have to continuously adapt the emerging technologies to effectively cater the users of digital world. Website creates new opportunities for libraries to meet the users evolving needs. Vasishta (2013) affirmed that contemporary users prefer to access the information of library services from library websites without the need to visit the library; make it obligatory for all libraries to have their web presence through the library website.

The library is the centre of the university, accommodating all the information requirements of its users. Library website is the reflection of library image and act as a mirror for the library. (Singh and Gautama, 2016). It is the digital front door of the library, where users make their visit before making the physical visit to the library. A library website is a collection of concise and descriptive information on the web for the academic community in various multimedia formats such as text, audio and video material, databases, graphics and links (Vasishta, 2013). It is an effective medium for uploading information about library collection, services and resources. It provides customised interface for better navigation and ease of use (Vasishta, 2013). Websites are the excellent platform for users to get the recent update of library-related activities and access most library services digitally. As the website of library should be interactive and responsive with proper usability, information architecture, navigation, graphics that hold user attention. Maintaining and updating the library website is also necessary to make it easily reachable (Mani, Thirumagal and Vinodh, 2017).

It can be inferred that library website holds greater significance to provide relevant and trouble-free access of library-related information. Content is the key to analysing the

library website. The study has used the content analysis method to conduct research. Content analysis is the technique to assess content based on various parameters. This method can analyse the various aspects of content available on the website (Singh and Gautam, 2016). Therefore, the study aims to evaluate the content available on the library webpage of State, Deemed and Private Universities in Nagpur district.

Literature Review

The numerous studies have been conducted on the various aspects of library websites and library webpage. Previous studies mainly used a checklist method to assess the content of library websites. The major studies which evaluated the library websites are discussed in the present study.

Amruta Nareshchandra Upreti and Asharam Pal (2024) explored the Web Content Analysis of Autonomous College Libraries in Mumbai.A website is vital in providing information and a connecting platform. Libraries must present themselves by providing collections and facilities for their users both in physical and digital modes. The present study aims to analyse the facilities provided by autonomous colleges in Mumbai. This will help generalize the activities & facilities the libraries can provide on digital platforms.

Saumya Gupta and Paramjeet K. Walia (2022) tried to analyse the Websites of University Libraries in Delhi. The study adopted the checklist technique to evaluate the content of library's websites. It consists of 6 main aspects which are further divided into 66 elements. Web 2.0 tools are used by least libraries where only 2 libraries have library Facebook page, and only one has a library blog. DTU scored the highest, 45 out of 66 and Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) scored the least 13 out of 66 in overall ranking of websites based on elements presented on their websites.

Joshi, S. N., Joshi, N. K. and Kamat, P.V. (2021) were explored the webpages of Educational colleges n Goa. This study evaluates 25 selected library web pages n Goa from the usability perspective. The study includes 9 main parameters were used for evaluate the library web pages. The checklist was made to measuring web page dimensions regarding its usability, efficiency, effectiveness and validity. The study shows that the web pages are partially usable, so there is a requirement to improve their usability feature. The study showed that most of the library webpages have OPAC facility but none of the college website provide plagiarism checking facility to the users. The study suggest keeping website up to date for its users and faculty.

Objectives of the study:

1. To examine the content, basic information, collection, services present on the university library website/ webpage in Nagpur district.
2. To examine the e-resources and web based facility given by the library webpages.
3. To identify how the library website/ webpage use for dissemination of information.

Scope & limitation:

The present study is entitled "Content Analysis of Websites of University Libraries in Nagpur District (Maharashtra): A Study. This study is limited to 07 university libraries specially located in Nagpur district (Maharashtra).

Table No. 1: List of Universities included in the Study

List of Universities included in the Study		
Sr.No.	**Name of the University**	**Type**
1	Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Nagpur (KKSU)	State University
2	Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur (LIT)	State University
3	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur (RTMNU)	State University
4	Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur (MAFSU)	State University
5	Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU)	State University
6	Symbiosis International University, Nagpur (SIU)	Deemed University
7	Ramdeobaba University, Nagpur (RBU)	Private University

Methodology

A content analysis method was used to collect data from the library websites under study. Total 07 university library websites in Nagpur district were selected for the study, out of which 05 were state university, 01 was deemed university and 01 was private university. For collecting the data comprehensive checklist was designed including 5 aspects and each aspect content different element.

The present study is entitled "Web Content Analysis of Autonomous Colleges in Mumbai University". This study
The following are the aspects of the checklist.

1. Basic Information about the Library (16 elements)
2. Information about Library Collection (08 elements)
3. Information about e-Resources (07 elements)
4. Information about Authority and Currency of Website (04 elements)
5. Information about Library Services (14 elements)

Results and Findings:

The relevant data was collected by visiting and analysing the content of each university library website in 01-11 February 2025. All the data collected in a tabular form where Y and N are marked against the elements where Y means Yes and the related elements is available on the website, whereas N means No that is that particular element is not available on the website.

Basic Information about the Library

The basic Information about the Library consist general library information are as follows.

Basic Information about the Library								
Basic Information	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
About Library	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Vision & Mission	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	**4**
Rules & Regulations	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Timing	Y	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Staff	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Membership	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	**3**
Library Committee	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library News & Programs	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Collection (Print)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Library Collection (e-Resources)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Services	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Book Bank	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Newsletter	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	**2**
Purchase	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	**3**

Suggestion/Recommendation								
Visitor Count	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	**4**
Feedback Form	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	**1**
Total Score (Out of 16)	**13**	**1**	**12**	**6**	**12**	**16**	**12**	

Table No. 2 illustrates all the libraries 6 out of 7 provides information about library, Library Collection (Print), Library Collection (e-resources) and Services. Most of the 5 out of 7 libraries have mentioned about Rules and Regulations, Library Timing, Library Staff, Library Committee, Library News & Programs and Book Bank. Libraries 4 out of 7 mentioned information about Vision and Mission of the Library and Visitor count of the website were mentioned. Only 3 Libraries that are RTMNU, MAFSU and SIU havefacility aboutPurchase Suggestion/Recommendation and Library Membership. Only SIU and RBU libraries providing facility of Library Newsletter. Only 1 library provides facility about feedback form that is SIU. Among all the Libraries, the least basic information available on the LIT Library webpage and has scored 01 out of 16. The highest number of general information is mentioned on the SIU library webpage, and has scored 16 out of 16.

Library Collection

This section provides the information of various kinds of library collection provided by the library to its end users.

Table No. 3 **Information about Library Collection**

Information about Library Collection								
Library Collection	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Books	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Journals	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Reference Sources/ Materials	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	**4**
Newspaper	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Magazines	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Thesis & Dissertations	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Gifted Books	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**

CD/DVDs	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	**2**
Total Score (Out of 8)	**7**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**4**	**8**	**6**	

Table No. 3 shows that all the libraries except LIT have not provided information about Books. The majority of the Libraries 6 out of 7 have mentioned information Books and Journals except LIT library web page. Most of the Libraries have given information about Newspaper, Magazines and Thesis and Dissertations. Only 4 Libraries including KKSU, RTMNU, MAFSU and SIU have given information about Reference sources and Reference material. Again 4 out of 7 libraries have mentioned information about gifted books on the Library web page. Only 2 libraries namely MAFSU and SIU library have given the information about CD/DVD on the library web page. The SIU has provided most of the information about Library Collection and scored 8 out of 8, followed by RTMNU and KKSU scored 7 out of 8. LIT has not mentioned any information about library print collection and scored 0 out of 8.

E-Resources

This section provides information about various type of e-resources and their links available on the library webpage.

Table No. 4 Information about e-Resources

Information about e-Resources								
e-Resources	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Links to Free Online Resources	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to Subscribed e-Books	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to subscribed e-Journals	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to subscribed e-Databases	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to e-Databases Thesis & Dissertations	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to Institutional Repository	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Links to Question	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	**4**

Papers								
Total Score (Out of 7)	**6**	**0**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**7**	**7**	

Table No. 4 shows that maximum number of libraries have given information about Links to Free Online Resources, Links to Subscribed e-Books, Links to subscribed e-Journals and Links to e-Databases Thesis & Dissertations, score is 6 out of 7, except LIT library web page not given about e-Resources. 4 out of 7 library web page mentioned information about Links to Institutional Repository and Links to Question Papers. RTMNU, SIU and RBU have given information and links of subscribed e-Books, e-Journals, e-Databases, Thesis & Dissertations, Institutional Repository and Links to Question Papers and score 7 out of 7. LIT has scored least 0 out of 7 and not given information about e- resources.

Authority and Currency of Website

Authority and Currency are 2 main aspects to check the credibility and authenticity of the website.

Table No. 5 Information about Authority and Currency of Website

Information about Authority and Currency of Website								
Authority and Currency	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Domain name of the Library	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Copyright Information	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Last Updating of the website	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Webmaster Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Total Score (Out of 4)	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	

Table No. 5 shows that all the libraries have mentioned Domain name of the Library, Copyright Information, Last Updating of the website and Webmaster Name and score is 7 out of 7. KKSU, LIT, RTMNU, MNLU, MAFSU, SIU and RBU all the libraries web page were up to date.

Library Services

This table indicates the information about various kind of Library Services given by the libraries on their library web page.

Table No. 6 Information about Library Services

Information about Library Services								
Library Services	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Web OPAC	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	**5**
Remote Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	**5**
Reprographic Service	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Inter-Library Loan	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Plagiarism Service	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	**5**
Reference Service/ Ask a Librarian	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
New Arrivals	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**2**
Wi-Fi Service	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Library Orientation Service	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**3**
My Account	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Virtual Library Tour	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	**4**
Mobile Library App	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	**2**
News Paper Clipping Service	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**3**
Video Tutorials	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Total Score (Out of 14)	**13**	**0**	**13**	**4**	**5**	**14**	**7**	

Table No. 6 observes that maximum number of services given by the library is SIU that is 14 out of 14, followed by KKSU and RTMNU library web page given also maximum number of services to its users that is 13 out of 14. Most of libraries providing facility of my account on the library webpage for the users, score is 6 out of 7. Maximum number of libraries given facility of WEB OPAC, Remote Access, Reprographic Service and Plagiarism Service that is 5 out of 7 libraries web page. 5 Services that is Inter-Library Loan, Reference Service/ Ask a Librarian, Wi-Fi Service, Virtual Library Tour and Video Tutorials. Only 2

Libraries webpage given services about new arrivals that is RTMNU and SIU. Only 3 library websites given information about Library Orientation Service and News Paper Clipping Service. Least number of facility that is 4 services provided by the MAFSU library Web page. LIT has not providing any library services on library web page.

Conclusion

The library web page is the gateway of knowledge and it should be up to date according to requirement of the users, giving authentic and current information is the prime objective of the any library, so it should be continuously improved. The study reveals amongst the all library SIU Library web page is set the example of other library web page, and has fulfilling all the parameters of website. In the Library service section, basic information section, e-resources and collection section LIT library web page has not providing any information for the users, so library web page should be updated. The library's main motto should not have a basic library web page but also design user-friendly and provides all the necessary and relevant information to their end users.

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CLOUD COMPUTING AND ITS USES IN THE LIBRARY
ROLE OF CLOUD COMPUTING: IN FUTURE LIBRARIES

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Abstract: -*Libraries are evolving into an advanced stage of digital transformation through cloud computing. In this paradigm, libraries no longer require standalone software, operating systems, or applications, as long as they operate within the parameters set by their cloud service providers. Cloud computing introduces a new dimension to computing, revolutionizing how programs and supporting infrastructure are developed, scaled, updated, managed, and financed.*

This paper aims to highlight key aspects of cloud computing, including its types, models, and benefits. Additionally, it explores cloud computing initiatives in libraries and its impact on Library and Information Science. The discussion further examines the characteristics, advantage, and difficulties of cloud computing, the evolving role of cloud librarians, technological applications, and various cloud-based projects in the library sector.

Keywords: *Cloud computing; segments and Characteristics and Cloud librarian.*

Introduction: -

Cloud computing refers to the on-demand availability of computing resources, particularly data storage (cloud storage) and processing power, without requiring direct, active management by users. It follows a pay-as-you-go pricing model, which reduces capital expenses but may introduce unforeseen operational costs, such as data transfer fees, compliance requirements, or vendor lock-in risks.Cloud computing refers to the on-demand availability of computing resources, particularly data storage (cloud storage) and processing power, without requiring direct, active management by users. It follows a pay-as-you-go pricing model, which reduces capital expenses but may introduce unforeseen operational costs, such as data transfer fees, compliance requirements, or vendor lock-in risks.

The core principle of cloud computing is resource sharing, ensuring efficiency, scalability, and streamlined service delivery. This technology is widely applied across industries, including education and libraries, where it facilitates digital repositories, e-resource access,

and automated cataloguing systems. Cloud-based solutions help libraries manage vast digital collections while reducing the need for physical infrastructure.

Characteristics of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is defined by several key characteristics that make it an efficient and scalable solution for users and organizations:

1. Resource Sharing – Users share computing resources, allowing for optimized utilization and cost efficiency.
2. High-Speed Performance – Operates in a distributed computing environment, ensuring fast and seamless processing.
3. On-Demand Provisioning – Provides resources as needed without requiring manual intervention, ensuring scalability during peak demands.
4. Multi-Tenancy & Flexibility – Supports multiple users and applications simultaneously by leveraging a shared infrastructure.
5. Cost Efficiency & Accessibility – Reduces service costs by eliminating the need for local infrastructure, as resources are managed by third-party providers. Users can access cloud services from anywhere with an internet connection.

Since cloud applications are hosted on a common platform and accessible from multiple locations, they are easier to manage and maintain compared to standalone systems. Since they can be accessed from several locations and are deployed on a common platform, these applications are simpler to manage than standalone ones.

Cloud-based services offer the ability to access platforms or processing resources for application development. These services are secure, accessible from any internet-connected device, and include built-in backup mechanisms. A well-known example is **gmail,** which is widely used by businesses and individuals for managing email services. Educational institutions, in particular, benefit from **google apps for education**, which are offered free of charge. Many institutions have transitioned from maintaining their own email servers to using Google Apps, significantly reducing costs associated with software, infrastructure, and IT personnel. This shift allows organizations to allocate resources more efficiently, avoiding expenses related to maintaining dedicated staff and applications used only occasionally.

Libraries depend on computers to manage **Library Management Software,** websites and portals, digital libraries, institutional repositories, and other essential services. Traditionally, these services required substantial **investments in infrastructure, software updates, and technical staff for** maintenance and backups. In most cases,

library staff or institutional IT teams handled these responsibilities. However, many **university libraries are now adopting server and workstation virtualization**, enabling seamless collaboration with other campus institutions. This approach helps **reduce costs and optimize workload distribution**.

Cloud computing has become an increasingly **cost-effective and efficient solution** for libraries. With third-party service providers managing **server maintenance, software updates, and data backups,** libraries can focus on their **core mission of facilitating knowledge access and user engagement** rather than handling technical upkeep. In this way, cloud computing serves as a **transformative tool for modern libraries**, enhancing operational efficiency and expanding service capabilities.

Service Models in Cloud Computing and Their Applications in Libraries

Cloud computing offers three primary service models that can significantly enhance library operations by reducing infrastructure costs, improving accessibility, and streamlining management.

1. Software as a Service (SaaS) :- provides users with access to software applications over the internet without requiring installation or maintenance. Libraries can leverage SaaS solutions to improve digital services and enhance user experience.

2. Platform as a Service (PaaS) :-offers a cloud-based platform for developers to build, test, and deploy applications without managing the underlying infrastructure. This is particularly useful for libraries looking to develop custom applications and services.

3. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) :- delivers virtualized computing resources such as servers, storage, and networking on a pay-as-you-go basis. Libraries can use IaaS to scale their digital services without investing in costly physical infrastructure.

By adopting cloud computing models, libraries can enhance their efficiency, expand their digital presence, and provide seamless access to knowledge resources worldwide.
These emerging cloud services enhance interoperability and usability while significantly reducing computation costs. However, implementing cloud services currently requires expertise in cloud technologies, making skilled developers essential for deployment and management.

Applications of Cloud Computing in Libraries

Libraries today face numerous challenges due to the rapid evolution of information technology. New concepts such as digital libraries, internet-based services, web tools, and consortium practices have significantly transformed the library profession. Cloud computing, as a modern IT technology, plays a crucial role in this transformation by enabling libraries to run software applications on the internet and store data on remote servers.

Key Applications of Cloud Computing in Libraries:

1. **Information Sharing** – Libraries can share bibliographic data, table of contents, cover pages, exam papers, syllabi, and other reading materials on a single cloud-based platform. This enhances resource accessibility, improves library cost efficiency, and prevents redundant acquisitions.
2. **Collection Development** – Cloud computing facilitates better resource management by preventing duplication of materials. Users can discover and access a wider range of resources without unnecessary repetition.
3. **File Sharing** – Cloud technology simplifies electronic data sharing, allowing libraries to seamlessly exchange diverse materials, including research papers, multimedia files, and digital archives.
4. **Information Discovery** – Cloud-based platforms enable anytime, anywhere access to stored information. This is particularly beneficial for researchers, who can efficiently search and retrieve resources remotely.
5. **E-Learning Support** – Cloud computing enhances e-learning environments by allowing study materials, digital textbooks, and online assessments to be stored and accessed on demand. Students and faculty can collaborate in real time, edit documents, and engage in discussions from different locations.

6. **Information Literacy & User Training** – Libraries can leverage cloud technology to offer orientation programs, information literacy courses**,** and training materials in various formats, such as videos, presentations, and documents. Additionally, cloud-based platforms support user-to-user interactions, fostering a collaborative learning experience.

By integrating cloud computing, libraries can streamline operations, enhance accessibility, and provide more efficient services to users, ultimately advancing the role of libraries in the digital era

Role of a Cloud Librarian

As libraries increasingly adopt cloud computing, the role of a Cloud Librarian has evolved to include both traditional library responsibilities and advanced technological functions. A Cloud Librarian plays a crucial role in managing digital resources, ensuring seamless access, and supporting member libraries with cloud-based services.

Key Responsibilities of a Cloud Librarian:

1. **Managing Member Information & Transactions** – Tracks user activity, borrowing history, and digital resource usage within the cloud-based library system.
2. **Providing Access Credentials** – Assigns PINs and access permissions to students and defines **validity periods** for different services.
3. **Facilitating Resource Sharing** – Coordinates with member libraries contributing resources to the cloud, ensuring effective collaboration and shared access.
4. **Liaising with Publishers & Consortia** – Communicates with e-book publishers, journal providers, database distributors, and consortia to manage subscriptions and negotiate access to digital content.

5. **Collaborating with Faculty** – Works with faculty members to curate customized digital resource packages tailored to different academic departments and disciplines.
6. **Enhancing Technological Skills** – Continuously updates knowledge of emerging technologies, cloud services, and digital library management systems to ensure efficient operations.
7. **Conducting Training & Awareness Programs** – Organizes workshops, seminars, and awareness sessions to educate users on accessing and utilizing cloud-based library resources effectively.

By adopting cloud technologies, Cloud Librarians serve as key facilitators in the digital transformation of libraries, ensuring efficient resource management, seamless accessibility, and enhanced user engagement.

Disadvantages of Cloud Computing

While cloud computing offers numerous advantages, it has certain challenges and limitations that libraries should consider:

1. Limited Control & Vendor Lock-in – Cloud service providers manage infrastructure and updates, limiting the control libraries have over their systems. Additionally, switching providers can be costly and complicated due to data migration challenges.
2. Ongoing Costs – Although cloud computing reduces upfront capital expenses, the pay-as-you-go model may lead to unpredictable long-term costs, especially as usage scales up.
3. Compliance & Legal Issues – Different countries have varying data protection laws and regulations. Libraries must ensure that cloud providers comply with relevant legal and institutional policies regarding data storage and handling.
4. Potential Performance Issues – Cloud-based applications may experience latency or slow performance due to shared resources, particularly during peak usage times.
5. Data Loss Risks – Although cloud providers implement backup systems, accidental deletions, cyberattacks, or service failures can still lead to data loss or corruption.

Despite these challenges, proper risk management, strategic planning, and vendor selection can help mitigate these disadvantages, allowing libraries to leverage cloud computing effectively.

Conclusions

Cloud computing has indeed revolutionized how services and data are managed and delivered across industries, including libraries. By eliminating the need for institutions to

manage and maintain physical servers, cloud computing allows libraries to focus on providing valuable resources and services rather than dealing with the technical complexities of infrastructure.
For libraries in particular, cloud computing offers several advantages:

- **Reduced IT burden**: As you mentioned, managing technology can be challenging for library staff, especially when IT support is minimal or non-existent. Cloud computing offloads this responsibility to service providers, allowing staff to focus more on user services and content management.
- **Cost efficiency**: Instead of investing in expensive hardware and maintaining it, libraries can pay for only the resources they use on the cloud. This can be particularly beneficial for smaller institutions with limited budgets.
- **Scalability**: Cloud services allow libraries to easily scale their infrastructure as needed without worrying about physical space or capacity. This ensures that the library's systems grow in line with increasing demand for digital resources or more users.
- **Accessibility and Collaboration**: Cloud computing enables remote access to library services and resources, which is beneficial for users who are unable to visit the library physically. It also enhances collaboration across institutions, as resources can be shared easily.

The global shift towards cloud computing in libraries, particularly in Western countries, shows how this technology can enable libraries to modernize their operations. While some regions may still be catching up, the benefits of cloud technology are becoming evident as awareness increases, especially in developing areas.

This could lead to further advancements in library services and better resource management. As cloud technology evolves, libraries worldwide will likely continue to integrate it into their operations, enhancing the way they serve their communities.

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APPLICATION OF CLOUD COMPUTING IN ACADEMIC COLLEGES: A CASE STUDY OF SELECTED ACADEMIC COLLEGES AFFILIATED TO KBCNMU JALGAON

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Abstract: *The aim of this research paper is to study the application of Cloud Computing in selected Academic Colleges affiliated to KBCNMU Jalgaon. Being descriptive in nature, this research study followed survey method by adapting a sample of 175 respondents (17 librarians, and 168 UG students) using simple random sampling. A self-structured questionnaire is the primary tool for collecting data. The study reveals that majority of respondents (92%) have knowledge about cloud computing systems, with 100% of librarians possessing this knowledge. While differences were found between students' and librarians' perspectives on the need for cloud computing, both groups emphasized the importance of reliability and authenticity of content for library use. The statistical analysis indicates that the difference in perceptions between librarians and undergraduate students regarding cloud computing is not statistically significant, suggesting that the impact of cloud computing in libraries is similar for both groups.*

Key Words: Cloud Computing, Academic college libraries, application, services, Library Management System.

1. Introduction:

In modern society, all human activities are organized through various institutions. Today, all major social functions and organizations have been institutionalized, whether these organizations are economic or related to financial or related to health services or even related education. The arrangement for safety or defense of industrial sector or

environment is accomplished through these institutions and organizations. Libraries and other such institutions are those institutions which collect, store, process, organize and disseminate information/knowledge recorded in documents. Since knowledge and information are essential for the inclusive development of human beings, libraries and other institutions that organize and deliver information and knowledge are important. Library institution plays significant role in imparting knowledge and is having its glory since past. Whereas, there is a difference in the form and role of the library of ancient times and modern times. The form and function of the library of ancient times was that of the museum and many examples can be seen of the books stored in the library adding to the beauty of the library. But with passage of time, the work of the above library and museum was not limited to this only but its work grew widely and Dr. Ranganathan's five principles played an important role in it.

On the basis of the evidence found from the Indus Valley civilization, it can be said that in ancient times, store houses were built in storing inscriptions and other reading materials, but the importance of libraries kept increasing in the 19th and 20th centuries. The importance of libraries was made mandatory not only in educational institutes, but public libraries were also established in large scale. With a view of developing library resources at the college level, the University Grant Commission created a library revolution by setting up a Library Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. S R Ranganathan. The recommendations of National Commission for Education (1964-66) focused on library development and kept libraries as developing sector and also recommended for their modernization.

In present era, where every piece of information and knowledge is published through specialized literature, libraries need to fulfill and store and manage such published literature in order to provide need-based information for their readers and users. In order to reach every information to user at a specific time and in a numerical manner, libraries will have to make efforts in such a way that they can use various technologies to increase their customer satisfaction. In present times, there has been a great change in the format of information. These changes in the society are affecting the family, education system and libraries. Information technology has changed the basic form of all these. Where printed text material was available in the libraries, many libraries like e-libraries, digital libraries, etc. have taken the form of electronic and online resources.

Moreover, libraries academic colleges in India are shifting their focus from being mere repositories of knowledge to becoming dynamic hubs of learning, where students can engage with information, develop critical thinking skills, and cultivate a culture of lifelong learning. The rise of digital libraries, online databases, and e-journals has also necessitated a re-evaluation of the role of librarians, who are now expected to possess a range of skills, including information literacy, digital curation, and data analysis, to effectively support the

research and learning needs of their users. Furthermore, the increasing emphasis on open access publishing, open educational resources, and digital scholarship has created new opportunities for libraries to engage with the academic community, promote scholarly communication, and advance the cause of social justice. Despite these advances, academic libraries in India continue to face numerous challenges, including inadequate funding, outdated infrastructure, and a shortage of skilled librarians, which can hinder their ability to provide high-quality services and support the evolving needs of their users. Nevertheless, as academic libraries in India continue to evolve and adapt to the changing landscape of higher education, they are poised to play an increasingly vital role in fostering a culture of academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility.

Academic libraries provide guidance to students, research scholars, faculties and visiting readers regarding information and purchase of various types of library resources related to their mother university's courses, both curricular and extracurricular. (Chudasma, Bhatt, and Trivedi, 2019)

The journey towards cloud computing of Indian Academic college libraries has traversed through various stages, beginning with traditional library setups, followed by automation and digitization, and then cloud computing awareness, adoption of cloud-based services, and hybrid and community cloud adoption. Currently, libraries are exploring cloud-native services, artificial intelligence-powered tools, and cloud-based digital repositories, with a focus on data analytics, user experience, and library assessment. As libraries continue to evolve, they are expected to strengthen community cloud initiatives, collaborative networks, and develop innovative services, ultimately transforming into vibrant, technology-enabled learning spaces that foster academic excellence, innovation, and student success.(Singh and Sharma, 2019)

1.2 Concept of Cloud Computing:

Cloud computing is a modern technology that allows users to store and manage their data and applications online. This technology allows users to easily increase or decrease their resources, allowing them to adjust their resources according to their business needs. The main advantages of cloud computing include scalability, flexibility, cost-effectiveness, and security. This technology is available in different types of cloud models, including public cloud, private cloud, and hybrid cloud. That is why Cloud Computing is considered to be the fifth basic need of human being after water, electricity, gas, and mobile. (Monroy and Guererro, 2012) National Institute of Standards and Technology while defining Cloud Computing stated that, it is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

Cloud computing is a technology in which data and programmes are stored and accessed on the Internet. In other words, "Cloud computing is a technology by which data or information is stored, managed and retrieved with the help of the Internet."

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) describes cloud computing as "a paradigm for enabling network access to a scalable and elastic pool of shareable physical or virtual resources with self-service provisioning and administration on-demand".

Peter Mell and Tim Grance, authors of the NIST Cloud Computing Reference Architecture, define cloud computing as "a pay-per-use model for enabling available, convenient, and on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources".

Cloud computing refers to manipulating, configuring and accessing the applications online. It is a process that offers online data storage, infrastructure, application and involvement both a combination of software and hardware. (Ajay Bansal)

In simple terms, cloud computing provides scalability, flexibility, and cost-effectiveness, as users only pay for the resources they use, and can easily scale up or down to meet changing business needs. With cloud computing, users can access their data and applications from anywhere, on any device, at any time, making it an essential tool for businesses, organizations, and individuals alike, and enabling greater collaboration, innovation, and productivity.

Some of the cloud computing technologies used by these libraries include Cloud-based Integrated Library Systems: These systems enable libraries to manage their collections, circulation, and patron management more efficiently.

Google Apps and Facebook: Many libraries in India are using Google Apps, such as Gmail and Google Docs, and Facebook to provide various services to their users.

Cloud Computing Infrastructure: Some libraries are using cloud computing infrastructure to host their websites, databases, and applications, making it easier to manage and maintain their IT infrastructure.

Cloud-based Research Platforms: A few libraries are also using cloud-based research platforms to support research projects and provide students with hands-on experience with cloud-based technologies.

1.2.1 Service Models of Cloud Computing:

Service models refer to the type of cloud computing service provided to customers.

1. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

IaaS provides virtualized computing resources over the internet. Customers can provision and manage their own virtual machines, storage, and networking resources.

Advantages:

Scalability and flexibility

Cost-effective

Control over infrastructure

Disadvantages:

Requires IT expertise

Security concerns

2. Platform as a Service (PaaS)

PaaS provides a platform for developing, running, and managing and hoisting applications. Customers can focus on developing and deploying their applications without worrying about the underlying infrastructure.

Advantages:

Rapid application development and deployment

Cost-effective

Scalability and flexibility

Disadvantages:

Limited control over infrastructure

Vendor lock-in

3. Software as a Service (SaaS)

SaaS provides software applications over the internet. Customers can access and use software applications without having to install, configure, or maintain them.

Advantages:

Cost-effective

Scalability and flexibility

Easy to deploy and manage

Disadvantages:

Limited control over software

Vendor lock-in

1.3 Cloud Computing System in Academic College Libraries:

Based on some studies, Clouding Computing system in academic college libraries transforms the operative, supportive and providing services, also enhances research qualities and learning practices. Following are some of the areas where Cloud Computing plays its contribution in college libraries.

1. Enhanced Resource Sharing and Collaboration: Cloud computing enables libraries to share resources, such as e-books, journals, and databases, more efficiently with other libraries and institutions, promoting resource sharing and collaboration.

2. Improved Library Management: Cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS) enable libraries to manage their collections, circulation, and patron management more efficiently, reducing the need for manual processes and minimizing errors.

3. Increased Accessibility and Remote Access: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide remote access to their resources and services, allowing students and faculty to access library materials and services from anywhere, at any time.
4. Scalability and Flexibility: Cloud computing provides libraries with scalability and flexibility, enabling them to quickly adapt to changing user needs and technological advancements without significant upfront investments.
5. Cost-Effective: Cloud computing reduces the need for libraries to invest in expensive hardware and software, providing a cost-effective solution for managing library operations and providing services.
6. Enhanced Research Support: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide enhanced research support, including access to cloud-based research platforms, tools, and services, facilitating collaboration and innovation.
7. Improved Digital Preservation: Cloud computing enables libraries to preserve digital content more effectively, ensuring long-term access to digital resources and collections.
8. Enhanced User Experience: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide a more personalized and user-centric experience, including customized discovery layers, recommendation systems, and mobile apps.
9. Better Data Analytics: Cloud computing enables libraries to collect and analyze data more effectively, providing insights into user behavior, resource usage, and library operations.
10. Enhanced Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity: Cloud computing enables libraries to ensure business continuity and disaster recovery, providing a secure and reliable infrastructure for library operations and services.

2. Objectives of the Study:

Following are the objectives of the study.

1. To understand the knowledge of cloud based library system of library personnel.
2. To investigate the cloud based services offered by academic college libraries.
3. To investigate the need of cloud computing system in academic college libraries.
4. To assess the impact of cloud computing on academic college libraries function.

3. Research Methodology:

Being descriptive in nature, this research study followed survey method as this method of research collects data in the present perspective. There are total 103 academic colleges affiliated to Kaviyitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University Jalgaon offering arts, arts and science, arts and commerce, commerce, science, and arts commerce and science streams education. Following purposive sampling, the research selected Jalgaon district for the study. All 50 academic colleges from Jalgaon district was the population academic colleges in the district. Out of 50 academic colleges, the researcher selected 18

colleges from the district as only these college libraries had cloud computing system services in their respective libraries. Following simple random sampling technique, the researcher further selected 10 UG students from each selected colleges. Thus the entire sample of the study was 18 librarians and 180 students. A self-structured questionnaire following both open and closed questions was the primary tool of data collection.

Table 3.1

Sample Detail

Sr. No.	Particular	Number
1	Librarians	18
2	UG Students	180
	Total	198

Table 3.2

Questionnaire Response Details

Sr. No.	Particular	Number	Number of responses	Percentage
1	Librarians	18	17	94.44
2	UG Students	180	168	84.84
	Total	198	175	88.38

Table 3.2 is about the number and percentage reveals actual respondents of study. 168 out of 180 UG students from the selected colleges could submit their questionnaire following each area of the questionnaire, while 10.61% students failed to fill complete questionnaire. On the other hand one library personnel also failed to respond the questionnaire. Thus the total response was 88.38%; therefore, the final respondents in the study were 17 librarians and 168 UG students.

4. Data Analysis and Interpretation:

Table 4.1

Knowledge about Cloud Computing

Do you have knowledge about Cloud Computing?

Sr. No	**Particular**	**Yes**	**Percentage**	**No**	**Percentage**
1	Librarians	17	100%	-	-
2	Students	154	91.66%	14	08.34

Table 4.1 is about the knowledge of Cloud computing of respondents. 100% librarians have knowledge about cloud computing system, while 91.66% (N=154) students have knowledge about CC system, while 8.34% (N=14) students said no to the question. This states that majority of respondents have knowledge about Cloud Computing system.

Table 4.2
Area of Knowledge of Cloud Computing

Sr. No	Areas	Yes	No	Total
1	Basics of CC	168 (96%)	07 (4%)	175
2	Types of CC	147 (84%)	28 (16%)	175
3	LMS	159 (90.85%)	16 (9.14%)	175
4	Cloud based sources	134 (76.57%)	41 (17.33%	175
5	Cloud based tools	140 (80%)	35 (20%)	175
6	Library resources	152 (86.85%)	23(13.15%)	175

It is with reference to the table 4.2 which reveals information about the areas of knowledge that respondents have towards Cloud Computing system. Varied responses have been registered by the students. Majority of 96% respondents found knowledge about the area of basics of cloud computing, while 90.85% respondents had knowledge about Library Management System (LMS). Another 86.85% respondents have knowledge about the Library resources and 84% respondents have knowledge about Types of CC.

4.3
Cloud Based Services offered by the Libraries

Sr. No	Particulars	Librarians (17)	Students (168)
1	Library Management System	17 (100%)	122 (72.61)
2	E-resources Management	13 (76.47%)	110 (65.47)
3	Digital Resources	14 (82.35%)	138 (82.14)
4	Research Support	17 (100%)	102 (60.71)
5	Library Analytics	17 (100%)	144 (85.71)

It is with reference to the data given in table 4.3 that reveals information about Cloud Computing services by the libraries of academic colleges in the district. For librarians they offer Cloud Computing based services on large scale to their users. On the other hand, the students' responses indicate that they found fewer opportunities in such services as their response about 85 to 60 percent in range.

4.4
Need of Cloud Computing System

Sr. No	Particular	Needs
1	Students	For anytime access as e-books, articles, database. For Group works For google drive and drop box to have back up of

		source. For equal access to needy students. For accessing special software when not available in local library.
2	Librarians	For providing easy access to their users. For managing library operations. For collaboration with other libraries. For improving library services. For reliable and secure resources.

Table 4.4 reveals data about the need of Cloud computing services for both students and librarians. As it was open ended response, respondents have various responses. They need Cloud Computing for having anytime access, for back up, for integration, for inclusive use, and for reliable sources of reading.

4.5

Impact of Cloud Computing on Library Services

Statement	N	Means	SD	Df	t-value	Level (0.05)
Impact of CC	17	10.5	2.50	173	1.34	Accepted
	168	9.8	2.00			

It is with reference to the table 4.5 that indicates the level of impact of Cloud Computing with reference to librarians and students. The calculated t-value 1.34 is lesser to the table value hence it indicates that for both librarians and students, the impact of CC in library services is same.

Findings:

- Total 175 respondents participated in the study out of which 17 were librarians, while 168 were students.
- Majority of 92% respondents found knowledge about Cloud Computing systems, out of which 100% librarians found having knowledge of CC.
- Majority of 96% respondents found knowledge about the area of basics of cloud computing, while 90.85% respondents had knowledge about Library Management System (LMS). Another 86.85% respondents have knowledge about the Library resources and 84% respondents have knowledge about Types of CC.
- Varied responses were found regarding the services offered by CC in the college libraries. Students had varied responses.

- There found difference in the need of Cloud Counting from students and librarians perspective. But it is found common when they both rely on reliability and authenticity of content for their library use.
- Since the calculated t-value- 1.34 is less than the critical value 1.65 (0.05 level) with df 173, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. In other words the difference being tasted is not statistically significant at 0.05 level; therefore, the impact of Cloud Counting in libraries is same for librarians and UG students.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights into the knowledge, perceptions, and needs of librarians and undergraduate students regarding cloud computing in academic libraries. The findings suggest that while there are differences in perspectives, both groups recognize the importance of cloud computing in supporting academic success. The study's results have implications for library administrators, librarians, and educators, highlighting the need for ongoing professional development, user education, and strategic planning to harness the potential of cloud computing in academic libraries.

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USER PERCEPTIONS AND USAGE OF ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUES: A STUDY

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Abstract : *Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) systems are essential tools in modern libraries, enabling users to easily search and retrieve information about library resources. This study investigated the usage and functionality of the OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, from the perspectives of both staff and students. A questionnaire-based survey was employed to collect data, with 300 questionnaires distributed to library users, of which 258 were returned, representing an 86% response rate. The study aimed to identify potential areas for improvement in the library's OPAC services. The findings revealed that the majority of users are satisfied with the current OPAC system. This research provides valuable insights into the user experience with OPAC in an academic setting. By understanding the challenges and needs of library users, libraries can optimize their OPAC systems to better serve their communities.*

Introduction

The effectiveness of a library's OPAC hinges on its ability to meet the diverse needs of its users. This case study investigates the user experience with the OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, focusing on how users interact with the system, the challenges they encounter, and their overall satisfaction. Through a detailed analysis of user feedback and system usage data, this study seeks to identify areas for improvement in OPAC design and functionality, ultimately aiming to enhance user access to library resources.

In today's digital age, Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs) are essential for libraries to provide effective access to their collections. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, uses the Master Software's M-OPAC, which is a comprehensive library management solution designed to streamline OPAC functionality and enhance the user experience. Master Software's M-OPAC offers a user-friendly interface and powerful search capabilities, empowering library patrons to quickly and easily find the resources they need. This discussion will delve into the user-centric design of M-OPAC, examining how its features, contribute to a seamless and efficient research experience.

Objectives of the Study

This study aims to investigate the use of Online Public Access Catalogue (OPACs) as follows:

- To identify the users of OPAC.
- To know the awareness and use of OPAC among the library users

- To determine the purpose of using OPAC.
- To find out various problem faced by the library users in using OPAC
- To determine the types of information sought by users via the OPAC.
- To know the satisfaction level of users with the OPAC system.

Methodology

Thequestionnairemethodwasusedtocollectthe datafrom the users of libraries. Awell-designed questionnaire was considered for conducting the study. Total 300 questionnaires were distributed among the users of public libraries. Out of which 258 questionnaire were received back.

DataAnalysis and Finding

1. Distribution of respondents

Types of users	No. of questionnaires distributed	No. of responses received	Percentage
Under Graduate Students	180	166	92.22
Postgraduate students	70	50	71.43
Researchers	14	12	85.71
Faculties	30	27	90.00
Non-teaching Staff	6	3	50.00
Total	300	258	86.00

Table 1: Distribution of respondents

This table shows the response rates to a questionnaire distributed among different user groups. A total of 300 questionnaires were distributed across five groups: Undergraduate Students, Postgraduate Students, Researchers, Faculties, and Non-teaching Staff. The table displays the number of questionnaires distributed to each group, the number of responses received from each group, and the calculated response percentage for each group. Overall, 258 responses were received, resulting in an overall response rate of 86%. The table allows for a comparison of response rates across the different user types. We can observe, that Undergraduate Students had the highest response rate (92.22%), while Non-teaching Staff had the lowest (50.00%).

2. Gender wise respondents

Gender	No. of respondents	Percentage

Male	103	39.92
Female	155	60.08
Total	258	100.00

Table2: Gender wise respondents

This table shows the gender distribution of respondents to a survey or questionnaire. Out of a total of 258 respondents, 103 (39.92%) were male and 155 (60.08%) were female. This indicates that a majority of the respondents were female.

3. Level of awareness about OPAC

Awareness level about OPAC	No. of respondents	Percentage
Aware	258	100.00
Not aware	0	0.00
Total	258	100.00

Table 3: Level of awareness about OPAC

This table shows that all 258 respondents (100%) indicated they are aware of OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). There were no respondents who reported being unaware of OPAC. This suggests a very high level of familiarity with OPAC among the surveyed population.

4. Frequency of Use of OPAC

Frequency of Use	No. of respondents	Percentage
Daily	78	30.23
Weekly	53	20.54
Fortnightly	31	12.02
Monthly	29	11.24
Occasionally	67	25.97
Total	258	100.00

Table 4: Frequency of Use of OPAC

This table displays the frequency of use, presumably of a particular service or resource, among the 258 respondents. It shows the number of respondents and the corresponding

percentage for each frequency category. The data reveals that the most frequent use is "Daily" (30.23%), followed by "Occasionally" (25.97%). The "Weekly" frequency accounts for 20.54% of responses, while "Fortnightly" and "Monthly" represent 12.02% and 11.24% respectively.

5. Use of Search Terms

Search term	No. of respondents	Percentage
Keywords	63	24.42
Title	132	51.16
Accession Number	12	4.65
Subject	14	5.43
Author	26	10.08
Publisher	11	4.26

Table 5: Use of Search Terms

This table shows the distribution of search terms used by respondents, likely within a library OPAC. It lists the different search term options like Keywords, Title, Accession Number, Subject, Author, and Publisher, the number of respondents who used each term, and the percentage of respondents that represents. The data indicates that "Title" is the most frequently used search term (51.16%), followed by "Keywords" (24.42%). The other search terms are used less frequently, with "Accession Number" and "Publisher" being the least used.

6. Purpose of Using OPAC

Purpose of using OPAC	No. of respondents	Percentage
Finding location of the books	116	44.96
Checking availability of the books	98	37.98
To know the new arrivals	18	6.98
Time consuming	14	5.43
Exploring related	12	4.65

resources		

Table 6: Purpose of Using OPAC

This table outlines the primary reasons respondents use an OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). The most common purpose, cited by 116 respondents (44.96%), is finding the location of books. Checking the availability of books is the second most frequent reason, with 98 respondents (37.98%) selecting this option. Smaller percentages of respondents use the OPAC to learn about new arrivals (6.98%), find it time-consuming (5.43%), or explore related resources (4.65%).

7. Satisfaction level in using OPAC

Level of satisfaction	No. of respondents	Percentage
Fully satisfied	168	65.12
Satisfied	83	32.17
Partially satisfied	7	2.71
Total	258	100.00

Table 7: Satisfaction level in using OPAC

This table presents data on respondent satisfaction levels, categorized as "Fully satisfied," "Satisfied," and "Partially satisfied." Out of the 258 total respondents, the majority 168 (65.12%) reported being "Fully satisfied." A significant portion 83 respondents (32.17%) indicated they were "Satisfied," while a small fraction 7 respondents (2.71%) were "Partially satisfied." The data suggests a generally high level of satisfaction among the respondents.

Conclusion:

This study has examined the usage of OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, the effectiveness of M-OPAC in improving library services and the satisfaction towards the OPAC service. The findings indicate that a very high level of familiarity with OPAC among the surveyed population. Users are generally satisfied with the OPAC. M-OPAC has significantly streamlined library workflows. These results suggest that the most common purpose of using OPAC is finding the location of books. Ultimately, this study contributes to a better understanding of role of OPACs in modern libraries, the importance of user experience in library services, the potential of technology to transform library operations.

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The Impact of Cloud Computing on Library Operations: A Case Study

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Abstract: *The aim of this research study is to investigate the impact of cloud computing on academic college library operation of Nagpur District. A sample of 15 academic colleges is purposively selected including 25 library personnel and 150 student respondents. A survey was conducted by deploying self-structured questionnaire along with semi-structured questions for interview. Findings reveal significant impact of cloud computing on library efficiency, collaboration, and cloud storage resources. However, technical issues, data security and data privacy concern are the prior challenges for library personnel and library users. The study highlights the significance of cloud computing for better library operation.*

Key Words:*Cloud Computing, Academic Libraries, Data Privacy, Data Security, Operation, and Efficiency.*

Introduction:

The evolution of technology has impacted all sectors and has adopted it and changed their functioning and methodology. In recent times, the new concept of called Cloud Computing has added another inclusion or innovation to this; has changed the narratives of conventional functioning into advanced functioning. Having functioning like flexibility, effectiveness, stability, and storing system, cloud computing has been a revolution in technology sector. Therefore, each section of modern era is adapting cloud computing following its functioning and libraries are no exception within this following perspective. Libraries, traditionally known for managing physical collections of books, journals, and other materials, are now embracing technology to enhance their services. The integration of cloud computing technologies into library systems has transformed how libraries store, manage, and deliver resources to users. As libraries strive to provide

innovative services, expand their digital collections, and enhance user experience, they are increasingly turning to cloud computing as a viable solution.

Cloud computing offers libraries the opportunity to migrate their IT infrastructure, applications, and data to a cloud-based environment, thereby reducing the burden of hardware and software maintenance, improving collaboration and resource sharing, and enabling greater mobility and accessibility. However, the adoption of cloud computing in libraries also raises important questions about the impact on library operations, including the management of digital collections, the provision of research support services, and the ensuring of data security and privacy.

Traditionally, libraries have relied on in-house servers and local storage systems to manage vast amounts of information. However, cloud computing offers a flexible, scalable, and cost-effective alternative by enabling libraries to host their data, applications, and services on remote servers accessed via the internet. (Dutt, 2015) This shift not only reduces the need for extensive physical infrastructure but also ensures that libraries can meet the growing demands of users in the digital age. For libraries, this technology presents a transformative opportunity to move from traditional models to more agile, user-centric systems that cater to the diverse needs of patrons. By leveraging the cloud, libraries can offer faster access to digital collections, improve data security, and reduce the physical space requirements for storing vast amounts of information.

Over the last decade, libraries have increasingly adopted cloud computing solutions to enhance their operations, improve service delivery, and manage vast collections of digital resources more effectively (Suman and Singh, 2016). Cloud computing has become a pivotal element in modernizing library systems, transforming traditional library workflows by offering tools for resource management, user services, and collaboration.

Historical Context:

The establishment of libraries was major step in creating a reading culture from a historical perspective. The traditional library was a physical place where books were kept and users would physically use it. Over time, with the advancement of technology, this traditional method of library functioning got replaced with ICT tools, multimedia, databases etc., and the overall functioning of the library changed. Even though technology was incorporated in libraries and changes were made in its physical properties, the maintenance of these technology-based systems became limited and expensive. Consequently, the concept of cloud computing gave libraries an opportunity to overcome all these challenges.

Although the role of libraries has changed over time, the library has become a technology-based library using various components such as local servers, on-sited data storage, and IT management, cloud computing has not only limited the infrastructure but also eliminated the need for large hardware investment. This is due to the provision of virtualized storage, security, accessibility, and scalable services. The virtual existence of cloud computing

provides remote access to a wide range of e-books, articles, multimedia content, and other digital reading sources from any device via internet. Modern features such as encryption and access control are now available in the library, which enables a large number of robust security measures and provides a high level of security to digital resources that accessed through various means. This was not the case in traditional or technology-based libraries.

Significance of Study:

The significance of this study lies in its ability to explore and assess the transformative role of cloud computing in the modern library landscape. Cloud computing has not only introduced technological advancements but has also altered the fundamental operations, user interactions, and service delivery in libraries. As libraries face growing demands to provide more accessible, efficient, and diversified services, understanding the implications of cloud computing becomes essential. This study will examine the various facets of cloud computing's influence, providing insight into its benefits, challenges, and potential for the future.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To examine the integration of cloud computing in libraries in Nagpur District.
2. To assess the impact of Cloud computing on the accessibility and efficiency of libraries in the District.
3. To identify the challenges and limitations of Cloud Computing operations in Nagpur District libraries.

Methodology:

The aim of this research paper is to investigate the impact of cloud computing on library operation from the academic libraries in Nagpur district, this research study adapted both qualitative and quantitative research methodology. Being descriptive in its nature, this study followed survey method in order to gather responses from the correspondents. This led the researcher to understand the adoption, implementation and impact of cloud computing on related library functioning. Interview sessions also deployed to interrogate with service providers and some library users for receiving qualitative forms. This research study followed purposive sampling method because this method of sampling allowed the researcher to target specific libraries that have adopted cloud computing. Adapting purposive sampling, 15 academic libraries were selected and further, 25 library personnel, and 150 library users were randomly selected. A self-structured questionnaire was the primary tool data collection, while semi-structured questions were designed for interviewing the respondents.

Data Analysis:

Table 1

Integration of Cloud Computing in Libraries

For Library Personnel (25)

Item	Response	Number	Percentage
Integration of Cloud Computing	Yes	20	80%
	No	5	20%
Cloud-Based Services Utilized	Library Management System	15	60%
	Cloud Storage for Resources	12	48%
	Digital Resource Access	18	72%
	Others	2	8%
Integration Level of CC	1 (Not Integrated)	1	04%
	2	4	14%
	3	8	32%
	4	9	36%
	5 (Fully Integrated)	3	12%

It is with reference to table one, 80% of libraries in the Nagpur district have adopted some form of cloud computing. This shows a high level of adoption in the district.

20% of libraries have not adopted cloud computing, which may indicate barriers such as lack of infrastructure or insufficient budget.

Digital Resource Access (72%) is the most commonly utilized cloud service by libraries. This suggests that most libraries are leveraging cloud computing to provide online access to resources, which is beneficial for students and researchers.

Library Management Systems (60%) are also commonly used, indicating that cloud-based systems are increasingly used for managing books, catalogs, and other services.

Cloud Storage for Resources (48%) is another significant service used by libraries, helping to store and organize data remotely.

36% of library personnel rate the integration of cloud computing as 4 (Highly Integrated) and 12% rate it as 5 (Fully Integrated). This suggests that a significant portion of libraries have integrated cloud computing into their operations effectively.

Table 2

Impact of Cloud Computing on Library Operation

Item	Mean	Sd	Df	t-value
CC Adoption	3.61	1.22	173	2.16
Library Efficiency	4.07	1.08	173	3.52
Cloud Storage	4.12	094	173	2.79

Resources				
Collaboration	4.06	1.16	173	2.40
Security	3.86	1.27	173	1.93

(the critical t-value at 0.05 level for df 173 is 1.96)

It is with reference to the table 2 revealing impact of Cloud Computing on library operation of Nagpur District, the mean value 3.61 for Cloud Computing adoption among the colleges indicates a moderate level of adoption of CC, but is showing its impact on library operation. The mean score of Library efficiency is 4.07 indicates a significant level efficiency among the libraries. While, the calculated t-value 3.52 suggests CC adoption by the college libraries have significant impact on their operation. The mean score of Cloud Storage Resources also indicates a significant level of resources sharing among the libraries have CC system. The calculated t-value 2.79 shows significant impact of CC on library operation. The mean score of collaboration 4.06 is also having significant level of collaboration among the libraries having CC system. The calculated t-value 2.40 indicates a significant impact of CC on library operation. On the other hand, the mean value 3.86 of security indicates a moderate level of information security among the libraries. The calculated t-value 1.93 suggests a marginal impact on information security.

Table 3

Challenges in Implementing Cloud Computing in Library Operation

Challenges	F	Percentage	Mean	SD
Technical Issues	121	80%	3.9	1.13
Data Security	101	66.69%	3.7	1.24
Interoperability	92	60.10%	3.6	1.10
Data Privacy	100	66.70%	3.7	1.22
Cost	68	46.67%	3.1	1.09

In table 3 the frequency and percentage shown indicates number of respondents who identified each challenge as a major issue for them. On the other hand, the mean and Standard Deviation indicates severity of each challenge faced by both library personnel and library users. The mean value 3.9 against technical issue challenge reveals that this challenge is having a significant concern among the respondents while, the mean score 3.1 against cost challenge indicates a moderate concern for the respondents.

Findings:

- 80% of libraries in the Nagpur district have adopted some form of cloud computing.
- Digital Resource Access (72%) is the most commonly utilized cloud service by libraries.
- 36% of library personnel rate the integration of cloud computing as 4 (Highly Integrated) and 12% rate it as 5 (Fully Integrated).

- CC adoption has a significant and positive impact on library efficiency, resource sharing, and collaboration.
- Information security remains a concern for libraries that have adopted CC.
- Technical issues, data security concerns, and data privacy are the top challenges faced by libraries in operating CC.
- Interoperability and cost constraints are also significant challenges.

Conclusion:

It with reference to the findings, it can be concluded that the cloud computing adoption in academic colleges of Nagpur district have varied adoption practices regarding cloud computing. The cloud computing system adopted by the libraries has shown impact on library efficiency, collaboration, and cloud storage resources. However, technical issues, data security and data privacy concern are the prior challenges for library personnel and library users. Overall, the study reveals that application of cloud computing in library operation has proven a valuable tool for the better function and services of libraries but need a handful planning and implementation as challenges have been registered by the users. Therefore, a systematic execution of planning is best practice in dealing with cloud computing.

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A WEBOMETRIC STUDY OF SELECTED COLLEGE WEBSITES RANKED UNDER COLLEGE CATEGORY OF NIRF RANKING 2024 WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO LIBRARY WEBPAGES

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Abstract:

This study examines the webometric characteristics of selected college websites ranked under the College Category of the NIRF 2024 rankings. Study examines the domain, domain age, internal and external links and total links, web impact factor, global and India rank of the top 20 college library webpages ranked under college category of NIRF 2024 ranking. To collect data for this study, smallseotools.com and similarweb.com had used to find out domain age, domain authority, page authority and total, internal and external links and global and India rank of college library websites covered in this study.

Keywords: Webometric study, NIRF ranking 2024, Library webpages, Domain & Page Authority, Web Impact Factor, Global Rank

1. Introduction

In the digital age, institutional websites serve as gateways to information, showcasing their academic, cultural, and research capabilities. Libraries have evolved past physical spaces into computerized stages that give users with consistent access to tremendous collections of resources. Library websites and webpages serve as basic tools for information retrieval, research help, and academic support. These online platforms offer a extend of services, including digital catalogs, e-books, research databases, and user-friendly interfacing for efficient navigation. Also, library websites enhance accessibility by giving remote access to materials and cultivating community engagement through online services.

2. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is an initiative established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, to evaluate and rank higher education institutions based on a set of standardized and quantifiable parameters. Introduced to foster a competitive academic environment, NIRF aims to enhance the quality of higher education while providing stakeholders with reliable data for informed decision-making.

Annually, NIRF publishes institutional rankings across various criteria, including Teaching, Learning, and Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach and Inclusivity; and Perception. This study examines the top 20 college websites in India, as listed under the college category in the NIRF Rankings 2023, through a webometric analysis. Utilizing webometric tools, the study specifically focuses on assessing the library webpages of these institutions..

Table 1: National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking colleges in year-2024

Rank	NIRF ranking 2021 colleges	City	State	Library web page
1	Miranda House	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php
2	Hindu College	Delhi	Delhi	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx
3	Presidency College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/
5	St. Xavier`s College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	New Delhi	Delhi	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/
7	Loyola College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	Rahara	Wes Bengal	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29
9	Kirori Mal College	Delhi	Delhi	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/
10	Lady Shri Ram College For	New Delhi	Delhi	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/lib

	Women			rary/
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.srcc.edu/library
12	Hans Raj College	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library
13	Sri Venkateswara College	Delhi	Delhi	http://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/library.php
14	St. Stephens's College	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	Howrah	West Bengal	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/
16	Madras Christian College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/
17	Deshbandhu College	New Delhi	Delhi	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php
18	Thiagarajar College	Madurai	Tamilnadu	https://www.tcarts.in/library/library.php
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://rkmrc.in/library/
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html

(Source: https://www.nirfindia.org/2024/CollegeRanking.html)

3. Objective:

The primary objectives of this research are:

- To evaluate the webometric indicators of selected college websites.
- To assess the quality and accessibility of library webpages.
- To understand the role of web-based library services in academic outreach.

4. Literature Review

Several studies have emphasized the importance of webometrics in assessing the visibility and impact of academic institutions. Studies like those by Smith (2018) and Kumar (2021) highlight the correlation between digital presence and institutional reputation. Library services, being integral to academic ecosystems, have also been a focus area for digital transformation. Narnaware & Rokade (2022) conducted a study of top 20 NIRF Ranking 2021 college category library websites. They found that the common highest Domain Authority score of 60 was achieved by Kirorimal College Delhi and Acharya Narendra Dev College New Delhi with the first position among all colleges. Patel & Vyas (2021) conducted a webometric survey of Open University websites in India using WISER Index Ranking, Social Media Connectivity and Alexa Ranking. This study suggests that Open Institute websites need to attract more external links and web influencers. Kadam and Bhusawar (2021) analyzed the websites of the 25 best higher education institutions in India. They found out that Anna's University website was number one on Alexa's traffic location. Vinit Kumar and Sheel Bhadra Yadav (2020) NIRF Ranking University Library Portal Efficiency in Indian Universities: An Evaluation Study. In this article, the researcher studies various functions of the library portal. Verma and Jaiswal (2020) explored the websites of Indian medical institutions and their parameters are connection analysis, web influencers and WISER assessments. According to their study, the SRM Institute of Science and Technology's website has 84 fastest loading times in Google searches.

5. Scope and Limitations of the study

1. Present Study is limited to only NIRF Ranked 2024 College Websites listed in College Section of NIRF in India.
2. The study is limited to only top 20 NIRF Ranked 2024 College Library Websites listed in College Section of NIRF in India. Websites of universities, engineering, management, pharmacy, medical, Law, Architecture, dental and research institute library are excluded from the study.

6. Hypothesis

H1: There exits websites to top 20 colleges websites listed by NIRF in 2024.
H2: There exist significant differences in number of internal link, and external link among the website of top 20 colleges listed in NIRF 2024.

7. Methodology:

This research employs a mixed-methods approach, incorporating quantitative and qualitative analysis. Data were collected using tools such as:

- Google Analytics: For website traffic and user behavior.
- Alexa Internet: For ranking and comparative analysis.
- OpenLinkProfiler: For backlink and SEO metrics.

8. Sample Selection:

The sample consists of 20 colleges ranked in the NIRF 2024 College Category.

9. Analysis & interpretations

Table 2: List of colleges and their library hyperlinks, domain age, domain registration date, domain authority and page authority.

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	Domain age	Domain Registration	Domain authority	Page authority
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	19 Years 9 Months 20 Days	28-02-2004 05:00	33	25
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	8 Years 1 Month 12 Days	06-11-2015 05:45	34	25
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	5 Years 3 Months 28 Days	20-08-2018 11:40	29	21
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	5 Years 1 Month 3 Days	15-11-2018 11:32	30	19
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/	24 Years 7 Months 6 Days	13-05-1999 00:00	38	31
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/	6 Years 5 Months 11 Days	07-07-2017 10:07	25	24
7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	26 Years 1 Month 25 Days	24-10-1997 00:00	39	27

8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	14 Years 6 Months 27 Days	21-05-2009 12:44	25	18
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	19 years 9 months 21 days	28-02-2004 05:00	11	12
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	13 Years 2 Months 14 Days	04-10-2010 09:00	40	31
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	25 Years 0 Month 3 Days	16-12-1998 00:00	41	30
12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	7 Years 6 Months 5 Days	13-06-2016 05:34	32	28
13	Sri Venkateswara College	http://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/library.php	14 Years 3 Months 2 Days	16-09-2009 07:47	33	30
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	25 Years 1 Month 27 Days	22-10-1998 00:00:00	39	32
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	14 Years 7 Months 7 Days	11-05-2009 05:52	31	39
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	18 Years 8 Months 14 Days	04-04-2005 10:20	35	31
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	16 Years 2 Months 27 Days	21-09-2007 10:35:27	36	24
18	Thiagarajar College	https://www.tcarts.in/library/library.php	18 Years 9 Months 29 Days	19-02-2005 06:03:33	32	20
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	5 Years 4 Months 15 Days	03-08-2018 19:38	22	21
20	PSG College of	https://www.psg	18 Years	18-08-	33	28

	Arts and Science	cas.ac.in/academics_library.html	4 Months 0 Day	2005 09:07		

Table 2 shows the top twenty colleges library web pages and their domain age, domain registration date , domain authority and page authority. It is found that Loyola College library website having oldest domain registered on 24 October, 1997 followed by the St. Stephens's College library website domain registered on 22 October, 1998 and the age of the domain was 26 Years 1 Month 25 Days and 25 Years 1 Month 27 Days respectively and the PSGR Krishnammal College for Women library website had recent domain registered on 15 November, 2018 having age of 5 Years 1 Months 3 Days. Domain Authority of Kirori Mal College having common 61 highest score followed by Sri Ram College of Commerce with 41 and Lady Shriram College for Women having 40 score. Ramakrishna Mission Residential College had lowest domain authority score of 22. It also examines that page authority of Ramkrishna Vidyamandira Library webpage with 36 highest score followed by Kirorimal College with 36 score and the Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College examines lowest score of 18.

Table 3: List of colleges and their library hyperlinks, internal links and external links,

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	Total link	Internal links	External links
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	159 (100%)	152 (95.60%)	7 (4.40%)
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	219 (100%)	190 (86.75%)	29 (13.25%)
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	93 (100%)	92 (99%)	1 (1%)
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	199 (100%)	144 (72%)	55 (28%)
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central	248 (100%)	227 (92%)	21 (8%)

		-library/			
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/	216 (100%)	193 (89%)	23 (11%)
7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	441 (100%)	403 (91%)	38 (9%)
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	114 (100%)	99 (87%)	15 (13%)
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	29 (0%)	21 (72%)	8 (28%)
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	209 (100%)	157 (75%)	52 (25%)
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	198 (100%)	191 (96%)	7 (4%)
13	Sri Venkateswara College	https://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/Library.php	198 (100%)	165 (83%)	33 (17%)
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	170 (100%)	161 (95%)	9 (5%)
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	406 (100%)	399 (98%)	7 (8%)
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	272 (100%)	227 (83%)	45 (17%)
18	Thiagarajar	https://www.tc	29	24	5

	College	arts.in/library/library.php	(100%)	(83%)	(17%)
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	176 (100%)	141 (80%)	35 (20%)
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html	306 (100%)	193 (63%)	113 (37%)

From the above Table 3 it is observed that the top twenty college's library web page, internal links and external links, Among top 20 colleges library webges. Loyola College 441(100%) total links and 403 (91%) internal Links followed by Madras Christian College with 399 (98%) internal links. PSG College of Arts and Science leads with 113 (37%) highest external links followed by PSGR Krishnammal College for Women with 55 (28%) external links. It was found that Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira had no internal and external links found in smallseotools.com.

Table 4: List of colleges and India Rank and Global Rank

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	India Rank	Global Rank
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	*122197*	*1725091*
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	***111326***	***1559493***
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	-	-
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	***47542***	***703957***
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central	15586	240844

		-library/		
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/	57699	811933
7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	28597	430345
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	-	9012525
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	-	-
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	45519	642881
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	16991	250257
12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	35587	507352
13	Sri Venkateswara College	https://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/Library.php	108804	1500658
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	32735	461084
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	80313	1173771
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	31327	452395
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	45481	398303
18	Thiagarajar	https://www.tc	207659	3313677

	College	arts.in/library/library.php		
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	58898	874501
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html	39937	599417

Table 4 shows the India rank and Global Rank of the top 20 Colleges library webpages in college category with the tools similarweb.com. After analysis, it was found that St. Xavier`s College with the first position in Global Rank as well as in India Rank among all colleges followed by Shri Ram College of Commerce and Deshbandhu College in 2nd& 3rd position in Global Rank. Shri Ram College of Commerce with 2nd position in India Rank followed by Loyola College with 3rd position in India Rank. Presidency College not found any global and India rank in similarweb.com.

10. Conclusion:

This study highlights the significance of webometric indicators in understanding the digital presence of academic institutions. Library webpages, as pivotal information hubs, require focused attention to enhance their functionality and accessibility. Strengthening digital infrastructure and prioritizing webometric improvements can help colleges improve their academic outreach and global visibility.

This study investigates the library website of top 20 college ranked by NIRF in 2024. The paper investigates the library website, its domain age, domain registration, internal and external links of top 20 Colleges library websites and rank them orderly. NIRF is a method of ranking universities and colleges in India and acts as an independent body on the initiative of the Ministry of Education. A detailed study in this area is quite interesting and exploratory for the current status of library websites and will be more helpful to readers.(Narnaware & Rokade 2022). It was found that there exits websites of top 20 colleges websites listed by NIRF in 2024 and also found significant differences in number of internal link, and external link among the website of top 20 colleges listed in NIRF 2024. The paper resolved that Domain Authority of Loyola College and St. Stephens's College having common 39 highest score and Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College website having the oldest domain registered on July 7, 2007. It was also resolved that 10 colleges from Delhi

state were achieved place in NIRF 2024 ranked top 20 colleges of India. It is suggested that Kirorimal College and Thiagarajar College should improve its links for better accessibility and connectivity among college library websites. About St. Xavier`s got first rank in global rank but the college has 5th rank in NIRF 2024.

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THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE TOOLS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

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Abstract:

This paper critically examines the integration of social networking site (SNS) tools within academic libraries, shedding light on the transformative impact these tools have on information dissemination, user engagement, and overall library services. As academic institutions adapt to the digital landscape, the incorporation of SNS tools emerges as a pivotal strategy to foster dynamic connections and community engagement within the library domain. Through an extensive review of historical contexts, benefits, challenges, and emerging trends, this research offers a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted role of SNS tools in academic libraries. Drawing on diverse literature and illuminating case studies, the study not only identifies the advantages of integration but also addresses potential challenges, providing practical insights and recommendations for librarians and institutions navigating the complexities of integrating SNS tools. This paper contributes to the ongoing discourse on optimizing the use of SNS tools in academic libraries, ensuring they remain dynamic and responsive hubs for information, collaboration, and community building in the digital age.

Keywords: SNS, Social Networking, Library, Media,

Introduction:

In the ever-evolving landscape of academia, the integration of social networking site (SNS) tools into the framework of academic libraries has emerged as a compelling and transformative phenomenon. As technological advancements continue to redefine communication and information-sharing paradigms, academic institutions are increasingly recognizing the potential of SNS tools to revolutionize the traditional roles of libraries. This integration is not merely an adaptation to contemporary trends but signifies a strategic response to the changing expectations and behaviours of library patrons in the digital age.

The traditional role of academic libraries as repositories of knowledge has expanded beyond physical collections, now encompassing the virtual realm where social networking sites thrive. This evolution acknowledges the imperative to engage with users on platforms they frequent regularly, fostering a more dynamic and interactive relationship between the academic library and its community. This introduction sets the stage for an in-depth exploration of how the integration of SNS tools contributes to reshaping the academic library landscape, addressing the underlying motivations, benefits, challenges, and the

overarching impact on information dissemination and user engagement. Through this examination, we aim to unravel the multifaceted dynamics surrounding the incorporation of SNS tools in academic libraries, providing valuable insights for librarians, educators, and institutions navigating this transformative digital terrain.

Social Networking/ Media:

Social networking and media have become ubiquitous components of contemporary digital culture, fundamentally transforming the way individuals connect, communicate, and share information. Social networking platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and others, serve as virtual spaces for users to build online communities, fostering connections with friends, colleagues, and like-minded individuals across the globe.

These platforms facilitate the exchange of diverse content, including text, images, videos, and links, enabling users to express themselves, share experiences, and stay informed about global events. Social media has evolved beyond personal use, influencing various aspects of society, including politics, business, education, and activism. It serves as a powerful tool for information dissemination, enabling rapid communication and engagement on a mass scale.

In the educational landscape, social media has become integral, providing platforms for collaborative learning, knowledge sharing, and academic networking. Educational institutions leverage social media for marketing, student engagement, and community building. However, the pervasive nature of social media also raises concerns about privacy, misinformation, and its impact on mental health, prompting on going discussions about responsible usage and digital literacy.

As technology continues to advance, the landscape of social networking and media evolves with the emergence of new platforms, features, and trends. It remains a dynamic force shaping communication patterns, cultural norms, and the ways in which individuals and organizations navigate the digital realm. Understanding the nuances of social

networking/media is crucial in harnessing their potential while navigating the challenges they present in our interconnected and rapidly changing world.

Review of Literature:

1. **Ansari and Mehfoozul (2015),** The authors defined a way to use social networking web sites within side the libraries and its helpfulness to proportion diverse information.
2. **Dickson and Holley (2010),** Here authors had been mentioned approximately using diverse social networking equipment in educational libraries of United States and additionally tested using the SNS via way of means of the scholars of educational libraries of US.
3. **Sachin (2014)** mentioned approximately diverse effects of social networking web sites, networking equipment and approximately the position of librarians in his paper.
4. **Priolkarand Kumbhar (2015).** This article defined social networking as a powerful media of communications. SNS improves each library and library professionals.

Objectives of the study:

1. To recognise what are the social networking sites
2. To recognise the significance of the usage of social networking in education

Research Methodology:

As per research use the secondary source from using various paper, publication, books and website for collecting information social networking.

Importance of social media in Libraries: - Reason for the usage of social networking in libraries:

1. It may be very smooth to apply and it freed from cost.
2. It is selling in addition to advertising and marketing the library offerings and activities.

3. Social networking presents and spreads any form of records very fast.
4. It extends an approachable manner to connect with inherent users.

Implication of Social Networking Tools in Library:

Enhanced Communication: Social media platforms provide a direct and immediate communication channel between libraries and users, fostering more responsive and interactive interactions.

Community Engagement: Integration of social networking tools enables the creation of virtual communities within the library, promoting collaboration and engagement among users with shared interests.

Resource Promotion: Libraries can effectively promote their diverse resources, from books to digital collections, leveraging social networking tools to increase resource visibility and utilization.

Feedback and Improvement: Social networking tools provide a platform for users to share feedback and suggestions, allowing libraries to address concerns promptly and continuously improve services.

Event and Program Promotion: Libraries can use social networking tools to promote events, workshops, and programs, increasing attendance and fostering community participation.

Educational Support: Social networking tools serve as educational platforms, allowing libraries to share academic content, research tips, and information literacy resources to support users in their learning journey.

Global Engagement: Libraries can engage with a global audience, connecting with users worldwide and promoting a diverse and inclusive information environment.

Strategic Partnerships: Social networking tools facilitate the establishment of strategic partnerships with other libraries, institutions, and organizations, expanding collaborative opportunities and resource-sharing initiatives.

Disadvantages of Social Networking in Academic Libraries: -

1. Lack of time to apply social media.
2. Lack of privateness and identification theft.
3. Lack of understanding the way to use it.
4. Inadequate investment for libraries.
5. Electricity failure.
6. Management Co-operation.

Conclusion:

The integration of social networking site (SNS) tools in academic libraries represents a transformative venture that has reshaped the landscape of information dissemination, user engagement, and community building. As technological advancements continue to redefine communication paradigms, academic libraries have embraced SNS tools as dynamic platforms to bridge the gap between traditional library services and the evolving needs of the digital era.

This comprehensive exploration has illuminated the multifaceted implications of integrating SNS tools, emphasizing their role in enhancing visibility, fostering direct communication, and creating vibrant virtual communities within academic libraries. The benefits, including expanded outreach, real-time information dissemination, and improved user engagement, underscore the potential for SNS tools to amplify the impact of academic libraries in an increasingly interconnected world.

However, it is imperative to acknowledge the challenges associated with this integration, such as privacy concerns, information overload, and the need for effective content management. These challenges necessitate a thoughtful and strategic approach to ensure responsible use and address potential pitfalls in the implementation of SNS tools.

As academic libraries navigate this digital transformation, it becomes evident that the future directions of SNS tool integration are dynamic and promising. Emerging trends, coupled with innovative user engagement strategies, have the potential to further enhance

the role of academic libraries as hubs for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and community-building.

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APPLICATION OF LIBRARY MOBILE APP IN COLLEGE LIBRARY SERVICES: NEED OF THE HOUR

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Abstract:

This paper indicates how mobile library apps are important for providing better library services for users. The application of mobile apps in college library services is very important in the digital age. The feature of the mobile app is that the users can access the information 24x7. The application of the library mobile app enables the library professional to provide various library services via mobile app, such as library notification, SMS, Web-OPAC, M-OPAC, Online membership, new arrivals, access to e-content of documents, and multimedia content of the library etc. The objective of the application of the library mobile app is that users can access information anyplace, anytime and anywhere mode via mobile app

Keywords: *ICT, OPAC, WebOPAC*

Introduction

Wireless communication and mobile computing services are increasing at a very fast rate due to Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Since the personal computer has taken the place of manual work in home, school and government sectors. These advanced mobile tools provide portable, instantaneous access to the world of information, across boundaries of subject, discipline and industry.[1] The mobile app is known as a 'mobile software application' which can be downloaded via mobile from Google play store or from the internet.

The mobile-based applications in libraries help to provide e-information services to users on their

Mobile devices. The features of a mobile app with its advantages to the users of library community and library professional. There are two categories: the first is that traditional library services are modified and they are made available via mobile phones.[2]The second are those created for mobile devices. The Library mobile app gives new directions to the libraries information center and library to provide digital resources and services to the users.

Why there is Need for application of Mobile Technology in library services?

- Mobile user are increasing rapidly day by day
- Accessing information at anyplace, anytime and anywhere.
- Changing way of traditional learning to e-learning and M-learning
- Learning across multiple contexts, through social and content interactions, using personal electronic devices.
- Enable new applications
- An exciting new research area of interest
- Accessing multimedia content
- SMS/Texting – Library's instant Access
- Available Wi-Fi facility in the college campus
- It is possible to marketing library resources

Impact of Mobile app on College Libraries

Nowadays, the mobile phone is a part of the human body. Without it, life could not survive. Mobile technology is playing a very significant role in user's information-seeking behavior in such a way that teaching, learning and research works as per users' work. The impact of mobile apps played a significant role in providing better and faster library services for the users. Most of the social media tools: WhatsApp, blog, Twitter, Flicker, YouTube blogs, that can be accessible or installed in a mobile app are available.[3]

Application of Mobile App for Library Services

Mobile/Smartphone appconnects you to your entire *library user to provide various types of services*, including chat, texting, email, and frequently asked questions etc. Following library services is possible by using Mobile/Smartphone technology in the library and information centre.

- Library rules & regulations
- WEB-OPAC
- M-OPAC
- Library Information
- Reference Service
- Referral service
- Event Calendar
- Library Directory
- Online Databases
- e –book & e-content
- News and Events
- My account
- Online Membership
- Its available 24x7 for accessing information
- Images of books
- QR Code
- List of websites in area of interest

- Available e-learning tools

Social Media Tools

Using following social media tools college library can provide instant library services to the user with the help of library mobile app.

- Whatsapp
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Blogs
- Portals
- Facebook
- Instagramm
- LinkedIn

Conclusion

In the library, the mobile app enables the college library to provide instant library services to the user in anyplace, anytime/anywhere mode. It is also possible to provide digital resources to the user by using mobile apps. Various types of library resources and services are accessible, such as e-books, e-journals, e-databases and multimedia contents via mobile phone apps and deliver various types of online services to the users. So there is a need to apply a mobile libraries library to college library

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EMPOWERING RURAL ACADEMIC LIBRARIES THROUGH MOBILE SERVICES

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Abstract

Libraries have transitioned from traditional repositories of knowledge to dynamic information centres, integrating mobile technologies to meet the evolving needs of diverse user bases. This paper explores the transformative impact of mobile library services on rural academic institutions, with a special focus on Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, Talodhi (Balapur). Leveraging advanced tools like web based LIBMAN software, the college library provides a wide range of mobile services, including Mobile OPAC, notifications, virtual book clubs, and mobile reference assistance. These services ensure equitable access to academic resources and support lifelong learning. The paper also discusses the advantages, problems and potential of mobile library services in promoting inclusivity, sustainability, and innovation. By highlighting the successful implementation of these services, the paper seeks to

inspire other academic libraries to adopt user-centric and technology-driven approaches for enhanced resource sharing and academic development.

Key Words: *College Library, Rural Libraries, Academic Libraries, Mobile Services, Mobile Technology*

Introduction

Libraries have always been regarded as essential gateways to knowledge, intellectual growth and lifelong learning. They function as repositories of information by offering access to books, journals, research materials, and digital content. However, with advancements in technology, libraries have evolved into dynamic information centres catering to diverse user bases. They now integrate traditional services with digital resources, ensuring that knowledge reaches people across geographical and socio-economic barriers (IFLA, 2019).

Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, Talodhi (Balapur) a rural academic college established in 1999, has been serving students from diverse backgrounds for over 25 years. The college offers undergraduate courses in BA, BSc, and BCom, as well as postgraduate programs in MA (English) and MA (Home-Economics). The college library has implemented Web Based LIBMAN software to enhance its services, providing modern and efficient tools for library management. This software facilitates various services, including circulation, cataloguing, new arrivals, and Mobile OPAC services for easy access to library resources.

Also, all services offered by the college library accessed through links provided on the official college website. This ensures that students and faculty members have convenient, uninterrupted access to library resources and updates.

The Importance of Academic Libraries in Rural Areas

In rural areas, academic libraries play an essential role in supporting education by providing access to learning materials to promote research, and facilitate teaching learning process. They serve students, faculty, and researchers, often being the only available source of quality academic resources. Despite their importance, rural libraries face significant problems such as inadequate funding, limited infrastructure, and restricted access to updated resources (Rafiq & Ameen, 2020).

Nevertheless, rural academic libraries remain steadfast in their mission to deliver quality information services. With the integration of modern technologies, these libraries are

increasingly adopting innovative methods to overcome barriers and meet the evolving needs of their communities.

The Role of Mobile Technology in Rural Academic Libraries

Mobile technology has emerged as a transformative tool in bridging the digital divide, particularly in rural areas. Rural academic libraries are utilising mobile technology to enhance accessibility and provide users with resources at their fingertips. Mobile services include access to library catalogues (Online Public Access Catalogues or OPACs), e-books, e-journals, research databases, and notifications about library activities (Singh & Ghosh, 2021).

All the same, features such as SMS alerts, mobile-based reservation systems, virtual library tours, and QR code-enabled resources have enriched the library experience. These services empower students and faculty to access critical learning materials, participate in academic discussions, and stay updated on resources without needing a physical visit. Mobile services are thus not merely a convenience but a necessity in overcoming the geographical and infrastructural limitations of rural areas (Turner & Young, 2020).

Objectives of the Article

The main aim of this article to provide a comprehensive overview of mobile library services and their transformative impact on rural academic libraries. The college library of Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College strives to create awareness about these innovative services beyond its own institution by sharing best practices, demonstrating the potential of mobile library technologies and inspiring other academic libraries to adopt similar user-centric approaches to foster learning and resource sharing.

Services Provided Through Mobile

The growing integration of mobile technologies in academic libraries has significantly enriched accessibility, efficiency, and user satisfaction. These services play a remarkable role in rural academic libraries for the purpose of information needs of students, faculty, and researchers.

Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College library provides the following services using web based LIBMAN software couple with email, and instant messaging apps like WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:

1. **Catalogue Access (Mobile OPAC)**

   Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs) are now accessible via mobile devices that enable users to search for books, journals, and other resources, check availability, and reserve items directly through their smartphones (Patel & Sharma, 2021). In the LIBMAN software Mobile OPACs also offer features such as real-time availability, location within the library, and reservation options.

2. **Circulation Services**

   Through LIBMAN, students and faculty efficiently borrow and return library materials, check their borrowing history, and manage renewals and reservations.

3. **New Arrivals Notifications**

   LIBMAN software regularly updates users about newly added books, journals, and other resources in the library, ensuring users stay informed about the latest acquisitions.

4. **Notifications and Alerts**

   The library sends SMS and mobile notifications to keep users informed about book availability, due dates, new arrivals, and library events, fostering regular engagement.

5. **Mobile Reference Services**

   The library staff are increasingly offering mobile reference services through chatbots, email, and instant messaging apps like WhatsApp. These services provide real-time answers to user queries.

6. **QR Code Integration**

   QR codes are used in the library to provide quick access to online catalogues, e-resources, and instructional materials. With the help of this code the college library take a report like visitors management by this LIBMAN software.

7. **Mobile Payment Systems**

   By providing links through Whats App Mobile payment systems has simplified financial transactions, including fine payments and membership renewals. This has made library services more user-friendly.

8. **Mobile-Friendly Institutional Repositories**

   Mobile access to institutional repositories as link given in the college website allows students and researchers to explore theses, dissertations, and research papers at their own pace and time. These repositories often integrate features like annotations, highlighting, and bookmarking to improve usability and learning experiences.

9. **Mobile Interlibrary Loan Services**

   Mobile platforms have revolutionized interlibrary loan services by enabling users to request materials from partner institutions. Users can track the status of their requests and receive notifications when the materials are available.

10. **Integration with Social Media Platforms**

    Social media integration through mobile apps allows libraries to share updates and promote events such as book exhibition, book review competitions, etc. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram help in building a digital community while encouraging active participation.

11. **Collaborative Workspaces via Mobile Platforms**

    Mobile library platforms enable collaborative learning by offering tools for shared note-taking, group discussions, and document co-editing. These features support teamwork among students and researchers. This is an innovative endeviour.

12. **Mobile Event Registration and Management**

    The library has started to allow users to register for workshops, lectures and other events via mobile apps. These apps send reminders, display event schedules, and provide links for virtual participation.

Advantages of Mobile Library Services

1. **Convenience and Accessibility:** Mobile library services minimise the need to visit a physical library and enable users to access resources 24/7 from anywhere.

2. **Enhanced User Experience:** Regular updates on new arrivals, book availability, due dates, and library events keep users actively engaged and aware of library activities.

3. **Cost Efficiency:** Digital materials and mobile platforms reduce the cost of maintaining physical collections and infrastructure.

4. **Eco-Friendly Solution:** The shift to digital reduces paper consumption, contributing to environmental sustainability.

5. **Inclusivity:** Mobile services have overcome rural urban divide with library access to their door steps.

Problemss in Implementing Mobile Library Services

Despite their advantages, mobile library services have to encounter some difficulties as under:

- **Digital Divide:** Limited access to smartphones or the internet in underprivileged areas.

- **Technical Expertise:** Library staff may require training to manage mobile platforms effectively.

- **Privacy Concerns:** Ensuring user data security and privacy is critical.

- **Funding Constraints:** Developing and maintaining mobile services can be costly for smaller libraries.

Conclusion

The adoption of mobile library services has revolutionized the delivery of information in rural academic libraries, bridging gaps in accessibility and inclusivity. At Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, the integration of LIBMAN software has transformed library services by providing students, faculty, and researchers with interrupted access to required resources. Despite problems such as the digital divide, privacy concerns, and funding

constraints, mobile library services remain a powerful tool in empowering rural education and fostering innovation. The successful implementation of mobile services at Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College serves as a model for other institutions the potential of mobile technologies to drive academic excellence.

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MOBILE SERVIE IN LIBRARIES: TRANSFORMING ACCESS AND USER EXPERIENCE

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Abstract: -*The incorporation of mobile technology in libraries has transformed information access and service delivery. By enabling users to connect with library resources anytime and anywhere, mobile services enhance convenience, accessibility, and user engagement. This paper examines the diverse mobile services implemented in libraries, highlighting their advantages, challenges, and future developments.*
Keywords: *Mobile services, Library technology, Digital access and User engagement*

Introduction

Mobile technology refers to the use of portable, wireless devices and communication systems that enable users to access information, connect with others, and perform various tasks remotely. It includes smartphones, tablets, mobile applications, and wireless networks that facilitate seamless communication and real-time data exchange.

With rapid advancements in mobile technology, its integration has extended to multiple domains, including education, healthcare, business, and libraries. In the context of libraries, mobile technology has transformed traditional services by enabling instant access to digital resources, remote catalogue searches, mobile-based notifications, and interactive learning experiences. This evolution has significantly enhanced user engagement, accessibility, and operational efficiency.

As mobile technology continues to evolve, its role in libraries and information services is expected to expand, offering more innovative solutions to meet the needs of modern users.

Types of Mobile Services in Libraries

Libraries have adopted various mobile services to meet user demands, including:

- **Mobile Applications:** Apps that allow users to search catalogues, renew books, and access digital resources.
- **SMS Notifications:** Alerts for due dates, overdue books, and library events.
- **Mobile OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue):** A mobile-friendly interface for searching library collections.
- **E-books and Audiobooks Access:** Direct access to digital reading materials through mobile platforms.

- **QR Codes:** Providing quick access to digital content and library services.
- **Virtual Reference Services:** Chatbots and instant messaging for real-time assistance.

Benefits of mobile services

1. **Enhanced Accessibility** – Mobile services provide users with 24/7 access to library resources, allowing them to search catalogues, reserve books, and access digital content from anywhere.
2. **Convenient User Experience** – With mobile apps and responsive websites, users can browse collections, check due dates, renew books, and receive notifications about new arrivals or overdue items.
3. **Seamless Communication** – Libraries can send instant alerts via SMS, email, or push notifications about events, workshops, and book return reminders, keeping users well-informed.
4. **Digital Lending & E-Resources** – Mobile technology facilitates the borrowing of e-books, audiobooks, and online journals, reducing dependency on physical resources and enhancing user engagement.
5. **Self-Service Options** – Users can perform self-checkout, renewals, and even book recommendations using mobile applications, minimizing queues and improving efficiency.
6. **Location-Based Services** – Features like GPS integration help users navigate library branches, locate specific bookshelves, and find study spaces in real-time.
7. **Interactive Learning & Engagement** – Libraries can integrate multimedia content, virtual book clubs, and interactive tutorials on mobile platforms, fostering lifelong learning.
8. **Increased Library Usage** – With mobile integration, users are more likely to engage with library services, attend virtual programs, and explore available digital resources.
9. **Cost-Effective and Eco-Friendly** – Digital transactions reduce paper usage, printing costs, and manual efforts, making library operations more sustainable.
10. **Inclusive Services** – Mobile technology allows libraries to reach a wider audience, including individuals with disabilities, by offering features like text-to-speech, screen magnification, and adaptive interfaces.

Mobile services are revolutionizing libraries by making information more accessible, improving user satisfaction, and streamlining operations.

Future Prospects and Trends in Mobile Applications for Libraries

The future of mobile applications in libraries is promising, with significant advancements expected in the next four to five years. As mobile technology evolves, libraries will increasingly integrate mobile solutions to enhance user experience and operational efficiency.

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI-powered chatbots for advanced user assistance.
2. Augmented Reality (AR) & Virtual Reality (VR): Enhancing learning experiences through immersive technology.
3. Integration with social media: Engaging users through library content on social platforms.
4. Blockchain for Secure Transactions: Ensuring safe digital borrowing and lending.

Enhanced Library Services via Mobile Technology

1. Mobile devices will support barcode and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) scanning for seamless book checkouts and returns.
2. OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) systems will incorporate GIS (Geographical Information Systems) to provide location-sensitive services.
3. Users will receive real-time notifications about reservations, due dates, fines, and other library alerts directly on their mobile devices.

Social Networking and Mobile Web 2.0 & 3.0 Integration

1 Libraries will leverage mobile applications for social networking, enabling discussions, blogs, wikis, and other collaborative platforms.
2. Mobile-friendly library portals will allow users to interact, share resources, and participate in academic discussions.

Mobile Learning and Student Support

1 Mobile technology will enhance students' ability to manage time, keep records, and collaborate on group projects.
2 PDAs and mobile apps will provide quick access to syllabi, assignments, reference materials, and academic resources.

3. Direct communication between students and instructors will improve, facilitating appointment scheduling, electronic assignment submission, and information sharing.

As mobile technology continues to evolve, libraries must embrace these advancements to enhance user engagement, streamline operations, and remain at the forefront of digital transformation.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite their benefits, mobile services in libraries face challenges such as:

- **Technological Barriers:** Not all users have access to advanced mobile devices.
- **Security and Privacy Issues:** Risks associated with digital data and user information.
- **Cost of Implementation:** Developing and maintaining mobile applications requires financial investment.
- **Digital Literacy Gaps:** Some users may struggle to navigate mobile-based library services.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI-powered chatbots for advanced user assistance.
- **Augmented Reality (AR)& Virtual Reality (VR):** Enhancing learning experiences through immersive technology.
- **Integration with social media: Engaging** users through library content on social platforms.
- **Blockchain for Secure Transactions:** Ensuring safe digital borrowing and lending.

Conclusion

Mobile services are transforming libraries by enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and user engagement. While challenges remain, advancements in technology will continue to improve mobile services, making libraries more inclusive and dynamic. Libraries must embrace innovation to stay relevant in the digital age.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract

This article concentrated on how mobile devices, such as WhatsApp, Instagram, and SMS texts, make communication easier. Users can be instantly informed with notice alerts, such as when new books are brought to their attention for suggestions, when users' indented documents arrive, when reserved documents are available for pickup, assessments of past-due books, unpaid fines, reminders to return library materials, book renewals, library circulars, e-journals subscribed to, changes in hours, information about significant events, loan requests, etc. It also gives an overview of the services that libraries can offer using mobile technologies.

Introduction

In every way, technology has made life easier for people. The 1980s and 1990s were a time when people used to schedule calls whenever they wanted to communicate. Today, everyone connects with their loved ones. Smartphones, iPads, and other cutting-edge devices with internet access are used all over the world. Humans have the world at their fingertips. These days, a mobile device is more than just a phone; it may also be used for video chat, email access, Web browsing, and gaming. Social media, productivity tools, and entertainment can all be found right in the palm of your hand with mobile devices like the iPad and iPod touch. People's main interface for reading books, watching television, listening to music, and interacting with friends. and surfing the Web is their cell phone. Therefore, one of the main ways that individuals access and share information during the last ten years is through their mobile phones. Libraries serve as social hubs that link individuals with information and with each other. They are becoming more than just actual locations. It's time for libraries to embrace mobile technology, as the majority of library patrons own a mobile phone, and more and more of these are smartphones.

Mobile Technology vs Library

Library vs. Mobile Technology Our librarians are actively exploring the influence of mobile devices on information accessibility, ensuring they engage with users and deliver web content in the most effective and appropriate ways. To address the increasing demand for mobile access to personalized information on portable devices at any time and from any location, our librarians must be prepared to embrace this challenge. By utilizing search histories and geographical data, it is possible to create more accurate and tailored information and services, as mobile devices are inherently personal. Modern libraries encompass a wide range of technologies from the mobile sector, including PDAs, Blackberries, iPods, cell phones, Ultra Mobile PCs, and mobile library services, allowing users to access information without the need to wait for online search results. Users no longer have to wait for a list of web results because libraries now cover the majority of mobile industry technologies, such as PDAs, Blackberries, iPods, cell phones, and UM PCs (Ultra Mobile PCs). They also mobilize library contents in a portable format that is appropriate for small screens and provide brief services in the form of information and content with a variety of search options. To allow patrons to access these resources from any location, librarians will need to learn how to use them effectively.

Mobile technology-based library services that patrons can access

SMS Notification Services:

Libraries can send users SMS and MMS alerts about the most recent news, events, and announcements. wherever they may be. Alerts about the arrival of indented documents by users, the availability of reserved documents for collection, notifications about overdue books, outstanding fines, reminders to return library items, renewals of books, library circulars, e-journals subscribed to, changes in timings, information about important events, loan requests, etc. can all be sent to users instantly. Software or an integrated library management system can be used to automatically create these alert notices. There are numerous free ways to send SMS messages to multiple users at once.

Distance learning, e-learning, and formal education

When it comes to using their phones and different mobile applications, students are highly adaptable. By making information resources widely available, academic libraries can take advantage of the opportunity to spearhead the deployment of library services via mobile devices to support formal education, distant learning, and research activities in an e-learning environment. The teaching and research practices of colleges and universities, the scientific community, and other clients they serve should all be integrated into library services.

Database browsing:
A range of materials and databases are accessible through libraries. Users only need to type in their search parameters to obtain results tailored for mobile devices. OPAC, integrated search, and original document search are all included in this service. Through a web application accessible from a PDA or smartphone, users can search for and locate books and other materials available in their local libraries through OCLC's World-cat Mobile application pilot.

Library Guide:
By providing rich content in a manner that is most convenient for users, libraries may provide the greatest library guide information, including a use guide, a question-answering service, and statistics. Users can find the necessary information and receive a prompt answer from the library via their mobile device if they have questions or wish to contact the librarian for assistance.

Transportable Document Delivery:
New possibilities for monitoring collection usage, automating administrative tasks, and transmitting document requests and scanned images are made possible by the mobile environment and technology. Electronic data exchange, automated inventory management systems, supply chain management, e-marketing, online marketing, online transaction processing, and electronic payments transfers are all supported.

Text Reference Service:
Librarians can offer real-time replies and connections to articles and references if the library receives a large number of requests for concise answers, such as dictionary definitions, facts, or service information.

Library Mobile Devices:

- PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants),
- Smart Phones,
- Cell Phones,
- iPods, MP3 players, and Tablets

Accessibility depends on how mobile devices and services are designed. Libraries will need to address the persistent accessibility issues of the mobile environment as reading grows more inclusive of diverse communities.

The disadvantages of mobile technology

Among the disadvantages of mobile technology are the following:
comparatively sluggish transmission speed,
limited processing power,
an awkward input and output interface,
a lack of content,
and a high cost when compared to wired Internet access

Mobile technology has a lot of potential for library services, but there are also some limitations or barriers.

These include content ownership and licensing, cost, resource consumption, memory limitations of mobile devices, digital rights management, access to information in the digital age, the ability of an outside vendor to access digital collections and technologies, sustained access, and more. Privacy is a major concern with mobile technology in libraries because of the possibility that information about patron usage could be misused and exploited by identity thieves and law enforcement.

Conclusion

The use of mobile technology is urgently needed. Mobile phones are an essential tool for information sharing. A vast array of digital resources are available to the user at any time and from any location. Only time will tell if fully mobile-accessible libraries, in terms of their services and collections, will become the norm. Libraries should make deliberate decisions about what they wish to offer in this area and act accordingly.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGY: THE BEGINNING OF THE MODERN LIBRARY

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Abstract: - *The rise of mobile technology has significantly expanded library services, breaking geographical barriers and enabling real-time access to resources. Through mobile-friendly platforms and applications, libraries now offer seamless connectivity, allowing users worldwide to engage with their collections effortlessly. This article explores the key methods adopted by leading libraries to integrate mobile technology into their services. It examines the proliferation of mobile apps that offer user-friendly and contextual access to library resources, as well as the challenges associated with their implementation. As libraries continue to evolve in this high-tech era, mobile solutions play a crucial role in shaping the future of library services.*

Keywords: - *Mobile Technology, Library Services, Advantage and disadvantage etc.*

Introduction: -

In today's digital world, mobile phones have become one of the most effective tools for communication, relationship-building, and information access. Both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, including libraries, leverage mobile technology to enhance their services and reach a broader audience. The rapid expansion of mobile telephony, particularly in Asia and Africa, has driven numerous innovations in information dissemination and service delivery (Jetty & Anbu K., 2013). With advancements in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), libraries can now provide instant access to information beyond physical boundaries. The integration of mobile-based services allows users to access digital documents & books, table of contents & indexes, remote requests for document delivery at a nominal fee, database Browsing Services etc.

With just a single click, users can connect with libraries and access resources from anywhere in the world. Mobile technology eliminates the need for physical visits, making library services more accessible and time efficient. The implementation of mobile-based library services presents both opportunities and challenges. This study explores: A review of mobile technology adoption in libraries worldwide, potential designs for mobile-based library service systems, challenges in integrating mobile technologies into traditional library frameworks. As libraries continue to evolve, mobile technology will play a crucial role in shaping their future. A well-designed mobile service delivery system can enhance accessibility, improve user engagement, and redefine how information is shared in the digital era.

Mobile Technology and Libraries

Mobile technology has revolutionized the way libraries provide access to information and services. With the widespread use of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices, libraries are integrating digital solutions to enhance user experiences and improve accessibility.

Mobile Technology in Library Services: -

Mobile technology plays a crucial role in modern library services by offering:

Mobile Library Apps: Many libraries offer dedicated mobile apps for catalogue searching, e-book access, and account management (renewals, reservations, and overdue alerts).

E-Books and Digital Resources: Users can access e-books, audiobooks, and online journals via mobile devices, making reading and research more convenient.

QR Codes for Easy Access: QR codes placed on bookshelves or library materials help users quickly retrieve digital information related to physical resources.

Virtual Reference Services: Librarians provide assistance through chat, email, or video

calls, helping users access resources remotely.

Online Databases and E-Libraries: Platforms like NDLI, DELNET, and KNIMBUS provide mobile-friendly access to research papers, theses, and academic resources.

Library Notifications and Alerts: SMS and push notifications inform users about book availability, due dates, and upcoming library events.

Self-Check-in and Check-out: Mobile-enabled RFID or barcode scanning allows users to borrow and return books independently.

Steps to Implement Mobile Technology in Libraries

Implementing mobile technology in libraries requires a strategic approach to enhance accessibility, user engagement, and service efficiency. Here are the key steps to successfully integrate mobile technology into library operations:

. **Assess User Needs** - Conduct surveys to understand students' and faculty requirements.

Develop a Mobile Strategy - Choose the right apps, e-resources, and digital tools.

Invest in Infrastructure - Upgrade Wi-Fi, RFID, and digital access points.

Train Library Staff - Conduct workshops on mobile technology usage.

Promote Mobile Services - Use social media, emails and library orientations to educate users

6. Monitor and Improve -Regularly update features based on user feedback.

Implementation of Mobile Technology

The integration of mobile technology in libraries has transformed the way users access information and interact with library services. By leveraging smartphones, tablets, and mobile applications, libraries can enhance accessibility, efficiency, and user engagement.

Mobile Library Applications: Libraries can develop mobile apps that allow users to: Search

the online catalogue (OPAC), Reserve, renew, or return books, access e-books, audiobooks,

and digital journal and receive due date reminders and event notifications.

E-Resources and Digital Libraries: Libraries can offer mobile-friendly access to digital repositories such as NDLI, DELNET, and KNIMBUS, e-books, research papers, and open-access journals, self-learning platforms like SWAYAM, NPTEL, and MOOC courses.

QR Codes for Information Retrieval: Libraries can use QR codes on **b**ook spines for instant

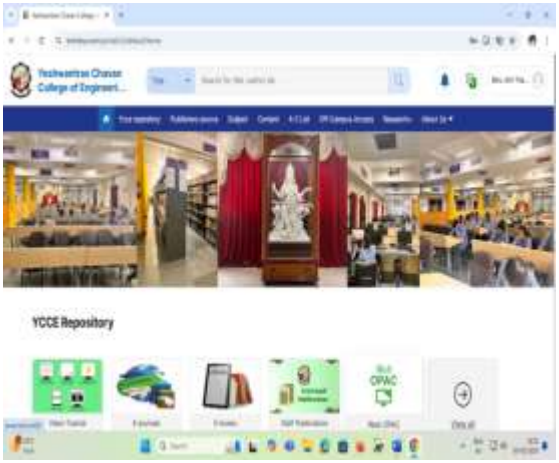
access to summaries or related digital content, study areas for quick login to Wi-Fi networks, research guides and instructional materials for easy navigation.

Mobile-Based Self-Service Features: Libraries can introduce, RFID-based self-checkout and
return systems via mobile apps, mobile barcode scanning for book details and availability.
virtual reference services via chatbots or WhatsApp support.

SMS and Push Notifications: Mobile alerts can notify users about: **b**ook due dates, renewals,
and overdue fines, library events, workshops, and new arrivals system downtime or important
announcements.

Augmented Reality and Virtual Tours: Libraries can implement AR-based navigation to:
Help users locate books using their mobile cameras, provide virtual tours of library sections
and facilities deliver interactive learning experiences.

Images of Mobile App (KNIMBUS)



Advantages of Mobile Technology in Libraries

Mobile library technology offers several advantages that enhance library services, accessibility, and user experience. Here are some key benefits:

- Enhanced access to information
- Improved user engagement

- Efficient library management
- Digital literacy and e-learning Support
- Convenient library services
- Increased library usage and walk-ins
- Support for research and collaboration
- Cost-effective operations
- Accessibility for differently abled users
- Real-Time Data and analytics

Disadvantages of Mobile Technology in Libraries

While mobile technology has significantly improved library services, it also presents several challenges and limitations. Below are some key disadvantages of using mobile technology in libraries:

- Accessibility and user limitations
- Security and privacy risks
- Distraction and reduced physical engagement
- Cost and maintenance issues
- Limited availability of digital resources

Conclusion

Despite its advantages, mobile technology in libraries comes with challenges related to accessibility, security, costs, and user engagement. To overcome these issues, libraries must adopt balanced strategies that integrate mobile solutions while maintaining traditional library services.Librarians must take proactive steps to integrate mobile technology beyond basic SMS alerts. By embracing modern mobile services, Indian libraries can bridge the gap with developed nations and provide world-class services to their users. The future of libraries is digital, and mobile technology is the key to making information more accessible, engaging, and user-friendly.

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KNOWLEDGE ON THE MOVE: THE ROLE OF MOBILE LIBRARIES

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Abstract :

With their ability to instantly connect users to the outside world, mobile technologies are becoming more and more important in today's phone-adolescent society. Thanks to networking advancements, mobile devices and applications are now helpful for library and educational services. These technologies make information easily accessible, are efficient and cost-effective, and improve learning by offering a rich, interactive, and conversational experience. The purpose of this article is to define mobile technology, discuss its benefits and drawbacks, and discuss how it is used in library services. To find out how competent and confident library employees felt they were in responding to the challenges of technological advancement and the training and

support needed for that response, a sample of 42 professionally qualified library employees from the Australasian vocational education and training (VET) sector was examined. The resulting theoretical framework clarifies how mobile technologies affect library services and emphasizes the multifaceted elements that influence organizational and individual adoption of mobile technology. An organization can transition from a state of uncertainty to one where the effects of mobile technologies have become more commonplace by managing the central core formed by a number of catalyzing impacts.

Keywords: *Mobile Technology, Mobile Service, Electronic Resources, Mobile Library, M. Learning, Smart phones*

1.Introduction:

Since it offers quick and easy access to information and communication, mobile technology is quickly becoming a necessary component of daily life. Health care, travel, and banking have all been greatly affected. Libraries are social organizations that provide information to people. Librarians must adjust to technological advancements and become part of the mobile society in order to remain relevant. mobile environment. Users can access e-books and multimedia content with greater flexibility thanks to mobile devices. Beginners with little experience in web design can create mobile-friendly websites in-house. Policies and services offered by libraries should be adaptable and open to new organizational and information needs.

2.LiteratureReview:

1. HansabenShashikantbhaiBhoj(2013),Among the organizations and establishments that cannot ignore the pervasiveness of mobile phone technology in our daily lives are libraries. As a result, libraries in developed countries have embraced the mobile phone revolution and are utilizing it to offer efficient and successful services. However, mobile-based services are not typically available at Indian university libraries. They have not yet been embraced by academic and research libraries. This study presents the findings of a survey on mobile-based library services in numerous Indian libraries.

2. JenniferKoenigJohnson(2015) The study examines how mobile phone use affects television viewing and browsing in libraries, emphasizing the advantages of 4G or 5G connections for patrons. It includes services such as e-resources, remote learning, and SMS alerts. Finding and assessing apps that can help library staff with reference and information services is the main goal of this paper. 25 apps were selected based on their appropriateness for library settings after 101 were evaluated.

3. ShifulIslam,(2020) This study investigates the possible benefits and drawbacks of mobile phone use in the Dhaka University Library (DUL) as perceived by students. Both undergraduate and graduate students participated in a survey using a structured questionnaire. The findings indicate that students' use of mobile phones for service delivery is satisfactory. The study offers proof of students' opinions regarding the adoption of a mobile-based library system.

4. Soni,(2019) Mobile technology is essential for managing and facilitating rapid access to information in the information age. Libraries are experimenting with new technologies, such as Libraries In Hand, which lets patrons use their mobile devices to access library materials and stay current.

3. What is Mobile Technology?

In general, mobile technology refers to any technology that allows for mobility, including those found in the automobile industry, notebooks, PDAs, cellular phones, and sand. Combinations of hardware, operating systems, networking, and software make up mobile technology devices. Mobile technology, specifically communications technology that uses unguided media transmission like Bluetooth, infrared, and radio waves Brahmaiah Gaddam and Srinivasa Rao Nalluri Voice, video, text, images, and other types of data can all be transferred using mobile technology (2016, IJRLS All Rights Reserved, www.ijrls.in, page 60).

Through mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers, patrons can access library resources through mobile-based library services. These services may consist of reference services, library maps, and digital resource access.

- Digital resources: availability of audio books, movies, music streaming, e-books, and e-journals
- Library maps: Availability of floor plans and maps
- Reference services: Mobile library websites, SMS alerts, and instant messaging provide access to reference services.
- Circulation services: Interlibrary loans and other circulation services are available.
- Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi internet access;
- OPAC: Mobile device access to the online public access catalog (OPAC);
- Library news: access to library news, blogs, and events
- Book and article search: Availability of books and article search;

- Purchase suggestion: Capacity to recommend books and journals for acquisition
- Smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers are just a few of the devices that can access mobile-based library services.

5. The M-Learning Development in India 'Libraries in hand' is the latest slogan of the Indian

In India, mobile services and libraries are reasonably priced. In India, M Learning is still in use today. The platform has a lot of potential in India because of the widespread use of mobile phones, PDAs, and other mobile devices. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, there were 910.16 million mobile phones and 938.34 million telecom service (including landlines) users in India at the end of May 2014, and there was good connectivity throughout the country. Over two million new users are added each week. In order to offer mobile content, including educational content, major Indian mobile manufacturers like Nokia, Sony Ericsson, and Motorola have partnered with service providers like Airtel, Vodafone, and others. While mobile value-added services providers create the mobile technology and delivery, content aggregation companies supply the actual content. Only senior scientists, engineers, and Indian Institute of Space Technology (IIST) faculty and students are permitted to use mobile devices on campus thanks to the ISRO satellite center's initial rollout of mobile library services. It is possible to immediately optimize all information services hosted on the ISAC library homepage that are accessible via the intranet and space net to mobile-based services. Originally, the library provided alert services, such as information about new books for recommendation, books on display, arrival of indented documents, reserved documents ready for pickup, overdue books, library circulars, and important events, by enabling users to leave comments on catalog items and to submit comments straight to library databases from PDAs and mobile phones. To assist users in capturing, storing, and retrieving information about library services and resources, QR codes can be added to ISAC library web OPAC, web pages, and virtual materials.

6.LibraryServicesthroughMobileTechnology:-

a)SMS Notification Services: To give patrons information on events, news, and notices, libraries can provide SMS notification services. New book recommendations, the arrival of indented documents, the availability of reserved documents, past-due books, unpaid fines, loan requests, and reminders to return items are a few examples of these notifications.

b) Distance learning and formal education: Because mobile phones and applications give students flexibility, academic libraries can integrate library services for formal education, distance learning, and research in e-learning environments with their teaching and research methods.

c) Database Browsing: Libraries provide integrated search, original document search, and mobile-friendly database browsing via OPAC. Through a web-based application, the WorldCat Mobile app helps users locate books and other resources in nearby libraries.

d) My Library: This is a private library area where patrons can obtain resources and information, monitor interlibrary loans, make requests, get email alerts, and customize catalog search settings.

e) Mobile-accessible e-books and digital resources, such as e-books, e-journals, and audiobooks, are available from certain publishers. These can be borrowed on mobile devices or downloaded from library websites. Additionally, libraries provide multimedia messaging services for sharing and audiobooks for free or with a subscription. The majority of publishers offer library subscriptions on a variety of devices, such as iPads, Android smartphones, and Kindles, around-the-clock.
f) Library Guides: Providing users with thorough information, such as use guides, question-answering services, and library statistics, library guides guarantee effective use and prompt answers to inquiries made by mobile devices.
g) Mobile Document Supply: Mobile technology supports electronic funds transfers, supply chain management, e-marketing, inventory management, and electronic funds transfers by providing new opportunities for document supply, collection monitoring, and administrative automation.
h) OPAC-Text Messaging Alert Service: Many libraries make use of OPAC text messaging services, which include reminders for books, book requests, fine payments, and OPAC searches.
i) Mobile Catalogue: M-OPAC, or Mobile-Online Public Access Catalog, provides account access assistance for books.
Request and renew items.
j) Current Awareness Service: Research scholars, readers, books, journals, articles, text messages, news, etc. can all benefit from this service.

7. Library Apps: Reeder, Feedly, Flipboard, Good Reader, Press Reader, Paper, Kindle, Instapaper, Google Reader, and other mobile apps are available for reading, reference, and other uses.

   Applications for Libraries :-

   Below are a few of the most well-known apps:

   • **Libby by Over Drive:** This well-known app allows you to check out audiobooks and e-books from your neighborhood library.

   • **Hoopla:** Provides a large selection of media, such as e-books, audiobooks, music, TV series, and films.

   • **Library Thing:** An app for book cataloging that offers community features like suggestions and reviews.

   • **BorrowBox:** Another app that allows users to check out e-books and audiobooks; public libraries in a particular area usually use it.

   Email, Facebook, Twiteer, YouTube, Wahtssap, Viper, Skype, Line, Tango, Google Mobile, Wikipedia Mobile, Instagram, Google Maps, Flickr, WeChat, and other social networking apps are examples of social networking apps.

   • **Forlearningapp:**Classics,Dropbox,Evernote,LibraryCongress,Meebo,Mobile,ISSRN,EVERNO,etc.

7. **Mobile app related to research:**

Citation app (Tools for References):- a mobile app for citation use that links to more advanced tools like Endnote, Mendeley, Qiqqa, and Zotero.extremely helpful in managing references.due to the fact that librarians are highly involved in library work and instruct students on matters of authority.This application is knowledgeable about appropriate citation styles.

8. Skills required to the library staff

Librarians should acquire and apply the following skills if they wish to provide mobile based services.

- Proficiency in training and user orientation to promote these services to users;
- Proficiency in communicating with users through mobile-friendly websites, smartphone applications, and third-party intermediary clients;
- Understanding of mobile device hardware and software As more individualized information is used for library services, gain expertise in safeguarding privacy and security levels.
- Knowledge of internet/intranet services, such as spam prevention, SMS, and email usage.
- Develop or modify mobile-friendly content, such as databases, virtual tours, the OPAC, and the interactive and participatory library homepage.

9. Limitations:

Although mobile Technology holds great promise for library services, there are some limitations or barriers in providing library services such as-

- Digital rights management
- Access to information in the digital age
- Limited memory of mobile devices
- Usually expensive and resource intensive
- Content ownership and licensing
- Reach of an external vendor into the digital

collections and technologies – sustained access will be an extremely important issue for libraries if they adopt mobile Library technology and services that offer content from providers outside of the library.

10.AdvantagesofMobileTechnologies

a)Rightinformationrightuser

b)Savethetime

c)Indulizaedlibraryservice

d)LocationAwareness

e)Abilitytoaccessinformation

f)Userassistance

11.DisadvantagesofMobileTechnologies

a)Hightcost

b)Lesscomputerpower

c)Internetservices

d)Inconvenientinputofdataandoutputinterface

12 .FutureTrends:

AI Integration: Apps may use AI to provide more personalized book recommendations and insights based on user behavior. Virtual Library Services: More libraries may offer virtual reading rooms or book clubs that users can join through an app. With the aid of augmented reality (AR) capabilities, patrons may be able to peruse library materials or receive interactive assistance while in a library. If you're interested in developing a library mobile app or looking for one for a particular library, the attributes mentioned above will help you decide. Would you like more detailed information about any of these features or specific apps?

Conclusion:-

Mobile libraries are essential for connecting communities and information access, especially in isolated, underprivileged, and marginalized areas. They encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and social inclusion by delivering books, digital resources, and educational programs straight to people. In order to satisfy contemporary demands, these mobile units incorporate digital tools and internet access in response to shifting technological landscapes.

In a time when knowledge is essential for both individual and societal growth, mobile libraries act as dynamic knowledge repositories that empower people and promote a culture of learning. Their ongoing development and adaptation will be crucial to guaranteeing fair access to knowledge and education across the globe.

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DIGITAL TOOLS FOR LIBRARY OUTREACH: A FOCUS ON BLOGS AND QR CODES

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Abstract

Libraries play an important role in the dissemination of knowledge and community engagement. In the digital age, integrating tools such as blogs and QR codes increases access to the library, making services more interactive and accessible. Library blogs serve as dynamic platforms for updates, educational content, and program promotions, while QR codes connect physical and digital resources, improving user convenience. These tools streamline resource discovery, promote digital learning and encourage community participation. Additionally, QR codes facilitate feedback collection, helping libraries to refine services. By leveraging blogs and QR codes, libraries can modernize their services, expand their reach, and strengthen their role as essential knowledge centers.

Keywords: Library Outreach, Digital Tool, Library Blog, QR Code

1. Introduction

Libraries are essential platforms for knowledge, education and community interaction. In the digital world, Digital tools such as blogs and quick response (QR) codes improve library accessibility by making services more accessible and interactive. These technologies combine traditional and digital resources, resulting in a seamless user experience. Library outreach extends services beyond physical spaces, reaching a wide variety of people and raising awareness of accessible resources. Digital tools, especially blogs and QR codes, facilitate information sharing. Libraries' blogs act as dynamic channels for updates, educational information, and engagement. QR codes, on the other hand, connect tangible things to digital resources, making catalogs, research materials, and event information more easily accessible.

2. Explain of Keywords

2.1 Library Outreach

Johnson (2017): Library outreach refers to the proactive efforts of libraries to extend their services and resources beyond physical boundaries, aiming to engage underserved populations and build awareness about library offerings within the community.

2.2 Digital Tool

Digital tools are programs, applications, and other resources that use digital technology to complete tasks, improve procedures, or improve communication.

2.3 Library Blog

Library blogs are created to inform users and their organizations about the library and its services, as well as sharing information linked to their library users.

2.4 QR Code

A quick response (QR) code is a sort of barcode that can be scanned with a digital device that stores data as a series of pixels in a square grid.

3. Review of Literature

3.1 Library Blog

Acharya (2021) highlights the benefits of library blogs in providing access to information, event updates and reviews while promoting emerging technologies. They inform users about new acquisitions and services, collect feedback and enhance communication. According to Marimuthu and J (2022), library blogs foster patron relationships, highlight new services, and serve as a low-cost, user-friendly medium for updates and participation. Volvaikar (2018) describes blogs as centralized hubs for resources, timely updates, and discussions, providing flexibility for communication, education, and community engagement in the digital age. Mohammad and Siddique (2010) describe blogging as an effective technique for knowledge transmission that increases library productivity. It facilitates collection creation, reference services, current awareness, marketing, newsletters, and communication between staff and users.

3.2 QR Code

Paul et al. (2024) emphasize QR codes' transformative function in connecting physical and digital library resources, increasing convenience, engagement, and digital literacy despite difficulties such as technological literacy and privacy. Salai (2024) explores QR codes, stressing their mechanisms, benefits, obstacles, integration in libraries, practical applications through case studies, and recommendations for successful adoption and future trends. R. Singh and Singh (2023) investigate how QR codes transform library systems by improving cataloguing, inventory management, and patron services, hence increasing efficiency and user experience.Shankar (n.d.) Shankar (n.d.) underlines the importance of QR codes in connecting physical and digital library resources, considerably boosting user experience while overcoming implementation challenges. Pareek (2024) Pareek (2024) explores the various applications of QR codes in marketing school library materials and services, advocating for the use of free technologies to optimize their utilization. M. Singh (2024) discusses how QR

codes are altering library services by simplifying access to electronic resources, as demonstrated by case studies such as NITK Surathkal, while also emphasizing their potential to promote user convenience and engagement in the digital world.

4. **Library Outreach through Library Blog**

4.1 Library Brochures and Information: The blog provides digital copies of brochures and reports, allowing users to easily access current library information at any time.

4.2 Library Collection: The blog provides updates on new purchases and unique collections, encouraging readers to explore and use library resources.

4.3Web O.P.A.C.: The blog links to the library's online catalog, enabling for quick resource searches and tutorials for users.

4.4Literature Search Service: The blog provides instructions and resources to conduct efficient literature searches to help scholars and students.

4.5E-resources: Regular blog entries contain e-books, databases, and journals, as well as guides for how to access them.

4.6The YouTube Channel: The blog uses videos from the library's YouTube channel, such as tutorials and events, to create dynamic multimedia content.

4.7News and Events: The blog promotes upcoming events and provides library news to keep patrons informed and engaged.

4.8Library activities: The blog keeps readers up to date on ongoing events including story hours and education workshops, while also promoting community participation.

4.9Research and Reference Resources: The blog offers research resources such as citation rules and tools to aid in academic and professional development.

4.10List of online newspapers: The blog contains links to online newspapers, allowing readers to quickly access current and historical news.

4.11Online Educational Resources: This blog provides free educational resources to encourage lifelong learning.

4.12Selective information dissemination: The blog provides personalized updates on new resources based on the user's preferences.

4.13Current Awareness Service: The blog provides users with updates on progress in a number of topics, allowing them to stay informed.

4.14 Digital Newspaper Clipping Service: The blog distributes essential news clippings and articles online, providing easy access to curated content.

4.15 Display of New Arrivals: The blog displays newly purchased books and multimedia, creating interest and promoting exploration.

4.16 Important links for competitive exams: The blog includes links to exam resources such as study guides and practice tests.

4.17 Important Connections to Government Websites: The blog provides connections to important government websites, allowing visitors to access useful services and legislation.

5. The Impact of QR Codes in Library Outreach

5.1 Institutional Repository

Library collections include research papers, theses, and intellectual publications. QR codes placed strategically guide users to these sources, making them more visible and accessible.

5.2 Library Portal

A QR code on a poster, library card, or email can rapidly connect users to the library's portal, which includes catalogs, research tools, and announcements.

5.3 Library Blog

QR codes can be used on notice boards, bookshelves, and newsletters to promote library updates, book reviews, and research conversations.

5.4 Web OPAC

Users can browse the Online Public browse Catalog (Web OPAC) by scanning a QR code near book racks or brochures, making book searches easier and reducing the need for manual typing.

5.5 Subscribed E-resources

QR codes provide fast access to databases, e-books, and journals, enabling users to swiftly access subscription-based services.

5.6 Online Educational Resources (OER's)

QR codes provide fast access to databases, e-books, and journals, enabling users to swiftly access subscription-based services.

5.7 New Arrivals

QR codes that link to new book lists or digital previews keep users up to date on the most recent additions to the library.

5.8 Library Feedback Forms

Users can scan QR codes to access digital feedback form, requisition form, and suggestion form making the process easier and encouraging real-time responses.

5.9 Digital Newspaper Clippings

QR codes on bulletin boards enable easy access to archive and college news pieces from many newspapers.

5.10 Library Activities

QR codes on event posters or emails link directly to registration forms and event details.

6. Integrating Digital Tools: Blogs and QR Codes for Library Outreach

6.1 Connecting Offline and Online Engagement

6.1.1 QR codes bridge the gap between physical and digital services.

QR code is a practical and efficient approach to connect a library's physical resources to its online presence. By applying QR codes to printed materials such as brochures, posters, and flyers, libraries can easily move users from physical touch points to digital content. For example, a simple scan of a QR code on flyers in a library program can direct a patron to a comprehensive blog post or program registration website, providing immediate access to current information.

6.1.2 Users can scan QR codes on materials like flyers to access blog posts instantly.

QR codes on materials such as flyers or posters provide faster access to information, making it extremely useful for customers. Instead of searching for content online or typing in URLs, customers can scan QR codes from their cell phones to access suitable digital content. This direct link removes barriers and encourages increased participation by allowing patrons to quickly get the information they need without having to take additional steps.

6.1.3 This makes accessing information easier and creates a seamless transition between offline and online interactions.

QR codes facilitate the linking of physical objects to digital content, resulting in a smooth and seamless transition between offline and online encounters. Patrons who cannot regularly connect to the library's digital services are urged to use these conveniently accessible codes. This integration not only improves the user

experience, but it also allows libraries to reach a larger audience by making the content more accessible.

6.2 Enhancing Event Promotions

6.2.1 QR codes on event materials (flyers, banners) link to detailed blog posts.

Integrating QR codes into event promotional materials such as flyers, posters, and banners allows libraries to route visitors to detailed blog postings about events. These blog articles may include speaker bios, session topics, scheduling, and special announcements. This makes it easier for attendees to learn more about the event and get information they might not have otherwise received.

6.2.2 Blogs provide comprehensive event details such as schedules and registration.

Blogs are an excellent platform to present comprehensive event information such as events, registration forms, speaker bios, and other relevant resources. When linked to a QR code, blogs provide a convenient, consolidated destination for users to find all relevant event information. This avoids confusion and ensures that users get accurate and current information about library events.

6.2.3 This approach boosts event participation and allows for follow-up, such as post-event surveys.

Libraries can increase attendance and engagement by linking program-specific blogs with QR codes. After the event, QR codes can be used to link to follow-up surveys or feedback forms published on the blog, making it easier for participants to submit feedback on their experience. This technology not only increases participation, but also allows libraries to customize future programs based on consumer input.

6.3 Deepening Resource Exploration

6.3.1 QR codes placed on library materials (books, DVDs) lead to related blog content.

QR codes on library assets such as books, DVDs and research papers enable patrons to access digital content associated with those items. A code on a book can lead to a blog post with further information, reviews, or related content, allowing users to more fully engage with the library's offerings. It promotes in-depth study of library resources, making it easier for users to gain new insights.

6.3.2 The blog could include reviews, study guides, or related articles.

The content connected through QR codes can be modified to improve the user's understanding of the objects. Blogs can include reviews, study tips, or additional readings that add context to the material resources and improve the mentor's experience. For example, a QR code on a book about world history can lead users to a blog summarizing key topics and suggesting further resources such as movies or related books, which can lead to further discovery.

6.3.3 This encourages users to explore library resources in greater depth.

QR codes are linking to digital content encourage visitors to go further into the available resources. When patrons are given additional information, they are more willing to check out materials they would otherwise ignore, resulting in a richer library experience. It also enhances the instructional value of the library by allowing users to explore topics beyond what is physically available.

6.4 Promoting Digital Resources and Tutorials

6.4.1 Blogs can highlight digital resources like e-books and databases.

Many libraries offer a variety of digital resources, such as e-books, databases, and online learning platforms. Blogs are a wonderful way to highlight these resources, giving customers an overview of their benefits and features. A blog article can explain how to access digital books or traverse databases, directing users through digital resources that might otherwise be underutilized.

6.4.2 QR codes placed in the library can lead directly to blogs with step-by-step guides on how to use these resources.

Libraries can add QR codes that link to blogs with detailed instructions to further increase the reach of digital resources. For example, a blog that explains how to use an online database or access e-books can be accessed by scanning a QR code at the library's computer station. It guarantees that users can easily locate and use digital devices, thereby improving the usability of the library's digital resources.

6.4.3 This makes digital content more accessible and user-friendly.

Libraries make it easier for the user to access digital content by adding QR codes for extensive text and instructions. It lowers entry barriers for those who may not be comfortable with digital devices or technology, thereby increasing access to the library's online resources for a wider range of users.

6.5 Encouraging Community Engagement

6.5.1 QR codes drive traffic to blogs that share community stories or user experiences.

QR codes can be placed throughout the library to direct visitors to blogs, including local stories, user experiences, and community-driven projects. These blogs can promote local authors, cultural events, or community successes, fostering a connection between the library and its patrons.

6.5.2 Libraries can showcase local authors or projects through blogs, engaging patrons further.

Blogs provide libraries with an opportunity to highlight local talent and projects. Libraries invite the user to learn more about these efforts by linking to their blog through QR codes. It enhances the relationship between the library and the community, turning the library into a hub of local culture and innovation.

6.5.3 This fosters a sense of community and encourages patrons to interact with the library.

Community participation through blogs promotes a sense of belonging among library consumers. When patrons recognize that the library values their neighborhood and its stories, they are more willing to interact with it on a regular basis, making it an important part of their lives.

6.6 Streamlining Feedback and Surveys

6.6.1 QR codes can direct patrons to blogs with surveys or feedback forms.

QR codes can be placed at strategic locations throughout the library to direct visitors to feedback forms or surveys placed on the blog. Patrons can quickly submit comments on library services, events, or materials, making it easier for libraries to collect relevant information.

6.6.2 Placing QR codes in strategic locations (e.g., exit points) encourages easy feedback submission.

QR codes strategically placed in high-traffic areas, such as exits, attract customers to fill out surveys as they leave. This increases the possibility of receiving useful feedback from users who have recently utilized library services or programs, providing new insights into their experiences.

6.6.3 This helps libraries gather valuable insights to improve their services.

QR codes associated with blogs streamline the feedback process, helping libraries get more timely and accurate responses. These insights can help libraries continually enhance their services, programs, and user experiences, ensuring that they meet the changing needs of their community.

7. Conclusion

Libraries are essential for knowledge sharing and community participation. Integrating digital tools such as blogs and QR codes increases accessibility, improves resource discovery, and streamlines services. Library blogs provide updates, educational content, and program promotions, while QR codes link physical content to digital resources, ensuring seamless access. These tools connect offline and online interactions, encourage participation and promote digital learning. QR codes also facilitate feedback collection, helping libraries to refine services. By adopting these innovations, libraries can expand their reach, improve user experiences, and remain relevant in the digital age while strengthening their role as dynamic knowledge centers.

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LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA TO ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract

This paper examines the current landscape of social media and its significant role in enhancing academic library services. It explores diverse applications of social media in libraries, focusing on key areas such as resource and service promotion, community building and engagement, and reaching new audiences. The paper analyzes the challenges associated with leveraging social media for effective library service delivery and proposes best practices for implementation. These practices aim to improve libraries' online presence, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment. In conclusion, this paper provides an overview of the transformative impact of social media on libraries, demonstrating its potential to enhance services and highlighting the increasing interest in leveraging these platforms to improve the overall library experience.

Keywords: Social Media, Library, Library Services etc.

Introduction

Libraries are no longer just repositories of books; they are vibrant community hubs offering a multitude of services. In today's digital age, social media platforms offer an unparalleled opportunity for libraries to connect with their communities, promote their offerings, and enhance user engagement (Local Government New Zealand, January, 2023). In today's interconnected world, academic libraries are increasingly recognizing the transformative potential of social media platforms. To better serve the diverse needs of their users, libraries are actively leveraging platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Google+. These platforms, initially conceived for personal networking, are now instrumental in enabling libraries to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, including students, faculty members, professionals, organizations, and the broader academic community. This strategic adoption of social media reflects a fundamental shift in the library's role, evolving from a passive repository of information to a dynamic and actively connected hub within the academic landscape (Gohane & Manikpure, 2024). This paper explores the various ways libraries can leverage social media to improve their services and reach a wider audience.

Social media: concept

"Social Media are interactive technologies that facilitate the creation, sharing and aggregation of content, ideas, interests, and other forms of expression through virtual communities and networks" (Wikipedia 2023).

Social media platforms are digital tools that empower users to create, share, and interact with content, connect with others, and participate in diverse online communities. These tools have fundamentally changed how we communicate, access information, and engage socially.

Global social media usage and impact

According to Statista's data on daily social media usage (2012-2024), global daily social media usage averaged 143 minutes per user in 2024, a slight decrease from 151 minutes in 2023. Brazil leads in daily usage at 3 hours and 49 minutes, while the US averages 2 hours and 16 minutes. Globally, social media penetration is 62.3%, with Northern Europe leading at 81.7% and Eastern/Middle Africa at the bottom with approximately 10%. Primary motivations for social media use include entertainment, sharing content, staying updated on current events, and maintaining connections with friends. Social media significantly impacts both online and offline life (Statista, 2019). A global survey revealed that users perceive increased access to information, easier communication, and greater freedom of expression as positive impacts. Conversely, negative effects include diminished personal privacy, heightened political polarization, and increased distractions (Figure1).

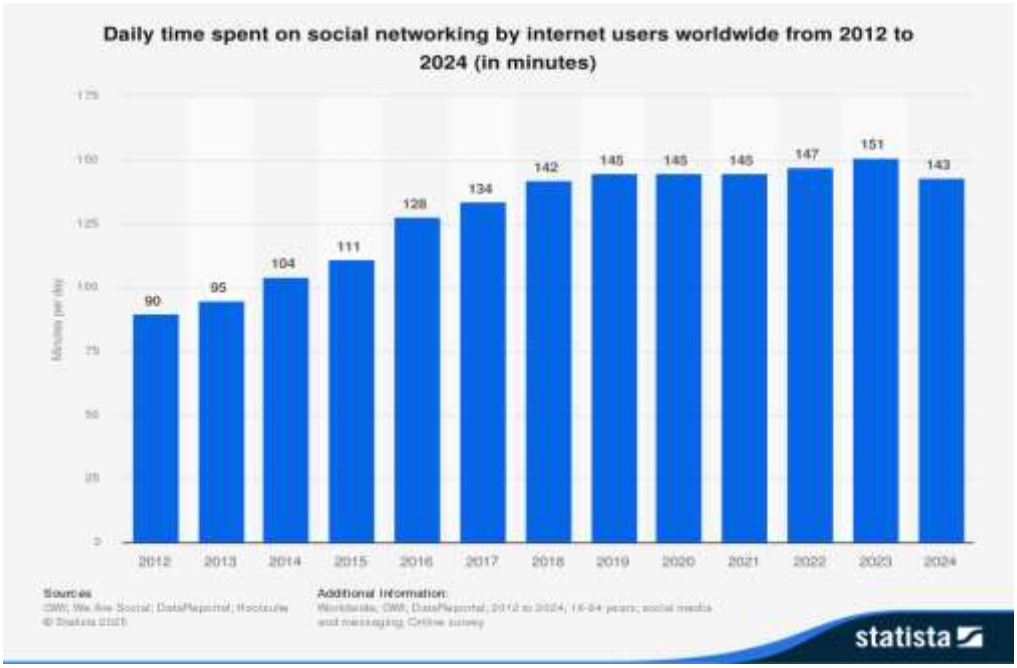

Figure 1: Snapshot of **Daily time spent on social networking by internet users worldwide from 2012 to 2024(in minutes)**

Because social media is widely used, libraries can leverage these platforms to improve services, connect with patrons, and much more. These platforms offer a powerful way to engage users, overcome geographical limitations, and cater to diverse learning styles. By strategically using social media, libraries can become dynamic knowledge centers, delivering resources directly to users. Social media bridges the gap between patrons and library services, helping libraries achieve their goals. It also empowers library professionals to improve service delivery. Essential for remaining relevant in the digital age, social media is now widely used by libraries to promote offerings, share news and events, host virtual meetings, and even conduct research.

Promotion of resources and services

Social media can be a powerful tool for showcasing the diverse resources and services offered by libraries to users:

Highlight digital collections: Libraries can promote their databases, e-books, audiobooks, and other online learning platforms through engaging posts and tutorials. Short videos demonstrating how to access these resources can be particularly helpful.

Showcase special collections: Social media can be used to highlight unique or historical items in a library's collection, sparking interest and encouraging research. High-quality images and behind-the-scenes glimpses can make these collections more accessible.

Offer virtual reference services: Libraries can use social media platforms to answer reference questions, provide research assistance, and guide users to relevant resources. This can be particularly helpful for users who cannot visit the library in person.

Promote literacy and learning: Sharing book recommendations, reading lists, and educational resources on social media can promote literacy and lifelong learning within the library user community.

Building community and engagement

Social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram provide a direct line of communication between the library and its users (Chore, 2023). Libraries can use these platforms to:

Announce events and programs: From book clubs and author talks to workshops and story times, social media can effectively reach a wider audience and boost attendance. Eye-catching visuals and targeted advertising can further amplify the message.

Share library news and updates: About new acquisitions and additions, changes in hours, resource availability, and service updates can be quickly disseminated through social media, keeping users informed (https://www.giraffesocialmedia.co.uk).

Create online communities: Dedicated Facebook groups or Twitter chats can foster discussions around books, authors, and library resources, services, creating a sense of belonging and encouraging intellectual engagement

Foster two-way communication: Social media allows for real-time interaction with patrons. Libraries can answer questions, address concerns, and solicit feedback, creating a sense of community and responsiveness (Malik, & Mathiko, 2022). Polls and Q&A sessions can be used to engage users and gather valuable insights.

Reaching New Audiences

Social media can help libraries reach demographics that may not traditionally use library services:

Target specific age groups: Libraries can tailor their content and messaging to appeal to different age groups, from children and teens to adults and seniors.Instagram, for example, might be used to connect with younger audiences through visually appealing content (Acharya & Vagdal, 2023).

Promote accessibility: Social media can be used to highlight accessibility services offered by the library, such as large print books, audiobooks, and assistive technology.

Engage with diverse communities: Social media can be used to connect with diverse communities within the library's service area, offering resources and services tailored to their specific needs. Multilingual posts and culturally relevant content can help bridge communication gaps.

Challenges while using social media

While social media offers numerous benefits, libraries should also be aware of the challenges:

Maintaining a consistent presence: Regular posting and engagement are crucial for building a strong social media presence.Libraries need to develop a content calendar and allocate resources to manage their social media accounts effectively (https://2cqr.in/role-of-social-media-in-libraries/).

Responding to negative feedback: Libraries should have a plan in place for addressing negative comments or feedback on social media in a professional and timely manner.

Protecting user privacy: Libraries must be mindful of user privacy and ensure that they are not collecting or sharing personal information without consent.

Measuring impact: Libraries should track their social media metrics to assess the effectiveness of their strategies and make adjustments as needed.

Social media best practices for libraries

Social media has become an integral part of communication and information sharing.For libraries, leveraging social media platforms effectively can be a powerful tool to engage with students, faculty, and the wider community. By implementing best practices, libraries can enhance their online presence, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment.

Develop a Social Media Strategy: Before diving into the world of social media, it's crucial for libraries to develop a comprehensive strategy that aligns with their mission, objectives and goals. This strategy should define the target users, identify the most relevant platforms, set measurable goals, and establish a posting schedule.

Select the Right Platforms: Libraries should carefully consider their target audience and the type of content they want to share when selecting platforms. Like, Facebook for building community, sharing events, and promoting resources.Instagram Perfect for visually showcasing library collections, spaces, and events.**Twitter**for quick news, updates, and engaging in conversations. YouTubea valuable platform for tutorials, research guides, and library tours.

Create Users Engaging Content: Content is king in the realm of social media. Libraries should strive to create content that is informative, engaging, and relevant to the users. This could include highlighting new acquisitions, promotion of upcoming events, sharing research tips, book recommendations and reading lists, and offering behind-the-scenes glimpses of library operations.

Engage and Interact with users: Libraries should actively encourage interaction and engagement from their users by running question & answer sessions to foster interaction, hosting contests, running polls, and responding to comments and messages promptly.

Monitor, Evaluate and Track Performance: Regularly monitoring and evaluating social media performance is essential. Libraries should track key metrics such as engagement rates, follower growth, and website traffic to assess the effectiveness of their social media efforts.

Be Consistent and Timely: Regular posting is essential to maintain an active presence and keep your audience engaged. Create a content calendar to plan and schedule posts in advance. Respond promptly to comments and messages to foster a sense of community.

Stay Up-to-Date: The social media is constantly evolving. Libraries should stay up-to-date with the latest trends, platform updates, features and best practices to ensure their social media strategy remains relevant and effective (Nasir & Tyagi, 2023).

Promote Social Media Channels: Libraries need to sure about his social media presence is visible. Include links to social media profiles on library's website, email signature, and marketing materials. Promote library channels through in-library displays and events.

Establish Social Media Guidelines: To maintain a professional and consistent online presence, libraries should establish clear social media guidelines for staff members. These guidelines should outline expectations for content creation, community engagement, and online behavior etc.

Training to Library Staff: Libraries should provide adequate training to staff members responsible for managing social media accounts. This training should cover topics such as content creation, community engagement, brand voice, and social media etiquette.Encourage staff to share and engage with the library's social media content.

Be Patient and Persistent: Building a strong social media presence takes time and effort. Libraries should be patient and persistent in their social media endeavors, consistently creating valuable content and engaging with their users.

Conclusion

Libraries can effectively leverage social media to connect with their communities, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment by implementing best practices. Social media has become an indispensable tool for libraries seeking to enhance their services, engage with their communities, and reach new audiences. By embracing these platforms strategically, libraries can strengthen their role as vital community hubs in the digital age. By focusing on community building, resource promotion, and targeted outreach, libraries can leverage the power of social media to better serve their patrons and fulfill their mission of promoting literacy, learning, and access to information.

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IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON STUDENTS OF HVPM'S COLLEGE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, AMRAVATI

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Abstract

Social media is a web-based service that allows users to communicate and share their thoughts in the form of messages, comments, etc. Users can also upload text, images, and videos. Social networking can have both positive and negative effects on student's academic performance. This article has tried to study various aspects of social media, the awareness approach, benefits, and disadvantages of using social networking sites.

Introduction

There are many social media networks like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Orkut, Share Chat, Instagram, Moj, MX Taka Tak, Chingari and Josh, etc. All of them allow users to connect and share information with them. Apsad allows users to communicate online with the help of e-mail, instant messaging, etc. Users can communicate ideas, photos, videos, links, and activities with other users in the network. Users provide their personal information by creating their profiles, their profile information mainly include age, gender, location, interests, hobbies, aptitude, etc. including a photo. Other users can find their friends or relatives on these social media according to their given details.

Social media is one platform for students to access the knowledge and express their views on that topic. Social media is communication technology that facilitates the creation and dissemination of information, ideas, interests, and other forms of expression through networks.

Why is social media important?

Social networking is becoming more and more popular today, as it enables users to communicate with each other remotely through social media websites. Through social media, readers can easily access information and social media is a great tool for creating awareness on any topic. What are the benefits of using social media? First, it comes down to the goal that readers use social media to share information and make connections with each other. Social media provides services to the user to interact with people, present or create new ideas, learn new things as well as allows you to entertain yourself etc. Following are five benefits of social media.

• To build interpersonal relationships:- Social media is used to interact with the reader On a personal level, social media allows you to interact with friends and teachers, learn new things, develop new ideas,and entertain yourself as well.

• To share your skills:- You get a chance to talk about a concept in the study, what skill you know, and what you want.

• Increase your visibility:- If you develop your knowledge and manage it properly on social media channels, you will become a subject matter expert in your field, allowing you to establish yourself and increase your visibility. However, if you interact with other readers' content, follow like-minded people, and develop relationships with them on social media, it will help you get your name out there and other readers will contact you.

Disadvantages of Social Media:-

Students can have any experience of social media; it may be good or bad. It can also lead to bad results if not used properly. Some disadvantages of social media can be mentioned as follows.

• Cyber Crimes and Hacking: This leads to the theft of personal or collective databases, software, etc. Many students have become victims of cybercrime, which has caused them huge financial and academic losses.

• Addiction: Prolonged use of social media can cause students to become addicted and lose focus on important studies.

• Health problems: Excessive use of social media can lead to many problems such as obesity, itchy eyes, vision loss, and stress problems after excessive use, which can greatly affect physical and mental health.

Methodology:-

For collecting data from the students of HVPM's College of Engineering and Technology, Amravati questionnaire was prepared. For study purposes, total 137 questionnaires were distributed among college students, Out of these 129 valid questionnaires were collected, and then data was arranged systematically in a tabulated form, interpreted and analyzed, and then presented in the form of this paper.

Table 1 Number of students using Social Media

Options	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
YES	128	99.22
NO	01	.078

Table-2 Used of Social Media

Name of Social Medias	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
YouTube	127	98.44
Facebook	123	95.34
Instagram	117	90.69
Twitter	102	79.06
LinkedIn	85	65.89
Orkut	79	60.24
MySpace	26	20.15
Google +	15	11.62
ShareChat	09	6.97
MX Taka Tak,	01	0.77

Table 2 shows that Youtube (98.44 %) is the most popular Social networking media among students, Facebook (95.34%) takes the second position, and Instagram is in the third position in popularity. Even so, LinkedIn and Orkut are well known media among students, with 65.89% and 60.24%, respectively. MySpace (20.15%), Google +, and TikTok were also used by the students, and Yelp was unknown among users.

Table-3 . Frequency of using Social Media

Frequency	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Daily	120	93.02
Weekly	16	12.40
Monthly	00	00

Table 3 shows that 120 (93.02%) students use social media daily, while (12.40%) people use social media in a week, and there is no student, who does not use social media.

Table-4 spending hour for using Social Media by the students

Hour	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Less th an 1 hour	06	06.5
1 to 2 hours	06	06.5
2 to 4 hours	41	31.78
4 to 6 hours	74	57.37
More th an 6 hours	02	1.55

Table 4 shows that 57.37 % of students spend 4 to 6 hours on Social media, and 31.78 % of students spend 2 to 4 hours. 6.5% of users spend 1 to 2 hours, 6.5 % spend less than 1 hour, and only 02 of the users spend more than 6 hours on Social media.

Table-5 Impact of social media

Options	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Positive Impact	109	84.50
Negative Impact	20	15.50

Table 5 states that 109 (84.50%) students think that Social media has helped students, it is good for us and does not have any negative impact, however, 20 (15.50 %) feel that Social media is not good for us, and has had some negative impacts on students.

Table-6 Cause of Positive impact of Social media on

Options	**No. of students given**	**Percentage**

	Response	
Learning and Education	115	89.14
Increase your visibility	114	88.37
To make new friends and Find old friends	107	82.94
To build interpersonal relationships and Staying Connected	102	79.06
To share your skills Sharing of information	87	67.44
Better Communication	45	34.88

Table 6 indicates that 115 (89.14%) students use social networking sites to get the latest information from Learning and education; 114(*88.37*%) have used them to increase their visibility, 107 (82.94 %) students use them to make new friends and find old friends, 102 (79.06%) students use them to build interpersonal relationships and stay connected. (67.44 %) for sharing your skills and sharing information, and 34.88% of students use social media for better communication.

Table-7 Cause of negative impact of Social media on

Options	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Cyber Crimes and Hacking	101	78.29
Addiction	65	50.38
Health problems	54	41.86
Loss of time	121	93.79

Table 7 indicates 121 students' opinions that using social media causes a loss of time. 101 (62 .31 %) think that due to this, we may be facing problems like cybercrime and Hacking. 65 students state that they may get addicted to these Social media, and 54 students state that they hesitate to use Social media due to Health problems.

Finding:-

1. From the study, it is found that 100% of students use social media.
2. Youtube (98.44 %) and Facebook are the most popular Social media sites among the students.
3. More than 50% (57.37 %) of students spend 4 to 6 hours on social media
4. 109 (84.50%) students think that Social media has helped them, i.e. it is a great tool for creating awareness on any topic

5. On the contrary, more use of social media may negatively impact the overall performance of the students.

Conclusions:-

An attempt has been made to study the effect of social media on engineering college students. This study shows that students have accepted social media. Through this new tool of social media, students communicate with each other and share photos, videos, etc in real time. From this study, it can be said that social media has made the whole world feel like family. Social media has both positive and negative effects, and users will certainly benefit if they use social media for useful purposes. However, if used for the wrong purposes, you get negative results; therefore, users should be careful when using it to avoid negative effects. It should be used only for useful purposes. Therefore, from the findings, it is clear that Social media has positive and negative impacts on students. Therefore, students should make some rules and regulations while using social media for their own safety.

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A STUDY OF LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATION TOOLS AND METHODS

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Abstract

The development of mobile technology has revolutionized the way libraries offer their services by giving patrons access to information at any time and from any location. Mobile applications provide resources management, interactive learning, and catalog browsing capabilities, acting as a link between the library and its users. The platforms, tools, and techniques used in the creation and administration of mobile library applications are examined in this chapter. It looks at backend solutions like Firebase and AWS Amplify, mobile analytics tools like Google Analytics for Firebase, Mixpanel, and Amplitude, and frameworks like React Native, Flutter, and Xamarin. The chapter also explores the difficulties that libraries encounter, such as accessibility, user acceptance, budgetary restrictions, and system integration. It also covers the significance of data protection, accessibility guidelines, and user-centered design in developing long-lasting mobile library applications.

Keywords: - *Mobile, e books, Flutter,* ***React Native ,****Xamarin, Firebase,*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the current digital era, libraries play a much different role. With the advent of mobile technology, libraries can now provide services outside of their physical locations. As smartphones become more widely used, libraries are utilizing mobile applications to facilitate easy access to materials, improve user interaction, and offer services that complement the portability of mobile devices. This chapter examines the instruments and techniques used by libraries in the creation and administration of mobile applications, going over important technology, design factors, and practical implementation techniques.

Today's mobile phones come with more sophisticated computer power and connectivity than even the most basic feature phones. One example of one of these is a smartphone. A tablet is essentially a portable computer with a touch screen that is lightweight, whereas smartphones provide users with a wide range of applications. Apple iOS and Google Android are two prominent systems for smartphones and tablets. Examining how the initial wave of mobile library websites has evolved over the past few years, "The Library Mobile Experience: Practices and User Expectations" explores the mobile experiences that library users desire. Several polls and studies show that despite smartphones' small screens, library users are nevertheless ready to use mobile versions of their websites for research. More advanced features like the ability to customize and personalize menus, reserve study rooms, receive text message notifications when items from the library are about to expire, and engage in live chat on mobile devices seem to be in high demand as well. Libraries must focus more on how they can effectively and creatively serve the requirements of their patrons while they are in the mobile mindset—that is, when they are microtasking, bored, or local—in order to deliver a positive mobile experience.

2. ROLE OF MOBILE APPLICATIONS IN LIBRARIES

Since libraries are vital for providing resources that improve users' ability to retrieve information, it is crucial to support learning and scholarship by providing engaging experiences across a range of topics and media. An increasingly digital population of library users can be attracted to a mobile application, not merely a mobile-friendly website, in a setting that is both comfortable and cutting edge. A few benefits of information technology, particularly when it comes to mobile apps: Simple to compile a variety of library activities, working together and building networks within libraries, Expand the breadth of services provided in a library, prevent duplication of effort, Preserve the users' time. boosts productivity, quick and simple information access, raises the standard of library services Boost the understanding and expertise, Integration between the organizations, Boost the library's standing, bolster the infrastructure for communication, more dependable, aids in drawing in users, remote user access, 24/7 accessibility for users, having unrestricted access to data from several sources, More recent data, Information adaptability for users and transforming and integrating data from many sources.

- Mobile applications (apps) provide real-time access to information and services, acting as a bridge between libraries and their users. Mobile apps are used by libraries for several purposes:

- Make journals, eBooks, multimedia materials, and catalogues accessible. Permit users to remotely manage their accounts, renew goods, and reserve books.

- Provide interactive elements including online reference resources, community forums, and reading recommendations.

- Utilize digital tools and integrated educational platforms to facilitate remote study.

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Manjula T. (2016). Smart phones have made it easy to connect with any associated organization from anywhere and access essential library resources. This article focusses on offering library services via mobile apps. The paper discusses the importance of developing mobile apps for libraries in order to improve service. The 'Contents of the mobile library app' section is an important part of the article because it describes the app's contents. Some of the existing library mobile apps are given, along with brief information about each. It also includes web links to numerous mobile apps, as well as information about the resources available through such apps. Some mobile app creators are briefly addressed, along with links to their websites. The paper even concentrates promotion and evaluation of the library mobile app.

Bhoj, Shashikantbhai Hansaben (2020) Libraries are among the institutions and establishments that cannot overlook the use of mobile phone technology in all facets of our daily lives. As a result, libraries in wealthy nations have welcomed the mobile phone revolution and are using it to provide services that are both effective and efficient. On the other hand, university libraries in India do not generally offer mobile-based services. Academic and research libraries have not yet adopted them. The results of a survey on mobile-based library services in many Indian libraries are presented in this study. The study's objective was to find out what patrons thought about using mobile devices for library services. It aimed to see if they would be open to employing such a service.

Jakati, Suresh C., and Kiran G. Kumar (2022) Libraries have always embraced new technologies to help them achieve their goal of giving patrons timely access to information they need and effective, efficient services. The use of information and communication technologies has altered how individuals communicate and obtain information. Because users desire quick and simple access to pertinent information, library and information science workers are under pressure to think creatively about how to meet their information needs. Using mobile devices to deliver information and library services is a big

step in that direction. The academic environment has changed from traditional to mobile learning environments as a result of the advancement of mobile technologies. Applications that use mobile technology to provide library and information services are described in this paper.

Dhepe, Pratik (2024). The objective of this study is to show how technology has invaded libraries and how well it works. Some of the significant technological advances embraced and employed in libraries include blockchain, robotics, drones, smartphone apps, and big data. Investigated in several of the author's studies. The areas in which digital technology may be applied in library operations and services were identified and addressed based on the author's subsequent studies and a comprehensive review of the available literature. According to the research, every technology has its place in libraries. Examples include the creation of talking robots, flying books, and encrypted databases. Adoption of these technologies would contribute to a higher level of improvement in library services.

4. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1. To Examines the Tools for Developing Library Mobile Application.
2. To Examines Methodologies Used in The Development and Management of Mobile Library Apps
3. To Identify Key Features of Effective Library Mobile Applications
4. To Study Challenges Libraries Face in Adopting Mobile Technology, Including Issues Related to Accessibility,

5. TOOLS FOR DEVELOPING LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

A range of tools are needed for development, integration, content management, and user experience improvement while building a mobile application for a library. The following are a few of the most popular platforms and tools used when creating mobile apps for libraries:

- **Flutter**- Google created Flutter as a solution to its own internal issue: "We keep creating iOS and Android applications for every mobile product; that's getting annoying." That's a sentiment that at least one Googler has definitely stated; it's not a genuine quote. Flutter requires Dart in addition to JavaScript and compiles to native code. It becomes understandable why Google chose Dart over JavaScript, given that Dart was created by Google to supplant JavaScript. Flutter supports Google's own programming language and is still closely related to Material Design, another Google product. You'll benefit if you're willing to follow Google's

instructions. The only open-source, cross-platform program that is backed by a major mobile platform operator is called Flutter. Such a product is not available from Apple, while Microsoft's Xamarin technology is less lenient. Flutter is used in a non-zero number of Google's mobile applications. And Flutter is definitely good enough for you if it's good enough for the corporate mobile king. Google wouldn't accept anything less than native performance speeds for the Dart language and its mobile run-time. Additionally, you may create an app that feels familiar to users of Gmail, Google Maps, and other apps that employ Material Design by utilizing Google's resources.

Fig:- 1 Flutter

- **React Native**: Facebook developed the open-source React Native framework for developing mobile applications. It enables developers to use a single JavaScript and React codebase to create natively rendered mobile apps for iOS and Android. React Native is an effective solution for creating cross-platform mobile applications, particularly those used by libraries, because it gives developers the ability to use a uniform set of cross-platform components. React Native gives libraries a quick and easy way to develop mobile apps that let patrons access eBooks, journals, digital catalogs, and other resources. Because it is cross-platform, it requires less time and money to build, which makes it a great option for universities with limited funding.

Fig 2:- React Native

- **Xamarin:** Microsoft's open-source Xamarin platform enables programmers to create cross-platform mobile applications with C# and the.NET foundation. It cuts down on development time and effort by allowing the construction of native programs for Windows, iOS, and Android using shared code. Xamarin provides libraries with a powerful way to create mobile applications that run natively on a variety of platforms. Xamarin is a useful tool for libraries that need to offer mobile solutions without maintaining separate codebases because it can share up to 90% of the code across platforms.

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Fig 3:- Xamarin

6. **BACKEND AS A SERVICE (BAAS)**:

- **Firebase:** Google's Firebase platform offers a complete Backend as a Service (BaaS) solution, freeing developers from the burden of managing backend infrastructure and allowing them to focus on building, managing, and scaling mobile and web apps. Firebase is the perfect platform for creating powerful mobile applications for libraries because it provides a wide range of features, such as real-time databases, cloud storage, authentication, and messaging services. Libraries are able to develop robust mobile apps with Firebase that provide easy access to user accounts, catalogs, notifications, and additional services. Libraries that oversee sizable user and resource populations will find the platform especially helpful due to its scalability and real-time features.

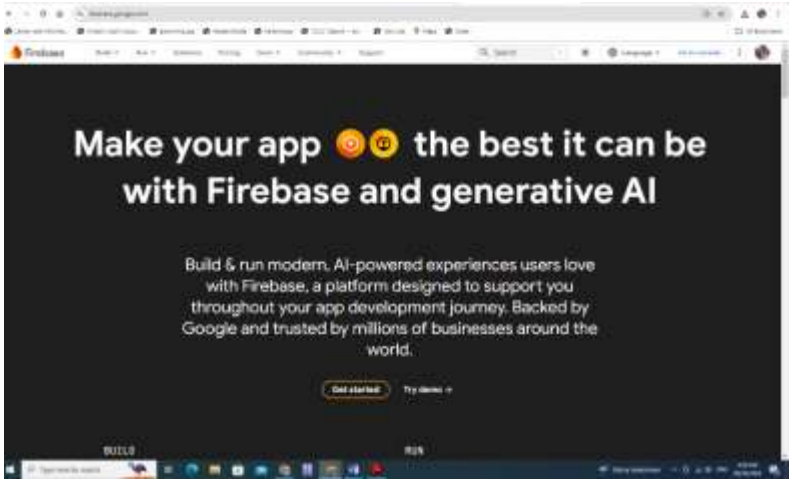
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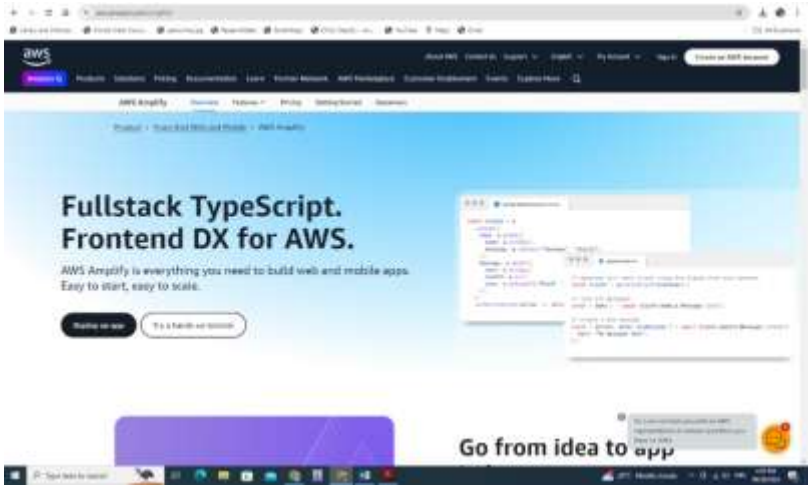
Fig 4:- Firebase

- **AWS Amplify:** AWS Amplify is a cloud-based Backend as a Service (BaaS) that facilitates the development of secure and scalable mobile and online apps by developers on behalf of Amazon online Services (AWS). Libraries may easily create feature-rich apps with Amplify's suite of tools and services, which can be integrated into an application's frontend and backend. Strong library mobile applications can be easily created with AWS Amplify since it provides features like analytics, serverless APIs, real-time data storage, and user authentication. Libraries may take advantage of AWS Amplify's robust cloud infrastructure to manage user accounts, provide personalized services, handle notifications, and expedite access to digital catalogs.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Frontend DX for AWS.
AWS Amplify is everything you need to build web and mobile apps.
Easy to start, easy to scale.
Go from idea to app

Fig 5:- AWS Amplify

- **Kinvey:** Progress Software's Kinvey platform is a Backend as a Service (BaaS) that offers mobile and web application developers a full range of backend services, including file storage, user authentication, data storage, and real-time data synchronization. Because of its serverless architecture, Kinvey enables libraries to create feature-rich mobile applications without having to worry about managing backend infrastructure. With an emphasis on security, scalability, and high performance, Kinvey is especially well-suited for creating mobile applications for libraries that need quick access to digital content, secure user management, and quick data retrieval. Kinvey's versatility, cross-platform capabilities, and enterprise-grade features make it an appealing alternative for libraries seeking to develop modern, scalable mobile applications to increase catalog access, manage users, and provide personalized experiences.

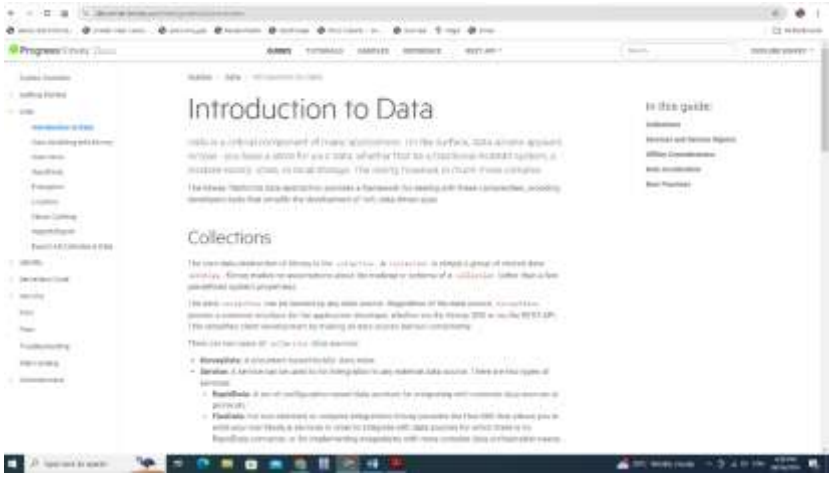

Fig 6:- Kinvey

7. **MOBILE ANALYTICS TOOLS**:

- **Google Analytics for Firebase**: A powerful and free mobile analytics solution that is integrated into the Firebase platform is Google Analytics for Firebase. With a focus on mobile applications, it offers thorough insights on user behavior, engagement, and app performance. Firebase provides powerful analytics features that enable libraries to better analyze user behavior on their mobile apps, leading to data-driven decision-making and optimized user experiences.

- **Mixpanel:** Mixpanel is a top mobile and online analytics platform that lets businesses monitor user behavior and interactions in real time. Mixpanel helps libraries understand user engagement and improve user experiences with their mobile applications by providing rich analytics and event-based tracking.

- **Amplitude:** Amplitude is a powerful analytics tool made to assist businesses in fully comprehending customer involvement and activity. Amplitude helps libraries to improve user experiences and their mobile applications by providing powerful tools for recording user interactions, evaluating user journeys, and producing actionable insights.

8. **CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CMS)**:

- **LibGuides CMS**: A content management system (CMS) created especially for libraries and educational institutions is called LibGuides. LibGuides, a platform created by Springshare, gives librarians the ability to produce, oversee, and distribute online research aids and information. Because of its rich capabilities and easy-to-use interface, libraries can utilize it to better support their patrons' research needs and improve their online presence.
- **WordPress with API integration**: WordPress is a widely used content management system (CMS) that is renowned for its huge plugin ecosystem, user-friendly interface, and versatility. It is utilized on a global scale. WordPress becomes an effective tool for libraries to manage their content, interact with outside services, and improve user experiences on websites and mobile applications when combined with API (Application Programming Interface) connection. By integrating APIs, libraries can use data from many sources to give their users a more dynamic and engaging experience.

9. METHODOLOGIES FOR MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT IN LIBRARIES:

Developing a mobile application for libraries requires the careful planning and implementation of particular methodologies:

9.1 User-Centered Design (UCD):User-Centered Design (UCD): When creating mobile applications, libraries should take their customers' unique needs into account. This includes:

- Gathering user input through focus groups or surveys.
- To gain a better understanding of the various demands of the public, researchers, staff, and students, user personas are created.
- Testing and prototyping iteratively to make sure the interface is user-friendly and accessible.

9.2 Agile Development: Libraries can create apps in little, manageable steps thanks to agile approaches. With Agile, developers are able to

- Constantly ask patrons and library employees for their opinions.
- Adapt to changes in technology or user requirements.
- Introduce things gradually to provide yourself flexibility in responding to changing requirements.

9.3 Accessibility and responsive design: Libraries should make sure that all users, including those with impairments, can utilize their mobile apps. Important procedures consist of:

- Ensuring that mobile app designs adhere to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).
- Ensuring text-to-speech capabilities for people with visual impairments.
- Allowing support for several languages in order to serve a variety of demographics.
- Designing user interfaces (UI) that are scalable and adapt to different screen sizes with ease.

9.4 Data security and privacy: Since sensitive patron information is frequently stored in mobile apps, libraries need to:

- Use end-to-end encryption to protect user information.
- Adhere to privacy rules that are in line with laws such as COPPA and GDPR.
- Update security procedures often to reduce app vulnerabilities.

10. KEY FEATURES OF EFFECTIVE LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

A successful library mobile app is defined by its features and usability. Some of the key features include:

10.1 Search and Discovery Tools:

- Users can browse through catalogs by author, title, genre, publishing date, or media type by using the advanced search tools. Search functionalities can be improved by integration with discovery services like EBSCO Discovery Service or World Cat.

10.2 Personalized Recommendations:

- Apps can provide customized book recommendations, reading lists, or relevant scholarly articles by examining user preferences and borrowing patterns.

10.3 Digital Resource Access:

- Access to eBooks, audiobooks, journals, databases, and other multimedia resources must be smooth for mobile apps. For this reason, libraries frequently incorporate services like Over Drive or Hoopla.

10.4 Account Management:

- Direct access to the app should allow users to manage their library accounts, including checking their borrowing history, renewing loans, putting holds on items, and paying fines.

10.5 Alerts and Notifications:

- Push alerts keep users informed about the library's resources and help them stay engaged with overdue books, new arrivals, events, and key news.

10.6 Virtual Assistance:

- Real-time help can be given to users by integrating chatbots or live chat features with reference services such as Ask a Librarian.

11. CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

The development of mobile applications for libraries poses distinct problems because of the diverse range of services provided, the integration of numerous systems, and the specific needs of the library's user base. When developing successful mobile applications, libraries encounter the following major obstacles:

- **Financial Restraints:** A lot of libraries, particularly public ones, might not have enough money for the creation and upkeep of apps. Choosing customized app templates or outsourcing development can help save costs.

- **Integration of Technology:** A range of software systems, such as databases and Integrated Library Systems, are frequently used by libraries. Getting these systems to integrate seamlessly can be difficult and time-consuming.

- Adoption **of Users** and Digital Literacy: Workshops and tutorials are examples of additional resources that may be needed to encourage the use of mobile apps among patrons and make sure they feel at ease with the technology.
- **Updating and Maintenance:** To ensure that the app receives the most recent security fixes and features, regular maintenance is required. A committed group is required to oversee continuous development in libraries.

12. CONCLUSION

Mobile applications have completely changed how libraries interact with their patrons, increasing the accessibility and convenience of resources in the current digital environment. This study emphasises how crucial mobile technology is to increasing libraries' influence and reach. Libraries can now create complex, feature-rich apps that are suited to user needs because to the development of mobile devices and the use of cross-platform tools like Flutter, React Native, and Xamarin. While mobile analytics tools like Google Analytics and Mixpanel allow for data-driven improvements to the user experience, backend as a service (BaaS) platforms like Firebase and AWS Amplify offer reliable infrastructures for scalable, real-time apps.

The approaches covered here, such as Agile Development, User-centred Design, and conformity to security and accessibility guidelines, guarantee that library applications are safe and easy to use. While important features like search and discovery tools, personalised recommendations, digital resource access, and notifications improve user engagement, obstacles like financial limitations and technological integration highlight how difficult it is to design mobile apps for libraries. All things considered, modern libraries must create mobile library applications in order to be current, accessible, and user-responsive in a world that is becoming more and more digital. Libraries can offer a smooth, engaging

experience that promotes education, research, and community involvement globally by utilising these technologies and tactics.

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LIBRARY BLOGS: ENHANCING E-SERVICES AND OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

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Abstract :*In the digital era, libraries have transformed into dynamic hubs of learning, fostering community engagement and providing access to digital resources. Library blogs play a crucial role in this transformation by serving as interactive platforms that facilitate communication, enhance service delivery, and expand online visibility. These blogs disseminate updates on new acquisitions, library services, research tools, and access to e-resources. Through platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium, libraries connect effectively with patrons, providing timely and valuable information. As a result, library blogs have become essential tools for improving communication, service quality, and user engagement in modern libraries.*

1. Introduction

Libraries have moved beyond their traditional role of book lending and study spaces to become centers of digital learning and interaction. The integration of technology, particularly library blogs, has enabled libraries to adapt to the needs of a tech-savvy audience. Blogs serve as cost-effective and versatile tools to enhance a library's online presence while providing valuable information, updates, and services to patrons. Platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium allow libraries to create customized blogs with ease, enabling text, audio, video, and multimedia content. This flexibility has made blogs indispensable for libraries aiming to stay relevant in the digital age.

2. Library Blog

Library blogs are created to inform users and their organizations about the library and its services, as well as sharing information linked to their library users.

Libraries have undergone a significant transformation, evolving beyond their conventional roles as mere book repositories and study spaces to become dynamic centres of digital learning and interaction. The infusion of technology has been instrumental in this shift, with library blogs emerging as a powerful tool to enhance engagement, accessibility, and knowledge sharing. By leveraging blogging platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium, libraries can create customized, content-rich websites that cater to the needs of a tech-savvy audience.

One of the key advantages of library blogs is their versatility. Unlike static web pages, blogs allow libraries to share a variety of content formats, including text, images, audio, video, and interactive multimedia elements. This enables librarians to provide book reviews, research guides, author interviews, event updates, and digital literacy resources in an engaging and accessible manner. Additionally, blogs serve as an interactive platform where patrons can leave comments, ask questions, and participate in discussions, fostering a sense of community among readers and learners.

Moreover, library blogs act as cost-effective solutions for outreach and marketing. Traditional promotional methods can be expensive and have limited reach, whereas a well-maintained blog can serve as a hub for announcements, new acquisitions, and upcoming workshops. Blogs also play a crucial role in supporting lifelong learning by offering curated reading lists, online tutorials, and open educational resources.

As libraries continue to embrace digital transformation, the integration of blogs helps bridge the gap between traditional library services and modern technological expectations. By leveraging the power of blogging, libraries can maintain their relevance, enhance user engagement, and provide innovative learning experiences in the digital era.

3 .The Role of Library Blogs

Library blogs serve as a dynamic and interactive platform for communication, service delivery, and outreach. In the digital age, they have become an essential tool for libraries to engage with users, disseminate important information, and promote library resources. By offering an easily accessible and regularly updated medium, library blogs help bridge the gap between traditional library services and modern digital expectations. The following sections elaborate on the various roles library blogs play in enhancing library services.

1. Digital Library Information

One of the primary functions of library blogs is to provide up-to-date information about library operations. Details such as library hours, policies, membership guidelines, and contact information are readily available on blogs, ensuring users can access this information at any time. Unlike static web pages, blogs allow real-time updates, making them an efficient tool for conveying urgent announcements such as holiday schedules, temporary closures, and special notices.

2. Library Collections and New Arrivals

Library blogs serve as an effective medium for highlighting new acquisitions, special collections, and featured materials. Libraries can post about new books, journals, multimedia resources, and special archives, ensuring users stay informed about available resources. Features such as "New Arrivals" sections generate excitement among patrons and encourage frequent library visits. Additionally, book recommendations and reviews posted on blogs help readers make informed choices about their reading selections.

3. Access to Online Catalogs (OPAC)

Modern libraries rely on Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) to help users locate resources quickly. By integrating OPAC links and search tools into library blogs, users can conveniently search for books, articles, and other materials without visiting the library in person. This integration enhances user experience by providing a seamless transition between library blogs and catalog systems, ensuring that patrons can efficiently explore library holdings.

4. E-Resources and Digital Tools

With the increasing popularity of digital resources, library blogs play a crucial role in promoting e-books, online databases, and digital journals. Through blog posts, libraries can guide users on how to access and utilize these resources effectively. Tutorials, instructional videos, and step-by-step guides help users navigate digital collections and maximize their use of available e-resources. Additionally, blogs can highlight newly acquired databases and digital subscriptions, ensuring users remain informed about their expanding digital options.

5. Research Support

Library blogs offer invaluable support to researchers, students, and academicians by providing research guides, citation tools, and literature search strategies. Many libraries use their blogs to post guides on academic writing, research methodologies, and citation management. Additionally, blogs can introduce patrons to reference management tools such as EndNote, Zotero, and Mendeley, helping them organize and manage their research effectively. By offering structured research support, library blogs contribute significantly to academic success and scholarly activities.

6. Educational and Multimedia Content

Incorporating multimedia content into library blogs enhances user engagement and caters to diverse learning preferences. Libraries can embed videos, podcasts, and interactive content such as online quizzes and info graphics to make information more accessible and engaging. For instance, instructional videos from the library's YouTube channel can be linked to blog posts, providing step-by-step tutorials on library resources and research techniques. Additionally, libraries can use multimedia to showcase virtual tours, author interviews, and recorded lectures, making their content more interactive and appealing.

7. Promoting Library Events and Programs

Library blogs are excellent platforms for announcing and promoting events such as book clubs, workshops, author talks, and community programs. Regularly updating blogs with event details ensures greater participation from library patrons. Blog posts can include event highlights, guest speaker introductions, and even post-event summaries with photos or videos. By maintaining an active and engaging blog presence, libraries can foster a sense of community and encourage more users to take part in library activities.

8. Customized Information Services

Library blogs can provide tailored information services such as Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) and Current Awareness Services (CAS). SDI ensures that users receive updates and recommendations based on their specific interests and research needs. Meanwhile, CAS helps patrons stay informed about the latest developments in their field by curating relevant articles, journals, and reports. By offering these personalized services, library blogs enhance user satisfaction and encourage active engagement with library resources.

Library blogs have emerged as a vital component of modern library services, bridging the gap between traditional and digital library experiences. Their role in

disseminating information, promoting library resources, providing research support, and enhancing user engagement cannot be overstated. As libraries continue to evolve in response to technological advancements and user expectations, blogs will remain a crucial tool for communication, outreach, and service delivery. By leveraging the potential of blogs, libraries can create a more connected, informed, and engaged user community, ultimately enhancing the overall library experience for all patrons.

4. Benefits of Library Blogs

Library blogs offer a range of benefits that make them effective tools for modern libraries:

1. **Improved Communication**

Blogs create a direct communication channel between libraries and their patrons, fostering stronger relationships and feedback loops.

2. **Increased Visibility**

A well-maintained blog enhances the library's online presence, attracting more visitors and creating opportunities for collaboration.

3. **Cost-Effective Outreach**

Blogs are affordable platforms compared to traditional print media, allowing libraries to maximize their resources.

4. **Interactive Content Delivery**

Multimedia content, such as videos and images, makes blogs more engaging and appealing to users with diverse preferences.

5. **Support for Lifelong Learning**

By sharing Open Educational Resources (OER) and research tools, blogs promote continuous learning and skill development among patrons.

6. **Community Engagement**

Blogs enable libraries to highlight their community programs and involve patrons in library activities, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

5. Challenges in implementing library blogs

Library blogs have emerged as an effective tool for libraries to connect with patrons, provide updated information, and share valuable resources. However, despite their many benefits, implementing and maintaining a library blog comes with many challenges. These challenges include technical skills, content management, digital segmentation, and resource allocation. Removing these barriers is essential to ensuring that library blogs effectively serve their intended purpose.

1. Technical Skills

One of the primary challenges in implementing library blogs is the need for technical proficiency. Library staff may not always have the skills needed to effectively manage and maintain a blog. Blogging platforms like Word Press, Blogger, and Medium require knowledge of content management systems (CMS), search engine optimization (SEO), and formatting techniques to create engaging and accessible content. To overcome this challenge, libraries should invest in training programs for their staff. Workshops, online courses, and practical practice sessions can help librarians gain the necessary skills. Additionally, libraries can collaborate with IT professionals or digital media experts to provide guidance and technical support. Another effective approach is to hire a dedicated digital librarian or content manager who specializes in handling online platforms, including library blogs.

2. Content Management

Creating and maintaining engaging content is another big challenge. A library blog should be regularly updated with relevant and interesting posts to keep patrons engaged. However, consistent content creation requires time, effort, and a well-thought-out content strategy. Libraries often have difficulty identifying appropriate topics for blog posts. Common topics can include book reviews, upcoming events, research tips, and digital literacy tutorials. However, it can be difficult to constantly find new and fascinating topics. Another issue is to ensure the quality and accuracy of the material. Because libraries are reliable sources of information, blog posts should be well researched, properly cited, and free of errors. To address content management challenges, libraries can establish an editorial calendar outlining topics, deadlines, and responsible authors. Encouraging contributions from different staff members and guest writers can also help distribute the workload. Additionally, engaging with patrons by soliciting their input on desired topics or allowing them to contribute guest posts can enhance the variety and relevance of the content.

3. Digital Divide

The digital divide refers to the gap between individuals who have access to digital technologies and those who do not. Many library patrons, especially in rural or economically disadvantaged areas, may not have reliable internet access or the necessary digital literacy skills to engage with library blogs. This divide limits the reach and impact of the blog, as the very audience that could benefit from the information may not be able to access it. Additionally, some patrons may lack the confidence or skills to navigate blogs, leave comments, or interact with multimedia content. To bridge this gap, libraries can adopt a hybrid approach by integrating blog content with offline services. For example, printed versions of blog posts can be made available at library premises for those without internet access. Hosting digital literacy workshops can also help patrons develop the skills needed to navigate and engage with online content. Additionally, libraries can explore partnerships with community centres or local organizations to provide internet access points where patrons can read blog content.

4. Resource Allocation

Managing a blog requires a significant investment of time, effort, and financial resources. Libraries, especially those with limited budgets and staff, may struggle to allocate sufficient resources for maintaining an active and high-quality blog. The process involves not only content creation but also technical maintenance, promotion, and engagement with readers. In many libraries, staff members already handle many of the responsibilities, making it challenging to dedicate time to blog management. Also, it may not always be possible to secure funding for website hosting, design improvements, and marketing. To overcome the lack of resources, libraries can receive external funding through grants or sponsorships. Partnerships with local businesses, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations can also provide financial and technical assistance. Additionally, libraries can take advantage of volunteer efforts, student interns, or library science students to contribute to the maintenance and content creation of the blog.

Library blogs offer innumerable benefits, their successful implementation and maintenance requires overcoming several challenges. Technical skills, content management, digital segmentation, and resource allocation are important barriers that libraries must address to ensure an effective blogging strategy. By investing in staff training, developing a structured content strategy, bridging the digital divide, and optimizing resource allocation, libraries can create and maintain impactful blogs that

increase patron engagement and access to information. Through collaborative efforts and innovative solutions, libraries can continue to evolve in the digital age and better serve their communities.

Recommendations for Effective Library Blogs

To maximize the impact of library blogs, libraries should implement the following strategies:

1. Provide Staff Training

Equip library staff with essential blogging skills, including writing, content management, and digital engagement. Regular workshops can enhance their ability to create relevant and engaging content.

2. Engage Users

Encourage library patrons to participate by contributing book reviews, feedback, or guest posts. Interactive content, such as discussion forums or polls, can further boost user engagement.

3. Leverage Analytics

Utilize web analytics tools to monitor blog traffic, popular topics, and user behavior. Insights gained from data analysis can guide content planning and improve user satisfaction.

4. Ensure Accessibility

Design the blog with accessibility in mind by using readable fonts, alternative text for images, and screen-reader compatibility. A well-structured layout benefits users with diverse needs, including those with disabilities.

5. Maintain Consistent Update

Regularly update the blog with fresh content, such as book recommendations, event highlights, and research tips. A consistent posting schedule keeps users engaged and returning for more.

6. Promote Across Platforms

Share blog content on social media, library newsletters, and email campaigns to reach a broader audience. Cross-promotion helps drive traffic and enhances the blog's visibility.

By implementing these recommendations, libraries can create compelling and user-friendly blogs that serve as valuable resources for their communities.

Conclusion

Library blogs are transformative tools that enable libraries to expand their reach and improve service delivery in the digital age. By providing timely updates, promoting resources, and engaging with patrons, blogs create a vibrant and interactive library experience. As libraries continue to adapt to the evolving needs of their communities, blogs will remain essential platforms for enhancing communication, fostering learning, and building lasting relationships with patrons.

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IMPACT OF QR CODES ON LIBRARY RESOURCE UTILIZATION: A CASE STUDY FROM ARTS AND COMMERCE COLLEGE, JARUD

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Abstract : *The integration of QR code technology in academic libraries has revolutionized access to digital resources, enhanced user engagement, and streamlined library services, as evidenced by its implementation at the Arts and Commerce College Library in Jarud. This study explores how QR codes, strategically placed on bookshelves, promotional materials, and digital platforms, have provided rural students with innovative and efficient access to educational materials, including old question papers, OPAC, e-books, faculty research publications, and rare book collections. Additionally, QR codes facilitate library membership registration, event promotions, and access to the institutional repository, significantly improving user convenience and resource utilization. The findings reveal a marked increase in digital resource usage, greater awareness of library services, and enhanced accessibility for both students and faculty. This case study underscores the transformative potential of QR code technology in bridging the gap between traditional and digital library services, making information retrieval more efficient and user-friendly. The paper concludes by outlining best practices for QR code implementation in academic libraries and discussing the potential for further advancements in library automation, highlighting its role in driving digital transformation in educational institutions.*

Keywords:*QR Code, Academic Library, Digital Accessibility, Library Automation, Information Retrieval, Rural Education, digital age,*

1. Introduction

The rapid evolution of digital technology has significantly reshaped academic libraries, empowering them to provide seamless access to information and resources while enhancing user engagement and operational efficiency. As traditional library services increasingly integrate digital tools, innovations such as Quick Response (QR) codes have emerged as a vital bridge between physical and digital resources. QR codes enable users to instantly access information by scanning them with smartphones, offering a user-friendly and efficient approach to library services. This technological integration is particularly transformative for academic libraries in rural areas, where access to digital resources can be limited. By adopting QR code technology, libraries can modernize their services, improve accessibility, and cater to the evolving needs of students and faculty in the digital age.

This study examines the implementation of QR code technology in the library of Arts and Commerce College, Jarud, an institution established in 1990 under the Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati, with a mission to provide higher education to rural students while fostering academic excellence and social awareness. The library has strategically incorporated QR codes to facilitate access to a wide range of resources, including old question papers, bookshelf listings, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog), e-resources such as N-LIST, faculty research publications, rare book collections, and membership registration. Additionally, QR codes have been utilized in promotional materials and event registrations, enhancing user engagement and awareness of library services. Through this case study, the research analyzes the impact of QR code technology on digital resource utilization, ease of access, and overall library efficiency. The findings provide valuable insights into the benefits, challenges, and best practices of integrating QR codes into library operations, offering a model for other academic institutions, particularly in rural settings, to bridge the digital divide and advance their library services. This study contributes to the broader discourse on library digitization and automation, highlighting the potential of QR codes as a transformative tool in the ongoing evolution of academic libraries.

2. QR Code Technology Overview

2.1 Definition

A QR code is a two-dimensional barcode that can be scanned using a smartphone or a dedicated QR reader. It can store various types of information, including URLs, text, contact details, and more. QR codes can be generated easily and printed on various materials, making them accessible for users.

2.2 Historical Context

While QR codes were initially used in manufacturing and logistics, their application has expanded significantly with the rise of smartphones and mobile technology. Libraries have begun to adopt QR codes to meet the demands of a tech-savvy user base and to provide innovative services.

3. Applications of QR Code Technology in Libraries

3.1 Enhancing Access to Information

QR codes can be placed on library shelves, linking directly to the catalog entry of items, enabling users to check availability and related materials instantly.Digital Resources: Users can scan QR codes to access e-books, databases, and other digital resources, streamlining the process of finding and utilizing library materials.

3.2 Promoting Library Services

Libraries can use QR codes on flyers and posters to provide information about upcoming events, workshops, and programs. Codes can link to pages detailing library services, such as interlibrary loans, reference assistance, and community programs.

3.3 User Engagement and Interaction

Libraries can create interactive displays where users scan codes to learn more about specific topics or exhibits, fostering a more engaging learning environment. QR codes can be used to gather user feedback through quick surveys, allowing libraries to assess user satisfaction and improve services.

3.4 Streamlining Library Operations

Libraries can use QR codes for inventory checks, simplifying the process of tracking and managing collections.QR codes can facilitate self-checkout processes, allowing users to check out materials quickly and with minimal staff intervention.

4. Case Studies:

Implementation of QR Codes in *Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati* **, Arts and Commerce College, Jarud** *, Affiliated to Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Amravati*

Arts and Commerce College, Jarud, was established in 1990 to provide higher education to rural students while instilling high moral values, patriotism, social awareness, and academic excellence. The college library has adopted QR code technology to enhance accessibility and user engagement with its digital resources.

4.1 Implementation of QR Codes in the Library

The library has effectively integrated QR codes for various purposes, improving ease of access and promoting its resources. The key implementations are:

1. **QR Code for Old Question Papers** – Enables students to quickly access previous years' question papers for exam preparation.
2. **Bookshelf Display List QR Code** – Provides a categorized list of books available in different sections of the library.
3. **Library Blog QR Code** – Directs users to the library's official blog, containing updates, news, and articles.
4. **Web OPAC QR Code** – Allows users to search the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for book availability.
5. **N-LIST Link QR Code** – Facilitates direct access to the N-LIST e-resources and digital library services.
6. **Library Website QR Code** – Gives instant access to the library's official website for updates and services.
7. **Book Membership Form QR Code** – Provides students and faculty with a quick way to register for library membership.

8. **College Faculty Biodata QR Code** – Displays faculty profiles, qualifications, and research contributions.
9. **Librarian Information QR Code** – Offers direct access to the librarian's contact details and professional background.
10. **Faculty Research Publications QR Code** – Links to faculty members' research papers, published articles, and conference proceedings.
11. **Rare Books Availability QR Code** – Informs users about rare and valuable books available in the library collection.
12. **Library Digitization QR Code** – Provides access to digitized resources, including manuscripts, archives, and special collections.

4.2 Impact and Benefits

- **Enhanced Accessibility** – Users can access digital resources instantly via QR codes.
- **Increased Usage** – Significant rise in the use of e-books, research papers, and other online materials.
- **Effective Promotion** – QR codes have improved the visibility of library events, services, and resources.
- **User Convenience** – Students and faculty can retrieve essential information quickly without manual searches.

The integration of QR codes in the Arts and Commerce College, Jarud library has modernized library services and significantly improved user engagement with digital resources.

5. Benefits of QR Code Technology in Libraries

5.1 Increased Accessibility

QR codes make information easily accessible to users, facilitating quick access to resources without the need for extensive searching.

5.2 Cost-Effectiveness

Implementing QR codes is relatively low-cost compared to other technological solutions, making it an attractive option for libraries with limited budgets.

5.3 Enhanced User Experience

By streamlining access to information and services, QR codes significantly enhance the overall user experience in libraries.

6. Challenges and Limitations

Despite their advantages, the implementation of QR codes in libraries is not without challenges:

6.1 Technological Barriers

Not all users may have access to smartphones or QR code readers, potentially limiting the effectiveness of QR codes in reaching all demographics.

6.2 Maintenance and Updates

QR codes require regular updates and maintenance to ensure that the linked information remains current and relevant. Libraries must allocate resources to manage this aspect effectively.

6.3 User Awareness and Education

Many users may be unfamiliar with QR code technology, necessitating educational initiatives to promote understanding and usage.

7. Future Directions

The future of QR code technology in libraries presents exciting possibilities:

7.1 Integration with Augmented Reality

The integration of QR codes with augmented reality (AR) could create immersive experiences for users, allowing them to interact with library materials in innovative ways.

7.2 Enhanced Analytics

Libraries can leverage QR codes to gather data on user interactions, providing valuable insights into user behavior and preferences, which can inform service improvements.

7.3 Expanding Applications

As technology evolves, libraries may find new and creative applications for QR codes, including integration into mobile apps and collaboration with other digital tools.

8. Conclusion

QR code technology has emerged as a valuable tool for libraries, enhancing access to information, promoting services, and streamlining operations. While challenges exist, the benefits of QR codes in improving user experience and engagement are significant. As libraries continue to adapt to the digital landscape, the strategic implementation of QR codes will play a crucial role in their ongoing transformation. Future developments in technology will likely expand the potential applications of QR codes, further enriching the library experience for users.

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TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARY SERVICES: USING MOBILE APPLICATIONS WITH E-GRANTHALAYASOFTWARE

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Abstract:

This research paperanalyzes changes in library services through e-Granthalaya software and mobile applications. e-Granthalaya has made the traditional library user friendly by digitizing them. Mobile applications provided 24/7 access to digital content, advanced search options, and services availability. This study emphasizes the efficiency of library services and democratic access to knowledge. Digital technology has played an important role in taking libraries to new heights.

Keywords:*Library Services, e-Granthalaya, , Online Library Services, e-Granthalaya, Mobile App,*

Introduction:

Libraries are a unique phenomenon in the society which collects, preserves and disseminates knowledge and information. Traditional library services, which the act of the reading of the books physically, had been the base source of knowledge of many for a very long time. But, with the emergence of the digital period, the very structure of library services has been altered.

The combination of digital technology and low-cost Internet access means information is now widely available, as are modern and user-friendly library services. Software like e-Granthalaya is playing a crucial role in this regard. This software serves as a means to transform old-fashioned libraries into a digital format and delivers better facilities to the users. The use of mobile applications has also revolutionised library services. Users now have 24/7 access to library services from their homes. This study covers this change in library service, where e-Granthalaya software and mobile applications together provide a new dimension to the dissemination of knowledge.

e-Granthalaya Software:

e-Granthalaya software is web-based library management software developed by the National Informatics Center (NIC), Government of India. Its goal is to guide traditional libraries to digital on the road of user convenience and efficiency. They brought the software as a way to automate the management process in libraries and access to digital resources. e-Granthalaya is developed with the vision for public, academic, and institutional libraries so they can inter-link through a unified network.

Role of Mobile Applications in Library Services:

In this digital age, with the widespread usage of mobile applications, ensuring efficiency and accessibility of library services has not remained a challenge. Libraries do not just operate in one hall. Library services can now be accessed anywhere easily due to mobile applications.

Features of mobile application:

1. Anywhere, Anytime Access: Through the mobile application users can get 24/7 access to the library's content and services.
2. Access to Digital Resources: Digital content such as books, magazines, research papers, e-books and audiobooks are available directly through mobile applications.
3. Advanced Search Tools:Mobile applications allow users to easily search content by keyword, topic, author, or publication date.
4. Notifications and Reminders: Users can receive reminders about book return dates, updates on new content, and other library services through the mobile application.
5. Book Reservation and Renewal: Through the mobile application users can reserve books or renew already issued books.
6. User-Friendly Interface: Mobile applications provide simple and user-centric interfaces, allowing intuitive use even without technical knowledge.

Changes in Library Services:

Mobile applications have given a new direction to library services. Now users can avail the services without visiting the library. Mobile applications play an important role, especially in rural and remote areas, where access to physical libraries is limited.

1. e-Granthalaya Mobile App:

e-Granthalaya mobile app is a digital platform available on Google Play Store for the users.

After downloading the app, the users will log in with their approved credentials. The main home page is displayed immediately after login process where user's name and library name chosen by him is mentioned in upper part. And here you see four choices in the middle:

1. Search Catalog,
2. Digital Library,
3. Open Access and
4. Library Display.

Library statistics are then shown, including total libraries in the cluster, total holdings, total members, fulltext, titles., Below that information is given for "recent arrivals", and then

Figure 01 "Current journals". On the very bottom of the home page, we are given three choices: Home, Transactions, and Support.

"Search Catalog" With this option, users can not only view the catalog of books in their library but also access resources from other libraries bound together within their group. Moreover, a filter option is available in menu for the Search Catalog section which by this, users can choose the required library and see its digital resources. Search Tab: User is given an option of content-based search in which the user can search for books, research articles,

Figure 02: journals and news items etc. This is a considerable endeavor, as it promotes technology in a library and user relies more on information for knowledge, as is frequently claimed and is more accessible with efficiency and easy search. Thirdly, the "Open Access"

model-ed, users can search for the information that they want. Users can also search using “All”, “Free”, “Paid” filters.In the 'Library Display', option which allows users to simply search books by shelf/rack number. From the bottom of the home page there is an option of "Recent Arrivals" and "Current Journals" in that user can choose one of the libraries in the clusterand view the recent arrivals and current journals and access them as per the availability. The next page after the home page is the "Transactions", which displays the list of all the books or items borrowed or returned by the user. Page 3 is Support, Contact information for e-Granthalaya support services. The home page of the app also includes a "Dashboard" option, showing data on total libraries, total catalogues, total holdings and total members for the software along with year-wise chart of official implementations, year-wise showing at least how many libraries implemented the software between 2004 and 2022. The data of the number of trainings done from 2005 to 2019 is also shown in charts. .

Contribution of e-Granthalaya mobile application:

E-Granthalaya mobile application has made library services more efficient and effective.

Via user mobile device:

- Library users in e-Granthalaya mobile application can see their issued and returned books' information. Moreover, they will be aware of till when they are supposed to return the issued books.
- Library users can access the library catalogue using e-Granthalaya mobile app to search for something in the collection.
- Through the e-Granthalaya mobile app, library users can view the catalog of all the resources in their cluster libraries and access them based on availability, without having to visit the library in person.

Impact on users:

1. Increased convenience: Users can avail library services sitting at home.
2. Time Saving: Users avoid the hassle of going to the library, and they save time by rapidly locating the required materials.
3. Expanding access to knowledge: Mobile applications have provided access to knowledge to people of every age group and region.

Conclusion:

Mobile applications have transformed library services to suit the digital age. Applications like e-Granthalaya are acting as a strong bridge between users and libraries. This has not only made services efficient but also democratized knowledge.

Useful Links

e-Granthalaya mobile app	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nic.eg4mobile
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e-Granthalaya software link	https://eg4.nic.in/

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THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OFFERED ON THE LIBRARY WEB PAGES OF AUTONOMOUS COLLAGES IN INDIA

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Abstract:

The research study investigating the services and resources available on the library web pages of autonomous colleges in India is essential for students, faculty, and researchers. These web pages serve as a vital source of information regarding library collections, e-books, online databases, reference materials, research support, digital repositories, and other digital assets. Furthermore, they provide access to important details about membership procedures, library hours, book reservation systems, and other critical services. The availability of these services and resources significantly contributes to the enhancement of academic achievement.

***Keyword**: - Library, Web Pages, Service, Facilities, Autonomous Colleges*

Introduction:

Autonomous colleges in India are integral to the higher education landscape, delivering quality education and promoting research through their academic autonomy. The libraries within these institutions are regarded as fundamental to academic and research endeavors. In the contemporary digital landscape, library web pages function as a crucial interface for offering a variety of services and resources, including access to library collections, e-books, databases, digital repositories, and research assistance. This study seeks to examine the services and resources provided on the library web pages of autonomous colleges and assess their influence on academic excellence and research facilitation.

Review of Literature:

The library is often referred to as the heart of academic institutions, playing a crucial role in facilitating access to knowledge and fostering research activities. Several studies have emphasized the importance of library services and facilities in supporting teaching, learning, and research.

(Lougee, Wendy Pradt, 2002) This examination of library functions spans the period of 10 to 15 years during which distributed computing, the Internet, and the World Wide Web became prominent. The context that fostered and stimulated library operations was shaped by numerous factors, both technological and non-technological; nonetheless, several key themes warrant consideration. These themes illustrate a developmental trajectory for the changing roles of libraries in the digital era.

(Akriti Sharma,Megabhat Singh, 2021) The study conjointly reveals that the library web sites got to add additional easy way web 2.0 options to reinforce the standard to bridge the gap between libraries and libraries users. This study shows that users' usage and preference for e-resources and e-services are increasing as there is a general trend to overlook traditional print resources where e-resources are available in the first place. The study recommends that a radical rethinking is required to strengthen the electronic collection and improve the library services.

(Reddy, 2024) The Study a analysed the technological advancements in library management systems and how they contribute to seamless operations, such as issuing books, maintaining records, and providing real-time updates on resource availability. They concluded that the integration of user-friendly interfaces on library web pages has become essential for academic libraries to remain relevant in the digital age.

(Narendra Bhattacharya, 2017)The study investigated the role of library services in autonomous colleges, with a focus on the availability of customized services tailored to the needs of students and researchers. The study emphasized the importance of continuous updates and improvements to library web pages to ensure they meet evolving academic demands. These studies collectively underscore the critical role of library services and facilities in enhancing academic and research outcomes. They also highlight the growing reliance on technology and digital platforms to deliver these services efficiently. The present study builds upon this body of literature by specifically focusing on the services and facilities offered through the library web pages of autonomous colleges in India.

(Christian Jerome Sonnebarg, 2023)The study purpose of this research is to present a unique framework for mobile adaptation and prioritization that leads to a marked improvement in Mobile Web usability. The primary objective is to identify and deliver important content first and present it in an optimized format .The study highlighted the importance of digital libraries, online access to e-books, journals, and databases, which have become indispensable in modern academic settings. They argued that libraries must continuously evolve to meet the changing needs of users.

(Sudarshan Patil Kulkarni,Arshad Javeed, 2020) The research analysed the role of library services in autonomous colleges, particularly in India. Their findings revealed that autonomous institutions tend to have more advanced library systems with services tailored to specific user groups, such as students, faculty, and researchers. They also noted that library web pages often include links to open-access resources, plagiarism-check tools, and institutional repositories to support academic integrity and research quality.

Research Methodology:

The objective of this research is to examine the services and facilities available on library web pages of autonomous colleges and analyze their impact on academic and research outcomes. The research methodology is outlined as follows:

1. **Research Type**:
   This is a descriptive and analytical research study, focusing on a detailed examination of the services offered on library web pages. The study will primarily use surveys, feedback, and web page analysis for data collection.
2. **Research Area**:
   The study will focus on autonomous colleges across India. The library web pages of these colleges will be analysed, and data regarding services and user experiences will be collected from users.
3. **Data Collection Methods**:
   - **Survey**:
     Feedback will be collected from users (students, faculty, researchers) through online surveys. The survey will include questions about their

experiences with the library's website, services, facilities, and suggestions for improvement.

- **Web Page Analysis**: A detailed analysis of the library web pages from autonomous colleges will be conducted. The analysis will cover the availability of services such as online catalogues, book reservations, research assistance, and other features.

4. **Data Analysis**:
   - Statistical methods will be employed for analyzing the collected data, including frequency distribution, mean, percentages, and other relevant statistical measures.
   - Qualitative and quantitative analyses will be combined to assess the effectiveness of services and the level of user satisfaction.
5. **Sample Selection**: The sample will consist of libraries from autonomous colleges across various disciplines and geographical regions in India. A representative sampling method will be used to ensure diversity in the data collection.
6. **Potential Limitations**:
   - The data collected will primarily reflect the experiences of users who are familiar with the internet and online platforms, which might exclude those who predominantly use physical library services or have limited internet access.
   - There may be issues related to the stability and updating of web pages, which could affect the consistency of the data.
7. **Evaluation of Collected Data**: The data collected from surveys, web page analysis, and related literature will be analysed to draw conclusions about the efficiency and effectiveness of library web pages. The findings will provide insights into necessary improvements and suggestions for enhancing library services.

Through this methodology, the study aims to provide robust data and analysis regarding the use of library web pages and their impact on academic and research productivity, along with practical recommendations for improvement.

Objectives of the Study:

1. **To Analyze Library Web Pages**: To examine the services, features, and functionalities available on the library web pages of autonomous colleges.
2. **To Assess User Accessibility**: To evaluate how effectively these web pages facilitate access to academic resources for students, faculty, and researchers.
3. **To Identify Technology Integration**: To study the extent of technological tools and digital platforms integrated into library services, such as online catalogues, e-resources, and automated systems.
4. **To Measure User Satisfaction**: To determine the level of satisfaction among users with the services provided through the library web pages.
5. **To Understand the Impact on Academic and Research Outcomes**: To analyse the influence of library web page services on academic productivity, research quality, and overall user experience.
6. **To Compare Services Across Institutions**: To compare the offerings and effectiveness of library web pages across various autonomous colleges and identify best practices.
7. **To Provide Recommendations for Improvement**: To suggest strategies and enhancements to improve library web pages and services to meet the evolving needs of users.

Findings:

1. Accessibility of Services:

The majority of library websites in autonomous colleges offer access to vital services such as online catalogues, electronic resources, and book reservation systems. Nonetheless, the degree of accessibility and ease of use varies considerably among different institutions.

2. Integration of Technology:

Colleges equipped with advanced digital infrastructure have incorporated tools such as plagiarism detection software, research support platforms, and institutional repositories, whereas others depend on more basic functionalities.

3. User Satisfaction:

Feedback from users suggests that well-structured and responsive web pages enhance satisfaction levels; however, many users encounter difficulties due to outdated designs or insufficient mobile compatibility.

4. Impact on Academic Productivity:

Libraries that utilize automated systems and digital resources facilitate improved academic performance, as users can access materials more effectively, thereby conserving time and effort.

5. Variation Across Institutions:

Autonomous colleges located in urban settings generally possess more advanced library systems compared to their rural counterparts, which reflects differences in funding and resource distribution.

6. Challenges Identified:

Frequent challenges include irregular updates, inadequate resources for users who are less technologically adept, and a lack of awareness regarding the full spectrum of available services.

Conclusion:

The analysis indicates that library websites are essential in enhancing academic and research productivity within autonomous colleges. The incorporation of technology, user-friendly designs, and responsive interfaces significantly influences user satisfaction and operational efficiency. However, the disparities in service quality and technological integration among institutions underscore the necessity for standardization and regular updates. To address the evolving needs of users, autonomous colleges should prioritize digital transformation, consistently refresh their web pages, and ensure accessibility across various devices. Additionally, raising awareness about available services and responding to user feedback can further enhance the effectiveness of library websites.

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ENHANCING LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH MOBILE APPS

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Abstract:

Mobile technology has revolutionized library services, enabling them to meet the demands of digitally connected users. Mobile apps are central to this transformation, providing seamless access to resources, streamlining operations, and enhancing user engagement. These apps empower users to search catalogues, access digital content (e-books, journals, multimedia), manage accounts, and receive personalized recommendations—all from their devices. Features like push notifications and location-based services further enrich the user experience. For libraries, mobile apps offer a chance to modernize, reduce administrative burdens, and expand reach. However, challenges like development costs and user adoption must be addressed.

This paper examines the transformative role of mobile apps in library services, highlighting key features and benefits and exploring emerging trends like AI and augmented reality. It analyses how these apps are reshaping library-user interaction and information delivery. The paper emphasizes the importance of user-friendly interfaces, robust search functionality, and seamless integration with existing library systems. It also discusses the need for ongoing maintenance, security, and content management to ensure app effectiveness.

The study concludes that mobile apps are essential for libraries seeking to remain relevant and user-centric in the digital age. By embracing mobile technology, libraries can ensure continued relevance and better serve evolving community needs. Strategic implementation, focusing on user needs and addressing challenges, is key to maximizing the potential of mobile apps in modern library services.

***Keywords**: Mobile Applications, Library Services, Digital Libraries, User Engagement, Information Access*

Introduction

Libraries have historically served as cornerstones of knowledge and learning, acting as information repositories and fostering intellectual growth within communities. Their physical collections of books, manuscripts, and other materials have been central to their function for centuries. However, the advent and rapid proliferation of digital technologies have fundamentally altered how information is accessed and disseminated, necessitating a significant shift in the operational models of libraries. This transformation has been further accelerated by the ubiquitous adoption of smartphones and mobile devices, which have become indispensable tools for accessing information in the 21st century. Recognizing this evolving landscape, Libraries are increasingly leveraging mobile applications (apps) to extend their services beyond the traditional physical boundaries of their buildings and meet the demands of a digitally connected user base.

Mobile apps have emerged as a critical tool in this evolution, enabling libraries to provide seamless, 24/7 access to vast resources, streamline internal operations, and significantly enhance user engagement. These apps empower users to easily search digital catalogues, access e-books, academic journals, and multimedia content from anywhere at any time, manage their library accounts, and even receive personalized recommendations tailored to their interests—all from the convenience of their personal devices. Furthermore, push notifications, real-time updates on library events and resource availability, and location-based services enrich the overall user experience, fostering more significant interaction with library resources and promoting a stronger connection with the library.

For libraries, mobile apps present a unique opportunity to modernize their services, reduce administrative burdens by automating key processes, and expand their reach to a broader and often more diverse audience. By embracing mobile technologies, libraries can remain relevant and adaptable in an increasingly digital world, ensuring their continued role as vital information and community engagement hubs. However, implementing and maintaining practical library mobile apps is challenging. These challenges include the initial development costs, ongoing technical maintenance and updates required to keep the app functional and secure, and the critical need to ensure user adoption across all demographics, including those less familiar with mobile technology. Addressing these challenges effectively is essential to maximizing the potential of library mobile apps and realizing their full benefits.

This paper examines the transformative role of mobile apps in modern library services, exploring how these apps reshape how libraries interact with their users and deliver information. It highlights the key features and functionalities that contribute to a successful library mobile app, analyses the numerous benefits these apps offer to both libraries and their users, and delves into the emerging trends that are shaping the future of library technology, such as AI-driven personalization and the integration of augmented reality. The study concludes that mobile apps are becoming increasingly indispensable for libraries aiming to remain relevant, adaptable, and user-centric in an increasingly digital world. By embracing mobile technologies strategically, libraries can ensure their continued relevance in the information ecosystem and better serve the evolving needs of their communities.

Objectives:

1. Assess the Impact of Mobile Apps on Library Services.
2. Identify Key Features and Challenges.
3. Explore Emerging Trends in Library Technology.

Methodology:

This paper employs a mixed-methods approach, combining a comprehensive literature review with an in-depth analysis of case studies. The literature review examines existing research, journal articles, industry reports, and best practices related to mobile apps in library services. The case study analysis examines successful library mobile apps, including examples from global institutions and Indian libraries such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and DELNET, to identify key trends and lessons learned.

The Evolving Landscape of Library Services

Libraries have undergone a significant transformation, evolving from traditional physical repositories to dynamic digital hubs. The rise of the internet and mobile devices has fundamentally changed information access, requiring libraries to adapt and innovate. A key shift has been the

expansion of collections to include a vast array of digital resources like e-books, e-journals, and online databases, accessible 24/7. This digital transformation has exponentially increased the scope of library resources and offered unparalleled convenience.

The increasing reliance on mobile devices has further accelerated this evolution. Libraries now prioritize mobile-friendly services and resources, with mobile apps becoming crucial for delivering services directly to users' devices. These apps facilitate access to library resources anytime, anywhere, catering to users' changing information-seeking behaviour.

Furthermore, libraries play a vital role in promoting digital literacy. They offer programs and services to equip users with the skills to navigate the digital world effectively, contributing to a more informed citizenry. This aligns with the concept of "libraries without walls," where mobile apps extend library reach beyond physical buildings, connecting with users in diverse locations and demographics.

In this evolving landscape, libraries are no longer places for borrowing books; they are centres for information, learning, and community engagement. Mobile apps are central to this transformation, enabling innovative services, new user connections, and continued relevance in the digital age. Embracing mobile technology is crucial for libraries to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

The Crucial Role of Mobile Apps in Modern Libraries

Mobile apps have become essential for modern libraries, bridging the gap between traditional services and user expectations. They are no longer optional but crucial for library relevance and community service. Beyond providing access to digital collections, they are transforming library operations and user interaction.

A core function is seamless access to diverse digital resources. Users can directly browse and retrieve e-books, journals, multimedia content, and learning modules from their devices. Integration with platforms like Overdrive and Hoopla allows access to various providers through a single interface, which is invaluable for students, researchers, and lifelong learners. This mobile access empowers users to research and explore topics anytime, anywhere.

Mobile apps also enhance the user experience through personalized services. Based on user data, AI-powered recommendations suggest relevant titles and alert users to new releases. Real-time notifications about book availability, due dates, and events further improve user satisfaction and engagement.

Effective communication is another key benefit. Push notifications, in-app messaging, and social media integration allow libraries to communicate directly with users about updates, events,

and new acquisitions. Two-way communication is also facilitated, with in-app chat support or virtual help desks providing immediate assistance from librarians.

Finally, mobile apps significantly enhance the user experience by streamlining key functions. Searching the catalogue, borrowing and renewing books, placing holds, and managing accounts are simplified. Features like barcode scanning and digital membership cards further reduce wait times and enhance convenience. Access to event calendars, program registration, and online discussions is also readily available. User-centred design ensures that these apps are intuitive and accessible to everyone.

Key Features and Functionality of Library Mobile Apps

The effectiveness of a library mobile app hinges on its features and functionality. A well-designed app should provide access to resources and offer a user-friendly and engaging experience. Several key features contribute to a successful library mobile app:

User-Friendly Interface: A well-designed interface with intuitive navigation ensures ease of use for all users, including those with limited technical knowledge. A simple layout with clear icons and a responsive design enhances accessibility.

Search and Discovery: Advanced search functionalities, including keyword-based searches, filters, and AI-powered suggestions, help users quickly locate books, articles, and other library resources. Integration with metadata and subject classifications can further refine search results.

Push Notifications: Timely alerts regarding due dates, book availability, new arrivals, and upcoming library events keep users informed and engaged. Personalized notifications based on user preferences improve interaction with the library's resources.

Integration with Library Systems: A seamless connection with the library's integrated library system (ILS) enables real-time book availability, reservations, and transaction history updates. This ensures efficient synchronization between physical and digital library services.

Offline Access: Providing users with the ability to download e-books, articles, and reference materials for offline reading enhances accessibility, particularly for those with limited internet access.

Multimedia Support: Libraries are no longer limited to text-based resources. Mobile apps should support a variety of content formats, including audiobooks, videos, podcasts, and interactive digital materials, catering to diverse learning preferences.

Feedback Mechanism: Allowing users to submit feedback, reviews, and suggestions fosters a sense of community and helps libraries improve their services. A structured feedback system ensures that user concerns and recommendations are addressed effectively.

V. Benefits for Libraries and Users

The integration of mobile apps into library services offers numerous benefits for both the libraries and the users they serve. These advantages contribute to increased efficiency, improved accessibility, and a more engaging experience for everyone involved.

For Libraries:

24/7 Access to Library Resources: Mobile apps transcend the limitations of traditional library operating hours, providing round-the-clock access to digital collections. This constant availability empowers users to engage with library resources conveniently, regardless of time or location. This is particularly beneficial for students studying late at night, researchers working on projects with tight deadlines, or anyone seeking information outside regular business hours. The library becomes open and accessible through the user's mobile device.

Enhanced User Interaction: Mobile apps facilitate a more dynamic and personalized interaction with library users. Features like customized recommendations, tracking of reading history, and bookmarking capabilities allow libraries to understand user preferences better and tailor content accordingly. By analyzing user data, libraries can gain valuable insights into what resources are most popular, what topics are most interesting, and how users engage with the library's offerings. This information can then be used to refine collection development strategies, improve marketing efforts, and enhance the overall user experience.

Streamlined Library Management: Mobile apps can automate various administrative tasks, freeing library staff to focus on more complex and user-focused activities. Automated functions like book reservations, renewals, overdue alerts, and catalogue searches reduce the burden on library staff and improve operational efficiency. For instance, instead of manually sending overdue notices, the app can automatically generate and send reminders to users, saving staff time and resources. This streamlining improves efficiency and reduces the potential for human error.

Improved Communication with Users: Mobile apps provide a direct and efficient channel for libraries to communicate with their users. Push notifications, in-app messages, and integration with social media platforms allow libraries to keep users informed about important updates, upcoming events, new book arrivals, policy changes, and membership updates. This timely communication ensures that users are always in the loop and helps to foster a stronger sense of community. For example, a library can use push notifications to remind users about upcoming book club meetings or to announce special events, such as author talks or workshops.

Cost-Effective and Sustainable: By promoting the use of digital resources, mobile apps contribute to cost savings and environmental sustainability. Reducing reliance on printed materials minimizes printing, storage, and maintenance expenses. This shift towards digital resources reduces paper consumption and waste, contributing to a more environmentally friendly library operation. Investing in digital resources and mobile technology can be more cost-effective in the long run than maintaining extensive physical collections.

For Users:

Convenience and Accessibility: Perhaps the most significant benefit for users is the sheer convenience and accessibility that mobile apps provide. Users can browse catalogues, borrow e-books, access research databases, and manage their library accounts from anywhere with an internet connection. This eliminates the need for physical visits to the library, saving users time and effort. This is particularly valuable for homebound users with mobility limitations or who live far from a library branch.

Support for Remote Learning: Mobile apps significantly enhance the learning experience for users engaged in remote learning. Integrated e-learning modules, digital courses, and access to open-access resources empower students to learn at their own pace and on their schedule. Students can download study materials, attend virtual library sessions, and collaborate with peers, all through the convenience of their mobile devices. This support for remote learning is crucial in today's educational landscape, where online and hybrid learning models are becoming increasingly common.

Multilingual and Inclusive Features: Many library apps are designed with inclusivity, offering multilingual support and accessibility features such as text-to-speech, screen reading tools, and adjustable font sizes. These features cater to a diverse user base, ensuring everyone, including individuals with disabilities or those who speak different languages, has equal access to library resources and services. This commitment to inclusivity is a core value for many libraries, and mobile apps provide a powerful tool for realizing this goal.

Seamless User Experience: Mobile apps streamline library processes, making it easier for users to borrow, renew, and return materials. Features like barcode scanning for instant book searches, digital membership cards, and automated renewals simplify these tasks and save users valuable time. Real-time search filters help users quickly locate relevant resources within vast digital collections, enhancing the user experience. The goal is to make interacting with the library as frictionless and efficient as possible.

Multimedia and Interactive Learning: Modern library apps often incorporate multimedia content, including audiobooks, video lectures, and interactive study materials. This diverse range of content caters to different learning styles and preferences, making the learning process more

engaging and effective. Users can choose the format that best suits their needs, whether listening to an audiobook during their commute or watching a video tutorial on a specific topic.

Challenges and Considerations

While mobile apps offer numerous benefits for libraries and users, their implementation and maintenance present challenges that must be carefully considered and addressed to ensure successful adoption and long-term sustainability.

Cost and Resources: Developing and maintaining a high-quality mobile app requires significant financial investment and technical expertise. Libraries often operate under limited budgets, making allocating sufficient funds for app development, regular updates, technical support, and ongoing maintenance challenging. The cost of hiring skilled developers, designing a user-friendly interface, ensuring compatibility across different platforms, and implementing robust security measures can be substantial. Libraries may need to explore various funding models, such as grants, partnerships with other institutions, or even consider open-source solutions to manage costs effectively. Furthermore, ongoing maintenance and updates are essential to keep the app functional, secure, and compatible with evolving technology trends, requiring a sustained resource commitment.

User Adoption: Ensuring widespread user adoption is crucial for maximizing the return on investment in mobile app development. However, not all library users are equally comfortable with mobile technology. Some patrons, particularly older users or those with limited digital literacy, may struggle to navigate mobile applications or be hesitant to embrace new technologies. Libraries must develop strategies to promote app usage among all demographics, including providing user-friendly interfaces, detailed tutorials and training sessions, and readily accessible customer support. Addressing the digital divide and ensuring that all users can benefit from mobile library services is a key consideration.

Privacy and Security: Protecting user data is paramount for libraries offering digital services. Libraries must ensure their mobile apps comply with relevant privacy regulations, such as GDPR or data protection laws in their respective regions. Implementing robust security measures, including encryption, secure login systems, and strict access controls, is essential to prevent unauthorized data breaches and misuse. Users need to feel confident that their personal information is handled responsibly and that their privacy is protected. Transparency about data collection practices and clear communication about privacy policies are crucial for building user trust.

Compatibility: Ensuring that the app works seamlessly across a wide range of devices and operating systems (Android, iOS, Windows, etc.) is a significant technical challenge. The mobile landscape is constantly evolving, with new devices and operating system versions being released regularly. Developers must continuously test the app for compatibility issues, optimize performance for different devices, and release updates to keep up with these evolving technology

trends. This requires ongoing technical expertise and a commitment to staying current with the latest mobile technologies.

Content Management: Regularly updating and managing digital content is essential for maintaining user engagement and ensuring that the app remains a valuable resource. Libraries need to establish efficient content management systems to streamline the process of adding new books, journals, and research materials while removing outdated or irrelevant content. This requires a dedicated team or individual to curate and manage the digital collection. Furthermore, the content should be presented in a user-friendly format with explicit metadata and easy navigation.

Case Studies of Successful Library Mobile Apps

Examining successful library mobile app implementations provides valuable insights into best practices, practical features, and the positive impact these apps can have on library services and user engagement. Here are some expanded case studies showcasing diverse approaches and successful outcomes:

New York Public Library (NYPL) App: The NYPL mobile app offers seamless access to the library's vast digital collections, including e-books, audiobooks, research databases, and even digitized historical documents. A key feature is the integration with the NYPL's physical collections, allowing users to search the catalogue easily, place holds on books, and locate branches near them. The app also provides barcode scanning for self-checkout, simplifying the borrowing process for users visiting a physical branch. Event notifications keep users informed about library programs, author talks, and other events happening at their local branches. Based on reading history and interests, personalized recommendations help users discover new titles and explore different genres. The NYPL app exemplifies a comprehensive approach, integrating digital and physical library services into a user-friendly platform.

British Library App: The British Library's mobile app provides access to its extensive digital archives, rare manuscripts, and historical documents. High-resolution images, interactive tools, and multimedia content bring these historical materials to life, making them more accessible and engaging for researchers and history enthusiasts. The app's AI-powered search and categorization features enhance the discovery process, allowing users to find specific documents or explore topics of interest easily. For example, a user researching a specific historical period can use the app to browse digitized manuscripts, letters, and other primary sources related to that era. The British Library app is a powerful tool for researchers and anyone interested in history and culture.

National Library Board (NLB) Singapore App: The NLB Singapore app exemplifies a holistic approach to digital library services, integrating multiple functionalities into a single platform. Users

can borrow e-books, track their reading progress, receive personalized book recommendations, and even access digital learning resources. The app's robust digital lending system and seamless integration with library databases make it a model for modern digital library services. The NLB app also incorporates features like digital library cards and in-app payment options, making it a convenient and efficient tool for managing library accounts.

Denver Public Library App: The Denver Public Library app prioritizes accessibility and inclusivity, offering text-to-speech functionality, multilingual support, and assistive technologies for visually impaired users. This commitment to accessibility ensures that all community members can benefit from the library's digital services. The app also enables users to register for events, receive real-time notifications, and access research resources from anywhere, making it a valuable tool for staying connected with the library and its offerings.

National Digital Library of India (NDLI) App: The NDLI app, developed by the Ministry of Education and IIT Kharagpur, provides millions of educational resources, including books, research papers, multimedia content, and learning materials. Its multilingual interface makes it accessible to a diverse audience across India. The app offers personalized recommendations, an advanced search system, and integration with various educational platforms, making it an essential tool for students, researchers, and educators. The NDLI app is crucial in bridging the digital divide and providing a vast population with quality educational resources.

DELNET (Developing Library Network) App: The DELNET app facilitates resource sharing among libraries across India, providing seamless access to an extensive inter-library loan system, online databases, and digital catalogues. It is vital to connect academic and research institutions with necessary learning materials. The DELNET app empowers researchers and students to access a broader range of resources available at their local library, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing.

These case studies illustrate how libraries leverage mobile technology to enhance their services, improve accessibility, and engage with their communities. While each app has unique features and focus, they all share a common goal: to make library resources and services more accessible and user-friendly in the digital age.

Future Trends and Emerging Technologies

The landscape of library mobile apps is constantly evolving, driven by technological advancements and changing user expectations. Several emerging trends and technologies are poised to shape the future of these apps, offering exciting possibilities for enhancing library services and user engagement.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is rapidly transforming many aspects of our lives, and library mobile apps are no exception. AI-powered chatbots can provide instant support to users, answering

frequently asked questions, assisting with catalogue searches, and even offering personalized book recommendations based on reading preferences and history. AI algorithms can also analyze user data, providing libraries valuable insights into user behaviour and preferences. This data can then be used to optimize library services, personalize content recommendations, and improve the overall user experience. Imagine a user asking a chatbot for "books similar to Pride and Prejudice"; the AI could analyze their reading history and suggest other classic novels, romance stories, or even contemporary works that share similar themes.

Augmented Reality (AR): AR technology has the potential to revolutionize the library experience, creating immersive and interactive learning environments. Users could scan book covers with their mobile devices to access additional multimedia content, such as author interviews, book trailers, or even virtual tours of historical settings related to the book. AR could also be used to create interactive exhibits, virtual library tours, and gamified learning experiences. For example, a user could point their phone at a historical artefact in a library exhibit and see additional information about the artefact overlaid on their screen.

Integration with IoT (Internet of Things): Integrating smart devices and the Internet of Things (IoT) opens up new possibilities for automating library services and enhancing the user experience. IoT-enabled bookshelves could track book availability in real-time, notifying users when a book they are looking for becomes available. Smart notifications could remind patrons of due dates and upcoming events. Self-checkout kiosks could be integrated with mobile apps, allowing users to borrow books simply by scanning their phones. Imagine a library where users can use their phones to locate a specific book on a shelf, receive personalized recommendations based on their location, and even check out books without waiting in line.

Gamification: Incorporating game-like elements into library mobile apps can significantly increase user engagement and motivation. Features such as reading challenges, reward points for completed books, interactive quizzes, and virtual badges can encourage users to explore more resources, participate in library programs, and become more active members of the library community. Gamification can make learning fun and engaging, particularly for younger users. For example, a library could create a reading challenge where users earn points for every book they read, with the top readers receiving prizes or recognition.

Open Access and Collaboration: Libraries increasingly collaborate to develop shared mobile platforms that provide broader resource access. By integrating open-access digital libraries and repositories, institutions can offer a more extensive collection of books, research papers, and learning materials. Cloud-based services can facilitate seamless resource sharing among libraries and educational institutions worldwide. This collaborative approach can reduce costs, expand access to information, and promote knowledge sharing on a global scale.

Personalized Learning Paths: Mobile apps can create personalized learning paths for users, guiding them through curated collections of resources based on their interests and learning goals.

AI-powered recommendation engines could suggest relevant books, articles, videos, and other materials, while progress-tracking tools could help users monitor their learning journey. This personalized approach can make learning more effective and engaging, allowing users to explore topics of interest at their own pace.

Voice Search and Control: The increasing popularity of voice assistants like Siri and Alexa will likely influence library mobile app development. Voice search and control features could make it easier for users to find resources, navigate the app, and interact with library services. Imagine being able to ask your phone, "Find me books about the history of artificial intelligence," and having the library app instantly display relevant results.

These future trends and emerging technologies represent exciting opportunities for libraries to enhance their mobile app offerings and better serve their communities. By embracing innovation and staying abreast of the latest technological developments, libraries can ensure that their mobile apps remain relevant, engaging, and valuable resources for users in the digital age.

Conclusion

Mobile apps are essential for modern libraries to thrive in the digital age. They transform services by providing convenient resource access, personalized experiences, and increased user engagement. However, challenges include development costs, maintenance, user adoption, and data security. Sustainable funding, training, and robust security are crucial. Libraries must embrace innovation and adapt to evolving technologies like AI and AR to enhance app offerings and meet future needs. The future library is mobile, and embracing this is key to success.

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ENHANCING LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH MOBILE APPS.

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Abstract

ICT develop the digital era. In this era all the world begins in a one click. Even in field of library all information is now available in one click. Various app and information are now available in our palm. E-learning is change the world of information technology. Now library is also expanded out of four wall. Librarian gives the various services through mobile app. In this paper we have discuss about mobile apps, its services, Benefits and limitations.

Key Words: *Mobile Technology, ICT, E-Resources, Q.R. Code.*

Introduction

As per the fifth law of Dr. S. R. Rangnathan "Library is growing organism". The information technology has change the lifestyle of human being. That's fact also applied in the library services. In mobile era library services is given by using mobile technology. Information communication technology (ICT) in library services have change insignificantly. ICT has been change the mode of library services. Mobile based library services also a part of ICT. In Pandemic period the use of ICT plays a vital role of library services in online mode. In the hub of information user want to quick access of information within a second with the help of online resources. Library service by Mobile phone are flexible for users to access the information any time and any were.

Now a days in digital era libraries accepts the challenges of providing services through various devices such as mobile, Wi –Fi , Bar code system, RFID, etc. are used by users need.

1. What is Mobile apps

Mobile is a smart device for retrieving the information of world wide in a one place. Mobile app is a computer program designed to run on mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. Mobile is movable devices which helps to access the ant type of information. Mobile app is software which is used for the particular operations which is designed by an internal program languages. There are a billions users of mobile without ant limits. Mobile system is quick access to content.it is a way of easily access the information.

2. Mobile Technology

In a technical era mobile technology plays a smart role of for access the information. This technology is accepting a task to perform with various skill. Mobile technology became a smart in all field. In library services also given by mobile apps. Ex. E-books. Databases, important links, audio – video recorded lecturer. Now the mode of library services also change, the library is not limited as in a four wall the information world of library is now in worldwide through the use of mobile technology. In library there are various types of users like Researchers, students, teachers. As per the demand of user only physical library services are not able the user's needs. That's why librarian use mobile technology with various types of mobile apps.

3. Mobile based Library services

3.1 SMS Alert Services:

This service is important service by Mobile. By using this the user know the alert of library details and time period of particular service. ex. New book arrivals notification, about e-journals, renewal of books, library calendar, library program events etc. by this service librarian can indicate all the services through it. SMS Message can be sent to many users at one click. User also keep update about library.

3.2 Database browsing service:

Librarian can provide a database access through the mobile to users.it is useful to retrieval the information ex. OPAC, M-OPAC, Subscribe databases, World cat in a one click to find the books and other resources available in web application.

3.3 Suggestion for Purchasing a books.

M-Library services are useful to suggestion for purchasing of books as per the users demand. If someone not is unable to visit a library for demanded books they can used this services by mobile app.

3.4 Reference Service: - Library users can ask librarians about live chat, text messages, feedback, with help of sending and receiving the SMS. My library users can also get the resources from library. User can access all operation by this services.

3.5 E- Resources with mobile Interfaces: In an information hub there are lot of information available in internet. All the information accessible with mobile phone such as e-books ,

audio books, images, articles, dissertation, such can be used with mobile. Mobile devices can share an information, photos, audio video link from one devices to another.

3.6 Library News and Events: library events such as orientations program, stock verification, book recall, various lectures on special topics, news in relation to scholarly work. Are display online.

3.7 Q. R. Code Service: - It is quick response service, which is save the time of user. It is two dimensional barcode can be scanned by cell phone. Search by resources by scanner.

4. Benefits of Mobile Apps Library Services:

The use of mobile apps in library has grown day by day. Hub of information age users likes to access in virtual mode within a minuets. It's save the time of user. Mobile application provide library services easily.

There are following Benefits of using Mobile apps:-

4.1 Easy making:- When a number of user can access the library in a ones time, if they wants to access the resources, it is very easy get the resources.

4.2 Time saving: - There is no time consuming by using mobile apps. At anywhere without any geographical restriction. User can access the library website on one click of mobile.

4.3 Compatibility: - Virtual libraries are accessible ant where with a chip cost as compare to laptop or desktop computer. It is cost effective and comfortably handled.

4.4 User Participation: - Libraries can upload the various task by user like link for online course feedback of any program, suggestion, users view etc.

4.5 User Friendly:- Mobile apps is easy for handling . It is user friendly app to perform the operation.

4.6 Collection Development Suggestion:-User can give a suggestion to librarian for developing or increase a library collection. Via mobile phone.

4.7 Library News and Events: - Library apps provide a various news and events about library such as orientation program, Research related topics, topics on users demand , reminders about books, shorts messages about library events easily

4.8 Display New Arrivals:- This apps is also display the new arrivals of library collection. This service is good for user knowledge.

4.9 Quick feedback:- this service is helpful for quick feedback about related services by libraries.

4.10 Library virtual Tour:- User can unable to attend any workshop or any other program , library can provide this virtually by displaying the web link or broacher about the events.

5. Limitations of mobile library app:-

The theme of library services by mobile app is very fast and beneficial to all uses. It is good for retrieving the information anywhere but there is some limitations of technology which are discuss as below.-

1. Less Internet Speed:- there is major problem in India about less bandwidth speed. Due to less Internet speed users facing the problem of downloading, uploading the information. Users face the difficulties to accessing the service.
2. Design of the format:- The format of particular contents is suitable for desktop screen only .it is not viewable on mobile screen clearly. Because of size of text and graphics, images etc.
3. Handling multimedia files:- it's a big challenge for the future development as a large learning objectives require flash, shockwaves, java application in mobile library site.
4. Staff Training: - In the field of library and information science there is a lack of skilled staff to give a service to others. It is essential to give a tanning in library staff to develop this service.
5. User Education:- User are not aware about the guideline of how to access and use a library resources. They some need guideline about this. So they can access easily.

6 Motivate to Enhancing Mobile apps library services

Now a days I.C.T. improved the technology everywhere. In field of information services it's bring a big change to enhancing the digital era. Mobile technology is good for library services. It is easy way to retrieve the information at anywhere. In Covid -19 pandemic period, this technology is very useful for users, students, and researchers. This service is useful for pandemic period to awareness about the situations. Mobile services through mobile app is beneficial for all types of users in various way. Mobile apps providing a alert services, SMS services, M-OPAC, Wi-Fi facility to users. Users can retrieve the information anywhere at 24/7. Librarian gives the services by this apps brings the library profession smart. Librarian can keep update to mobile site for user's point of view. It is good for updating information. Librarians can also kept license for website to maintain a data for users.

Library services by Q.R. Code is also make easier for users to access the information. Library services through mobile apps maintain the quality information and update information. Mobile app is easier way to give library services without consuming time.

Conclusion:

This paper is conclude about the mobile app, library mobile app services, its benefits, Limitations of accessing the information through mobile app.Incresing the ICT technology all information is available in one click. It is easy way to access the information in one click. Library services by mobile app is useful in any situation, even in pandemic period its useful for various purpose like study, give a updating about pandemic period. This app never stop to library services. It is very challenge to the librarian to update the every information time to time. And also give a tanning to the library staff, and also marketing a various mobile apps.

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Use of Online Platforms for Research Visibility amongst Academic Librarians in Maharashtra

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Abstract

Purpose

The purpose of the present research work is to look into how academic library professionals in Maharashtra use online platforms to make their research more visible.

Methodology

The study used an online surveying technique. To gather information from responders using the Google form, a questionnaire was created. Information was gathered from seventy one academic librarians within Maharashtra.

Findings

The results show that the majority of college librarians have an academic network profile, have joined ResearchGate, and have registered on Google Scholar. The platforms with the fewest profiles include Vidwan, Web of Science, ORCID, and Scopus. SSRN has the fewest profiles of any platform. But most librarians use Sci-hub and DOAJ to find papers and read them in full. According to most academic librarians, author profiles on various online platforms have several benefits, including drawing more attention to the author and their work, increasing the number of people who read their papers, expanding the audience for their articles, and even attracting funding for future research. According to the qualitative research, the most common strategies to boost one's exposure among librarians include publishing in open access journals, building a Google Scholar profile, being a member of the ResearchGate and academia networks, and publishing in publications that are indexed and abstracted. It has also come to light that there are a number of obstacles to creating a profile on these platforms, including the following: network issues, a lack of institutional motivation, librarians' lack of interest, and the unavailability of institutional e-mail.Further it was found that very few academic institutions are registered members of IRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) from Maharashtra.

Research Implication

This research will be useful in getting academic library staff to recognise the importance of academics registering their online presence via profile creation and publishing linkages. The significance of publicly available articles throughout the world will rise, and academic grading will undoubtedly improve, thanks to these platforms.

Originality value

The findings of this study will be useful in persuading university library staff to support researchers in creating an online profile and tying their publications to it. Both the academic grading process and the significance of publicly available papers will undoubtedly be improved by these platforms.

Keywords: Academic Librarians, Citations, Online Platforms, Research Visibility, Research accessibility, Research communities.

1. Introduction

Rapid growth of published information has resulted in information explosion. Hence sheer publication of research is not a last step for any researcher or author. The next step for them is to make easy to find and discoverable. Visibility of a research work is essential to increase citations and for future collaboration opportunities. The way researchers share their work and their results differs across disciplines and across institutions.

Technological advancements resulted in drastic change in the process of information accumulation, storage and dissemination in case of libraries. These differences have a significant impact on the way library professionals, as well as researchers, view the adoption of new ICT technologies to make their work visible.As the knowledge centre of an institution, the academic library assists and fosters the quality of research. According to (Baxter et al.,1998) research has a fundamental academic role in the educational sector. Publication of research has been emphasized in academic norms as of late. Research in any field establishes benchmarks for improvement and boosts the profile and standing of the institution. Individual employees also stand to gain from this in terms of advancing their careers, making a positive impact on society, establishing themselves as authorities in their fields, and gaining a reputation for excellence. An institution's researcher plays a crucial role. An academic's research activities increase the profile of their university and foster cooperation with other organizations. Insights gained from research have an effect far beyond the confines of academic institutions; they permeate whole communities, inspiring fresh perspectives and even new ways of thinking. ICT and advancement in publishing technology is persistent to develop which results in adopting and facilitating new services and capabilities in case of libraries. The purpose of the present research work is to look into how academic library professionals in Maharashtra use online platforms to make their research more visible along with the visibility of their academic institutions.

2. Literature Review

Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID), online research networks, and blogs are just a few of the freelance publishing platforms made available by the internet. Facebook, LinkedIn, Blogs, Kudos, Google Scholar, ORCID, ResearchGate, Academia, and Twitter were

all recognised by (Tripathy et al., 2017) as key methods for making research discoveries more visible.

The conventional method of determining an author's influence, as stated by (Bar-Ilan et al., 2012), relies on the frequency with which their name appears in the reference lists of scientific papers; this information may be discovered in academic databases. However at present with the availability of Google Scholar and Google Scholar Citations, authors can create their profile along with the bibliographic details of their publications which are accessible in public domains. Google Scholar Citations is another way that Google helps with measurements like h-index and i10 index. According to (Heller, 2015) an open-access journal's higher profile can expedite the process of gaining international recognition and making a scientific effect. Collaboration and citation rates rise when these conditions are met.

In order to address the new demands of researchers and to ensure that research findings are broadly disseminated, libraries play an increasingly important role in supporting research across all disciplines. So, in this technological age, librarians and information science professionals have a lot on their plates. They need to keep up with the times by adopting new services and products and participating in exciting new activities. Researchers can benefit greatly from technology, which allows them to conduct high-quality research that attracts more attention and funding. Therefore, academic information experts in Maharashtra are going to look at how they use internet platforms to make their research visible.

3. Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to investigate the strategies employed by academic library staff in Maharashtra to increase the visibility of their research through the usage of various internet platforms. In order to achieve the study's aim, the following objectives have been set.

I. To explore the qualification and contributions to research work by academic library professionals in Maharashtra
II. To discover the involvement of academic library professionals in Maharashtra in various online platforms
III. To discover the engagement of academic library professionals in Maharashtra in various Online Research Communities
IV. To study the advantages of having a public profile in the online platforms

V. To learn the challenges faced library professionals in Maharashtra while creating an online presence.

4. Data Analysis and interpretation

4.1 Qualification and contributions to research work

An academic library as knowledge provider plays a vital role in promoting research as well as in highlighting the research output of an institution through online platforms. In order to increase the visibility of research of their own as well as of their institution, and at the same time support the quality of research, qualified and learned library professionals are making use of the available technologies, for the distribution of scholarly information.To explore the scenario of Maharashtra, questions were asked to academic library professionals about their highest qualifications and the number of research publications. As compared to undergraduate courses library professionals who have already completed their post graduate as well as M. Phil., Ph D degrees will be apparently involved more in research activities.

Figure 1: Qualification and the number of published research papers

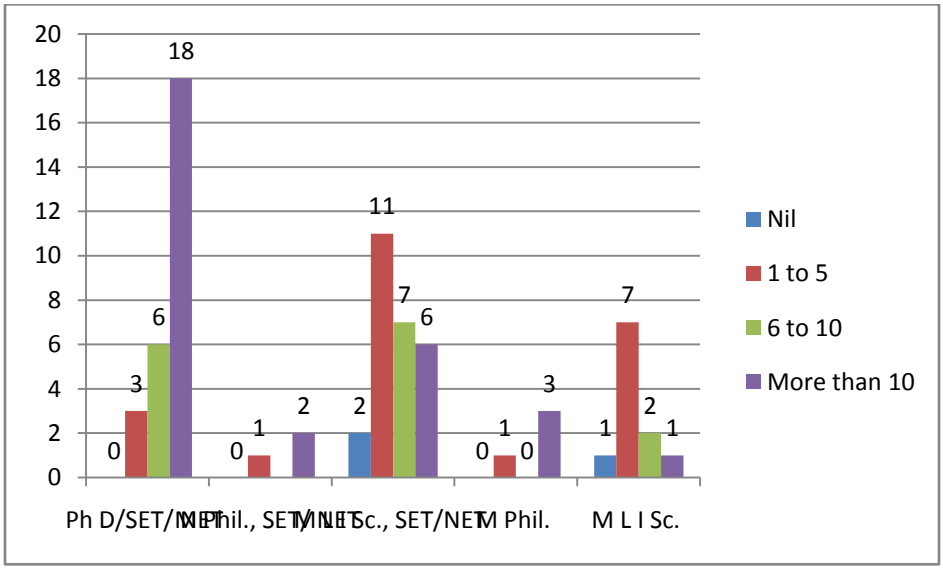


Figure 1 highlights library professionals with Ph D degree given highest contribution to the research paper publications as compared to PG and M. Phil degrees.

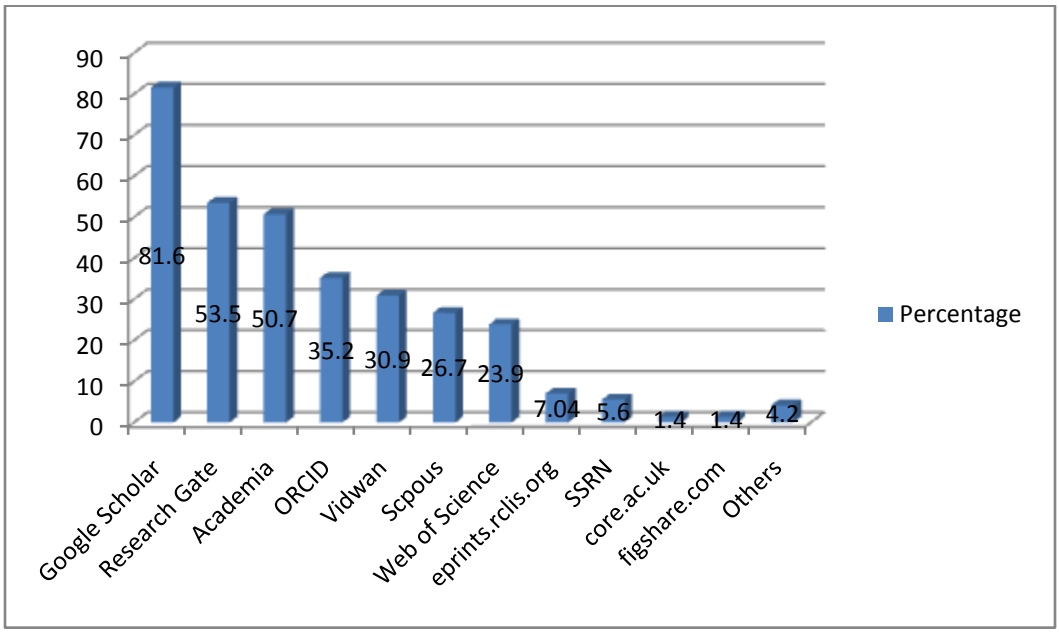
4.2 Profile in various online platforms

Previous work on establishing visibility has focused on web presence, such as having a homepage, a LinkedIn account, a Google scholar citation account, and a twitter account.

However new social media platforms are cropping up that provide alternate methods to see how influential and visible authors are. (Bar-Ilan, et al. 2012).In order to promote and highlight the research output of the institution, library professionals should be aware and have a profile in various emerging online platforms. Hence the question was raised about having a profile in different online platforms through multiple choice alternatives.

The results showed that 38 respondents (53.5%) had a ResearchGate profile and the majority (58: 81.6% of the total) reported that they had a Google Scholar profile (Figure 2). A total of 36 individuals, or 50.7%, had an academic profile. The online profile with the least profile noted were ORCID 25 (35.2%), Vidwan 22 (30.9%), Scopus 19 (26.7), Web of Science 17 (23.9%), eprints.rclis.org 5 (7.04%) and Social Science Research Network 4 (5.6%). Core and Figshare profile was created only by a single librarian (1.4%).

Figure 2: Librarians and profile in online platforms



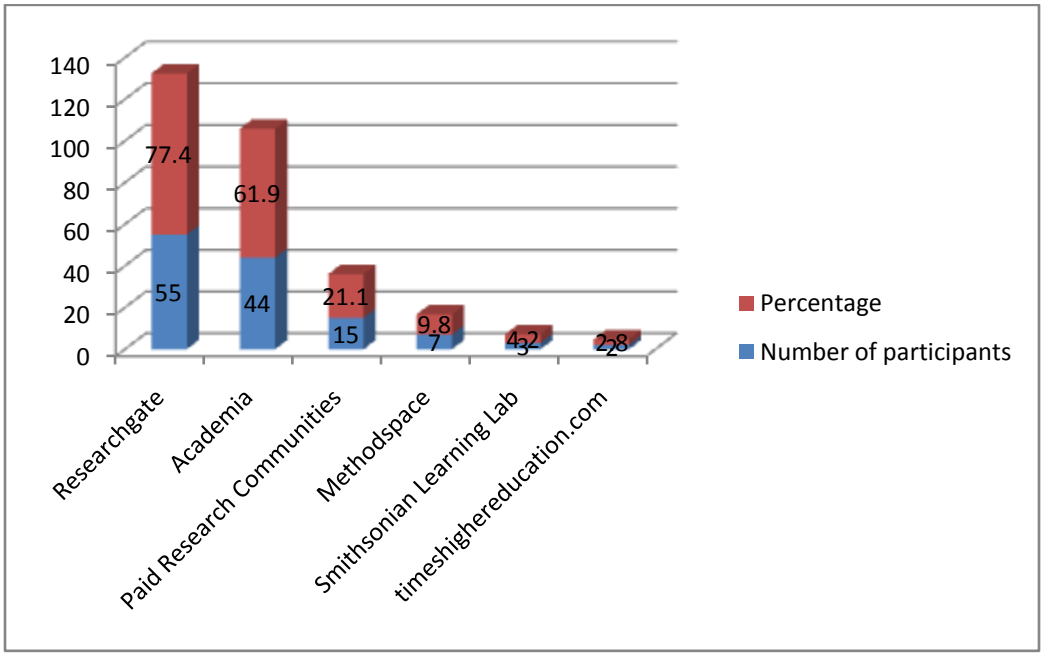
Libraries with the goal of sharing knowledge have been replaced by new ways to share scientific research results, like social networks, research social networks, and institutional repositories. Hence it was further asked to the librarians that which are the online platforms they had used to access full-text research papers excluding google scholar, researchgate and academia without creating a profile for browsing and searching. The findings indicated that maximum librarians used Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

55 (77.4%), followed by Sci-Hub 30 (42.2%) and Mendeley Research Network 28 (39.4%) for accessing full-text research papers.

4.3 Engagement in Online Research Communities

Online research communities are becoming increasingly useful and popular due to collaborative research. These communities enable researchers to share their ideas, to receive research guidance from the experts and to involve in collaborative research through online forums by creating a profile in such research communities. Hence the engagement of academic library professionals in online research communities was explored.

Figure 3:Engagement in Online Research Communities of academic Library Processionals



Finding from Figure 3 highlights that maximum that is 55(77.4%) library professionals are engaged in accessing and using Researchgate, followed by Academia 44(61.9%). Very few library professionals are using paid research communities. The figure indicates many librarians are not aware about other research communities like Methodspace, Smithsonian Learning Lab and timeshighereducation.com.

4.4 Benefits of having a public profile in the online platforms

According to Table 1, the vast majority of respondents (70 out of 98.6%) believe that having accounts on different platforms allows them to research and keep up-to-date on the literature. In addition, the vast majority of respondents (67 out of 94.4%), agree or strongly agree, that author recognition is a direct result of having a presence on an online platform. In addition, over 90% of those who took the survey agree or strongly agree that an author's presence on an internet platform affects their position in academic rankings. Creating a profile on an online platform boosts readership and accessibility of the publications, according to the maximum number of respondents (70: 98.6%). An overwhelming majority of respondents (67 out of 94, or 94.4% of the total) believe that increasing one's visibility online increases the likelihood that one's work will be mentioned in subsequent works.

Table 1. Perceived Benefits of having a public profile in the online platforms

Perceived Benefits	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Disagree
To explore the literature and update yourself	42(59.2%)	28(39.4%)	1(1.4%)	0	0
Brings recognition to the author	43(60.6%)	24(33.8%)	4(5.6%)	0	0
It influences author's institutional ranking	30(42.2%)	33(46.5%)	7(9.9%)	1(1.4%)	0
It increases readership and accessibility of the papers	43(60.5%)	27(38.1%)	1(1.4%)	0	0
It promotes in getting cited by other authors and researchers	40(56.3%)	27(38.1%)	4(5.6%)	0	0

According to Table 1, most Maharashtra library professionals understand the value of using the internet to disseminate research.

4.5 Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms

Table 2 shows that 54.7% of respondents agree or strongly agree that it is difficult to create a profile on online platforms due to the lack of institutional domain email. That institutional domain e-mail being unavailable was a big obstacle to building a profile on numerous online sites, including Google Scholar, Researchgate, ORCID, and many more.

The majority of respondents (46 out of 64.8%, or 64.8% of the total) do not know about the many internet platforms that are available to them. Beyond that, 36 out of 100 respondents (or 50.7% of the total) said they were unsure of how to make a profile on these sites. It shows the need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms and the need of hands-on training for creating profiles on such online platforms.

Creation and availability of institutional repository to deposit own publications are one of the important ways to increase visibility. The absence of institutional impetus to develop an institutional repository was cited by more than half of the respondents (37: 52.2%).

Sharing our own research papers and articles in full-text form will lead automatically in increasing research visibility and accessibility. The more the research will be visible and accessible the more citations will be gained by the researcher. Hence willingness of library professionals to share self-publications in full-text form was explored. However more than half (38: 53.6%) of the respondents replied their unwillingness to share self-publications in full-text form.

Table 2: Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms

Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Disagree
Unavailability of institutional domain e-mail	21(29.6%)	32(45.1%)	11(15.5%)	3 (4.2%)	4 (5.6%)
Not aware about availability of different online platforms	16(22.5%)	30(42.3%)	12(16.10%)	4(5.6%)	9(12.6%)
Unaware about how to create profile on these platforms	9(12.6%)	27(38.1%)	16(22.5%)	7(9.9%)	12(16.9%)
Lack of motivation from the institution to create institutional repository	15(21.2%)	22(31%)	17(24%)	9(12.6%)	8(11.2%)
Unwillingness to share self-publications in full-text form	10(14.10%)	28(39.5%)	15(21.1%)	8(11.2%)	10(14.10%)

4.6 Practices and ways implemented to increase the visibility of own and institutional publications by the academic librarians in Maharashtra

The practices and different ways to increase visibility implemented by some of the respondents (21: 29.5%) as an academic librarians in Maharashtra were preference to publish research papers in an open access and indexed journals by Scopus or Web of Science, creation of institutional repository and publication portal for sharing of knowledge to update their profile on the online platform and updated research tab on college website and use of different social media platforms for sharing publications. Very few of respondents (2: 2.8%) replied that they were associated as a Nodal officer of Vidwan and IRINS to share their institutional publications.

5. Findings and Discussion

The majority of college librarians have signed up for Google Scholar and are active members of networks like ResearchGate and academia network, according to the data. The platforms with the fewest profiles include Vidwan, Web of Science, ORCID, and Scopus. SSRN has the fewest profiles of any platform. But most librarians use Sci-hub and DOAJ to find papers and read them in full. According to most academic librarians, author profiles on various online platforms have several benefits, including drawing more attention to the author and their work, increasing the number of people who read their papers, expanding the audience for their articles, and even attracting funding for future research. According to the qualitative research, the most common strategies to boost one's exposure among librarians include publishing in open access journals, building a Google Scholar profile, being a member of the ResearchGate and academia networks, and publishing in publications that are indexed and abstracted. Also, it became clear that there are a lot of obstacles to creating a profile on these platforms, such as the institution's lack of motivation, network issues, librarians' lack of interest, and the unavailability of institutional e-mail..Further it was found that a very few academic institutions are registered members of Vidwan andIRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) from Maharashtra. Rather majority of respondents were unaware about Vidwan, IRINS, SSRN, Core, Figshare and e-prints. Hence there is a need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms and the need of hands-on training for creating profiles on various online platforms like Google Scholar, ResearchGate academia, ORCID, Scopus, Web of Science, Vidwan, IRINS, SSRN, Core, Figshare and eprints.rclis.org.

6. Suggestions and Recommendations

Based on the observations analysis and findings followings suggestions and recommendations were provided:

- Need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms.
- Encourage library professionals for the development and updation of institutional repositories.
- **Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre created IRINS, a web-based Research Information Management (RIM) tool. Academic institutions, research and development organizations, faculty members, and scientists can all use the site to build scholarly networks and share and exhibit scholarly communication initiatives. The IRINS may be accessed by research and academic institutions in India using a free SaaS model. In order to consume scholarly publications from a variety of sources, it has merged with academic identities such as ORCID, Scopus, Research ID, Microsoft Academic ID, and Google Scholar ID.**
- **VIDWAN is the most comprehensive database of Indian academic institutions, research institutes, and other organizations that employ scientists, researchers, and faculty members for teaching and research purposes.**
- Strengthening the domestic research community and keeping up with scientific breakthroughs require increased international engagement and collaboration in research.
- College librarians and universities in India should promote registration and use of Vidwan and IRINS for sharing knowledge and research publications.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES & APPLLICATIONS

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Abstract :*In this article, we will enter into the world of QR codes and NFC technology, exploring their benefits, applications and how they can be used for quick access to resources QR codes and NFC technology are two powerful tools that offer quick access to resources and information.*

Keywords :

Quick Response (QR), Near field communication (NFC), marketing & Advertising, Education, Healthcare, Retail, Mobile payments, Data Transfer, Access Control, Distance, Security.

Introduction

In today's fast paced digital world quick access to information and resources has become a necessity. Two technologies that have revolutionized the we access information are QR lodes and NFC (Near Field Communication). In this article we will delve into the world of QR codes and NFC technology exploring their benefits, application and how they can be used for quick access to resources.

QR Codes : A Brief Introduction,

QR (Quick Response) codes are two dimensional barcodes that can store a wide range of data, including text, URLs, phone numbers and even payment information. QR codes were first introduced in Japan in to 1990 and have since gained popularity worldwide.

1, How QR Codes Work :- QR codes work by using a smartphone camera to scan the code which is then decoded to reveal the stored information. This information can be used to perform various actions such as:

- Opening a website or webpage.
- Making a phone call or sending a text message.
- Sending an email or message.
- Accessing a digital wallet or making a payment.
- Downloading an app or file.

2, Application of QR Codes :

QR codes have a wide range of application across various industries including :

- Marketing and advertising :- QR codes can be used to track customer engagement provide additional product information and offer exclusive promotion.
- Education :- QR codes can be used to provide students with quick access to learning resources such as videos, articles and interactive simulations.
- Health Care :- QR codes can be used to store patient information, track medical records and provide access to medical resources.
- Retail :- QR codes can be used to provide customers with product information, track inventory and facilitate mobile payments.

3, NFC Technology : A Brief Introduction :- NFC (Near Field Communication) technology is a wireless communication standard that enables devices to exchange data over short distances typically up to 10 cm. NFC technology is commonly used in mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

3.1 How NFC Technology Works :

NFC technology work by using a reader devices to detect and read date form an NFC tag or another NFC enabled device. This data can be used to perform various actions such as.

- Transferring data between devices.
- Making payments.
- Accessing information and resources.

- Controlling devices and appliances.

3.2 Application of NFC Technology :

NFC technology has a wide range of applications across various industries including.

- **Mobile Payments :-** NFC technology is widely used in mobile payment systems such as Apple pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay.
- **Data Transfer :-** NFC technology can be used to transfer data between devices such as photos, videos and files.
- **Access Control :-** NFC technology can be used to control access to building, rooms and devices.
- **Health Care :-** NFC technology can be used to trade patient information, monitor medical conditions and provide access to medical resources.

4, Comparison of QR Codes and NFC Technology :-

Both QR codes and NFC technology offer quick access to resources and information. However there are some key differences between the two technology.

- **Distance :-** QR codes can be scanned from a distance while NFC technology requires close proximity (typically up 10 cm).
- **Data Transfer :-** QR codes can store a wide range of data while NFC technology is primarily used for data transfer and communication.
- **Security :-** NFC technology is generally considered more secure than QR codes as it uses encryption and secure authentication protocols.

5, Conclusion :- QR codes and NFC technology are two powerful tools that offer quick access to resources and information. While both technologies have their wn strengths and weaknesses, they can be used in conduction with each other to provide seamless and convenient user experience. As technology continues to evolve we can expect to see even more innovative applications of QR codes and NFC technology in the future.

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LIBRARY MOBILE WEBSITE CREATION: A CASE STUDY

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Abstract:

This research paper discusses the important issues involved in creating a library mobile website. It discusses the concept of a mobile library website, the development of mobile technology, and issues related to creating a mobile library website.

Key Word: *Library Mobile Website*

INTRODUCTION:

Learned a little detailed information about basic website creation technology, languages used for it, HTML, XML and other complementary tools like CSS, Java Script, PHP, frameworks useful for content management like Joomla, Drupal etc.Library websites created with the help of such language tools and frameworks can be viewed on a large screen of a text tob or laptop.Day by day the availability of internet is possible from desktop or laptop to mobile, tab, ipod, the youth prefers to see internet as smart mobile. Because they find it convenient. Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile.Day by day the availability of internet is possible from desktop or laptop to mobile, tab, ipod, the youth prefers to see internet as smart mobile. Because they find it convenient. Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile.Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile. Then, if the library website is made available on the mobile devices on which the youth prefers to

browse the Internet, the students will use it to the maximum and it seems that they can increase their time to find the resources in the library while playing.However, it is a challenging task for librarians to make the library website available on mobile. How it can be done technically will be taken from the following description.

.1Mobile Library Website: Concept

There are two points or concepts in the discussion of this topic.

1 . Ability of mobile phone to view internet or website on mobile.

2. Creating a library website for mobile phones only.

In general, the first such system used in creating a webpage is that the website is designed for desktop or laptop, i.e. for a large screen. A mobile version of it is also created and made available on the web.Many websites of the current paper have mobile versions available and can be viewed on mobile. So let's look at what to keep in mind while creating a mobile version of a website and what technology will be required for it.

1.1 .Development of Mobile Technology:

Mobile technology has evolved since Apple first introduced the iPhone to the market.Mobile browsers have never been so capable before. The browsers created by Apple are compatible with HTML, CSS3 and CSS animation technologies. After that, Google created Android software and its development continued. Today, the latest Android version 4.4 is available. This has created a real trend in mobile technology. Software with a unique name like Android has come into the market and Windows 11 has become available on mobile. The purpose of this is to say that mobiles and smart mobile phones in particular are capable of using the Internet.

Reference: Now the issue comes to making a suitable library website on mobile and making it available to the student. For this, some ready-made frameworks are available.

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A mobile library website can definitely be created using the above framework. Now let's first understand the concept of a mobile library website.

2 .Mobile Library Website Creation Issues:

Before this discussion, we should look at the list of services on the mobile library website.

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2. sruoH
3. CAPO
4. gniniarT
5. c/A kooB yM
6. kcabdeeF/tuobA

7. stcartnoc /etiS lluF

The rate of mobile usage has increased tremendously. Currently, the flow from mobile to smartphone is also rapidly increasing. Surfing the web from mobile has also become a habit. In 2009, the number of mobile users was 5.3 million. It is predicted that it will exceed 1 billion by 2024. Smartphones have already surpassed computers in sales. Using smartphones is a pleasant experience and more and younger people are trying to experience it. They will use this technology to surf the library website. Let us ask them,

"What are the five things you do when using the library?"

Perhaps this is difficult to answer. Let us ask another question. "

"Do you think that all the services provided by the library should be available on mobile?"

The answer to this will be yes. Let us take a brief review of what services a modern library currently offers to its readers through the website.

- Library Instruction
- SMS Services
- Even Calendar
- OPAC
- Audio Tours
- Location Guides
- Or Floor Map
- Or Codes
- Social Media
- Image Collection
- Video Collection
- Research Guide
- Open Access Resourcey
- Mobile Friendly
- Data based
- Virtual Reference Service

There are many more things in the above list. If you decide to consider them for a mobile website, you can ask for suggestions from the readers and make a list of the services in it. For this, a mobile library website creation center can be established. Also, a technical system has to be created for this. ex. A system for accessing the internet through WIFI zone will have to be set up in the library or institution / university premises. It is difficult to get all the things on the main website of the library on mobile as they are. The big problem in this is the screen of the mobile.You can also create a list of services available on mobile by combining the interests of maximum readers and the limitations of technology. Also, a separate and capable website will have to be created for the mobile website and it will have to be the center face of the main website so that it does not get jammed when a large number of readers read the website. It is necessary to pay attention to the fact that the site will not be jammed. Images or animations and other site-occupying apps in the main website will have to be filtered and information can be searched in text format. Since reading a magazine on a mobile may be troublesome, the website can be designed to the level at which these sources can be read.

3. Tips for creating a mobile library website:

Preparation for creating a mobile library website can be done as follows.

1. Bringing usability using mobile application tools
2. Using Java framework and ready-made code libraries available for it.
   - ✓ I query mobile
   - ✓ iUI
   - ✓ JQtouch
   - ✓ J webkit

Chad Haefele's mobile site generator can be used for this.

3. Website design and functionality issues:

   Choosing a style sheet or framework - RSS Feeds Apps

4. Website components - Choosing minimal content.
5. Use QR codes to market site.
6. Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

4. Examples of Mobile Library Website Services:

After the above discussion, let us look at some examples of mobile library websites:

- Visit Library
- Search
- Current Exhibition
- Help
- Feedback
- Library Catalogue
- Account Login
- Hours
- Holiday
- Full Website

List of Data based

- FAQ
- Library Instruction
- Media Centre
- Library Hours
- Ask a Library
- Downloads
- Off Campus Access
- Reserves
- Ref Work
- OPAC
- Contact Us

Library

- Media Centre
- UH Libraries
- Mobile Version of Digital Library
- Youtubes
- Library Flicker Site

5. Mobile Library Website Creation:

Considering the capabilities and limitations of mobile technology, it would be appropriate to provide this facility as a complementary service to library services. It is possible to select the appropriate model by looking at many examples of mobile library websites. There are some guiding principles to keep in mind, for example.

1. Estimate the use of mobile phones by readers. Do you want mobile apps or websites?
2. Start by learning a very simple mobile style.
3. Do not create a mobile version of the entire library website.
4. Start small and include high-quality services in it.
5. Mix with the readers and take note of their feedback about the mobile website.
6. Determine the services that can be used as much as possible and in a short time.
7. Pay attention to how much entertainment the mobile website will provide, not how much it will be a library feel.

Conclusion:

In this research paper, how to create a library mobile website? Its use and its importance in the development of AI have been explained. Also, the issues of website creation have been clarified.

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ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS AND LIBRARY RESOURCES TOOLS

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Abstract:

This study emphasizes how important social media is to modern library services. Understanding user interaction patterns is essential for building meaningful online communities as libraries adjust to digital communication channels. Libraries may create dynamic, engaging online spaces that enhance the entire library experience by honing their content strategy, resolving issues, and seizing possibilities. This study adds to the larger discussion on how organizations may traverse this digital terrain to better serve their clients in the changing information age. The effort to fully utilize social media in libraries is still underway.

Keywords: social media, networks, library resources,

Introduction

The landscape of library services has changed dramatically because of the incorporation of social media platforms. These days, libraries communicate with their communities, share information, and have a digital presence using social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. This change stems from society's overall move toward digital communication. To remain relevant and interact with people in a way that aligns with current communication trends, libraries are increasingly expanding their reach into virtual spaces. Effective library services depend on user engagement because they capture the breadth and caliber of interactions between libraries and their patrons and go beyond simple likes or follows. By encouraging people to participate, share their ideas, and seek out individualized help, libraries want to turn passive patrons into active ones.

With an emphasis on comprehending user participation and evaluating the efficacy of these interactions, this study attempts to do a thorough content analysis of social media usage in libraries. Prior research has examined the relationship between social media and libraries, illuminating the many ways in which organizations employ these channels and the effects they have on user involvement.

Prior research has examined the connection between social media and libraries, emphasizing the favorable association between heightened user involvement and an active social media presence. Nonetheless, a more thorough analysis of the qualitative aspects of participation is required. The [Selected Theory], a theoretical framework, offers a conceptual lens through which to examine user interactions, behaviors, and motives within library services on social media platforms. The purpose of this study is to further knowledge of the variables affecting social media user behavior and how libraries may strategically employ these discoveries to improve their digital communication plans. information analysis, a methodical and impartial way to examine information provided on social media platforms by libraries, is the study strategy used.

Popularity and applicability to library communication were the selection criteria for social media sites and libraries. Using tools specifically designed for each platform, data was collected by methodically extracting material from a chosen number of platforms over a certain time.

The study examined how libraries utilize a variety of channels to interact with consumers on social media. Using a framework that comprised both quantitative and qualitative features, the coding procedure entailed classifying the information according to themes and criteria. To guarantee dependability, a pilot test was carried out, and skilled programmers carried out the final coding procedure. Descriptive statistics and thematic analysis were used in the data analysis process to measure user engagement metrics and find underlying themes.

Facebook and Twitter were chosen for analysis, with Facebook utilized for informative posts and Twitter for brief updates and engagement with current trends. Libraries utilize Instagram and LinkedIn for communication and interaction, with Instagram serving as a platform centered on visuals to share enticing content and Stories for timely updates. LinkedIn appeals to a professional audience, providing networking possibilities and opportunities for professional growth. Libraries employ Facebook to announce events, recommend books, and share news relevant to the community, while Twitter is utilized for rapid updates, sharing links, and engaging in hashtag discussions. Instagram emphasizes visual content, promoting interaction through user-generated posts, contests, and various interactive elements. LinkedIn upholds a professional tone, sharing information related to career development and library services. (Anuradha, 2016)

User engagement metrics, including likes, shares, comments, click-through rate (CTR), impressions/reach, and follower growth, are utilized to assess the quality and extent of interactions between libraries and their users. Likes to reflect positive reactions to a post, while shares/retweets suggest that users found the content useful. Comments allow for direct interaction, and CTR indicates the proportion of users who click on a link or call-to-action. Impressions/reach assess the overall visibility of library content, and follower growth evaluates the library's increasing reach and influence. By understanding these metrics, libraries can enhance their social media presence and improve user engagement across various online platforms.

Examining these metrics over time can uncover the best times to post and patterns in user activity. Long-term analysis of follower growth can help determine the effects of initiatives, events, or strategic shifts on the library's online visibility. Recognizing seasonal fluctuations in engagement can assist in customizing content to match audience interests. Discovering relationships between the types of content and engagement metrics can guide the library's content planning. Evaluating user engagement metrics over time can assist libraries in enhancing their social media content and promoting ongoing interaction with their online communities. This section investigates the different content types and formats utilized by libraries on social media to connect with their audience, highlighting event promotions, book suggestions, behind-the-scenes material, interactive content, and informational updates. (Chakrabarti, 2016)

The research also highlights popular subjects and trends, patterns of user interaction, trending hashtags, and trends in user-generated content. It assesses how effective content is in driving engagement by looking at quantitative metrics such as likes, shares, comments, and click-through rates, as well as qualitatively reviewing user comments and comparing content effectiveness across various platforms. The goal of the analysis is to offer insights that can enhance content strategies to better align with the preferences and expectations of their online audience. Additionally, the research investigates user feedback and interactions, analyzing how libraries engage with users and the influence of user feedback on library services. This study emphasizes identifying prevalent topics and trends in library social media, along with examining user interaction patterns and trends in user-generated content.

Evaluate the effectiveness of content in interaction stimuli and analyze quantitative metrics such as taste, promotion, comments, and clicks. Qualitative analysis of user comments helps measure mood, determine repeat subjects, and understand interactions with users. Comparative analysis across all platforms helps you identify trends and preferences specific to your user engagement platform. This study also examines user comments and interactions by examining how libraries respond to user interactions and the effects of user comments on library services. The analysis aims to identify repetitive subjects, common subjects, interesting questions, often asked and notable expressions of appreciation or anxiety. The emotional tone of user comments gives valuable information on the efficiency of the content and services of the library. (Vijayakumar, 2011)

The study explores how libraries respond to interactions with users on social media platforms. He analyzes response times, the nature of the response, and the use of interactive features. The study also examines the impact of user testing on library services, highlighting how it affects changes in services, policies, or programs. Libraries often require user offers that include practices to reflect user-oriented approaches. This study also describes the library's efforts to improve the user experience in response to feedback. Issues facing libraries in the field of social network interaction include limited resources, constant changes in algorithms, accessibility and inclusiveness issues, content balance and community and management efforts. Includes: These challenges highlight the need for libraries to adapt their strategies to better serve their user community and maintain a strong online presence.

Understanding the types of content that resonates with users allows libraries to adapt their social media strategies. This parameter improves the user experience, guaranteeing this information and efforts to engage in the preferences of the target public. A specific understanding of the platform allows libraries to strategically distribute resources and efforts across a variety of social networks. Recognizing where the audience is most active allows the library to optimize interaction strategies for maximum impact. The balance between promotional content and community strengthening initiatives is extremely important. The library uses the results to find the optimal balance and ensures promotional efforts are consistent with user interests while promoting a sense of community and commitment. (Pradhan, 2016)

Responsive Communication Strategies: Analysis of user feedback and interaction patterns provides valuable insights into how libraries can improve their communication strategies. Being responsive to user inquiries, addressing concerns, and actively engaging with the audience contribute to a positive user experience. By including user content, comments and offers in your service planning, you can develop libraries based on your users' needs. This user-oriented approach contributes to the constant improvement of library services. Based on the results, this subsection provides effective recommendations to libraries to improve interaction with social networks according to the results of content analysis.

Libraries need to develop a well-defined strategy for social networks that caters to their goals, target audiences and affordability. This strategy should include content planning, engagement initiatives and a concrete approach to the platform. Actively encouraging users to participate using interactive features, user content campaigns, and community discussions contribute to attribution. Libraries should create opportunities for patrons to actively engage and contribute. Regularly analyze social media metrics and user feedback to inform decision-making. The library can use data to clarify content strategies, identify trends, and adapt to communication for better participation.

The library should ensure that content on social networks is comprehensive and affordable. This includes providing alternative text for images, creating video captions, and using accessible languages to accommodate a diverse audience. Effectively use social media as a tool for education and promotion. Libraries can exchange information on their upcoming services, resources and events, demonstrating the value they bring to the community. By introducing these recommendations and adapting the services according to the consequences obtained from content analysis, libraries can improve their interaction with social networks, contribute to an online community animated and ultimately provide more efficient and oriented services . Although this study provides valuable information, there are ways for future research to extend and deepen our understanding of the use of social media in libraries and user engagement. The potential areas for a future survey include a long -term impact: research could explore the long -term impact of specific content strategies on user engagement and sustained growth in the library online communities. Comparative studies: Comparative studies of libraries of different types and sizes can subtly understand how social network strategies differ depending on institutional characteristics. (Al-Menayes, 2015)

Other studies allow us to dive into user segmentation and analyze how different user groups in the library respond to different types of content and engagement initiatives. Continuing research into algorithm changes on social network platforms and their results for visual and library involvement are necessary for long-term adaptation of strategies. Quality research allows users to explore the life experiences of users interacting with library content on social networks, providing a deeper understanding of their outlook and expectations.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study focused on understanding user engagement and delved into content analysis of social media use in libraries. This study uncovered several important findings that provide valuable insight into how libraries can connect dynamic social media landscapes with audiences. Analysis has shown that libraries use a variety of content strategies on various social media platforms, including event announcements, book recommendations, behind -the -scenes and interactive functions. Various platforms require suitable approaches, and the study has revealed that libraries strategically adapt their content to unique functions and the demography of users of each social network platform.

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QR CODES AND NFC TECHNOLOGY FOR QUICK ACCESS TO RESOURCES

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Abstract : *Using QR (Quick Response) code and NFC (Near Field Communication) tags in library can certainly be a valuable and innovative approach to enhance the utilization of library resources and services. It also make easier, fast and smooth working in library. QR & NFC technologies facilitate fast data transfer and allow seamless communication between patron and library.*

The researcher wants to explain the multiple aspects of QR codes and NFC tags in upgrading library collection and its services, with all possible execution to maximize their use. It increases the interest in freely available tools to generate QR codes and NFC tags to Librarian. With help of these approach, we can create an interactive and attractive library experience,by inspiring students to get in the library regularly and giving most of available resource.

Keywords : *QR Code; NFC; NFC Tag; Microchips; Library Services; Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*

Introduction –

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is an Information Technology (IT), which includes all communication technologies like the internet, wireless networks, cell phones, video-conferencing, social networking, computers, software, and other media applications and gives services which enabling users to access, retrieve, store, transmit, and develop information in a digital form. For the information exchange NFC and QR codes are the technology widely used in the various applications.

Objectives of Study –

1) To awareness of QR code & NFC Technology.
2) To promote mobile based Library services.
3) To promote mobile base library products.
4) To provide fast and easy library services to users.
5) To access library resources in two dimensional QR codes.
6) To save time of users and staff.
7) To Promote and aware of use of open source technology.

Need of Study –

Library is a growing organism as stated by our father of Library Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Everyday there is increase in collection of information and data in library. For Librarian it getting more difficult to manage or to update each and every data or information about books and services given by library.so to overcome this we can use NFC & QR Code technology.

NFC Technology in Library Operations –

NFC (Near Field Communication) - NFC is a short range, high-frequency, wireless communication technology that enable device to exchange data in short range approximately within 10 cm. Itis a powerful tool in the digital era to develop Digital Library. It helps to strengthen library activities in fluent manner, develop security, and provide an easy interactive experience for library users. Now a days NFC has get popular due to its simplicity. It is less time-consuming process so, for same reason libraries are now started to improving their traditional operations including library access, membership, inter loan process and books issue- returns, cataloguing of library books and Journals, audio and video materials, etc. For library user it provide secure and convenient financial transactions such as library payment for membership, fine or purchases etc. It boost library efficiency and eliminate many issues faced by librarian.

Uses of NFC in Library - As we discuss many uses of NFC are available but some of them are;

1) **Eliminate the Manual Data Entry -** Accession of books is a lengthy process and require more effort. But with the use of NFC tags allows Librarian as well as patron for easy access and borrow without the need for manual processing. Library members just need to tap their smartphones on the NFC tags embedded in books so that they can instantly retrieve information about the book and its availability, and even reserve or renew their books.
2) **To get Additional Information -**With the help of advanced of NFC technology libraries is improved accessibility. Also using NFC-enabled libraries, patrons can access additional information and resources through tags affixed to library materials such as audio versions, translations, or related online resources.
3) **Library Inventory Management -**Inventory management is a most critical aspect of library operations. With NFC tags libraries can smartly track the movement of materials, streamline inventory processes, and provide ensures about the availability of resources. For that when books or any library materials are received, library staff can tap the NFC tags on that, and the system will automatically update the library's database to reflect their arrival. It also used when items are moved or transferred within the library, staff can tap the NFC tags to update their location in the database to ensure the accurate tracking of library materials. Due to this it reduces the time and expenditure required for inventory management and liquidate the need for manual barcode scanning or counting.
4) **For making Library Enabled Smart Shelves -**NFC technology makes library enabled smart shelves with the help of NFC tags placed on library shelves. Whenever the visitor taps their device on a shelf's NFC tag, they can quickly access the books' information, such as titles, authors, and availability. So, in this way it assisting visitors in exact and quicker navigation through the library's inventory and provide them choices regarding the books they desire.
5) **Increases Library Security -**Every Librarian wants to protect books and valuable resources from theft and manage library safely. For that we use many different technologies, ideas and effort. We provide only authorized personnel could access the library. To reduce theft and increase library security NFC technology is to implement advanced security measures. Libraries can track their inventory, prevent theft, and accurately locate missing items by embedding NFC tags in books. Also we can use NFC technology to execute restrictions on certain materials, secure their proper usage and preventing unauthorized access.

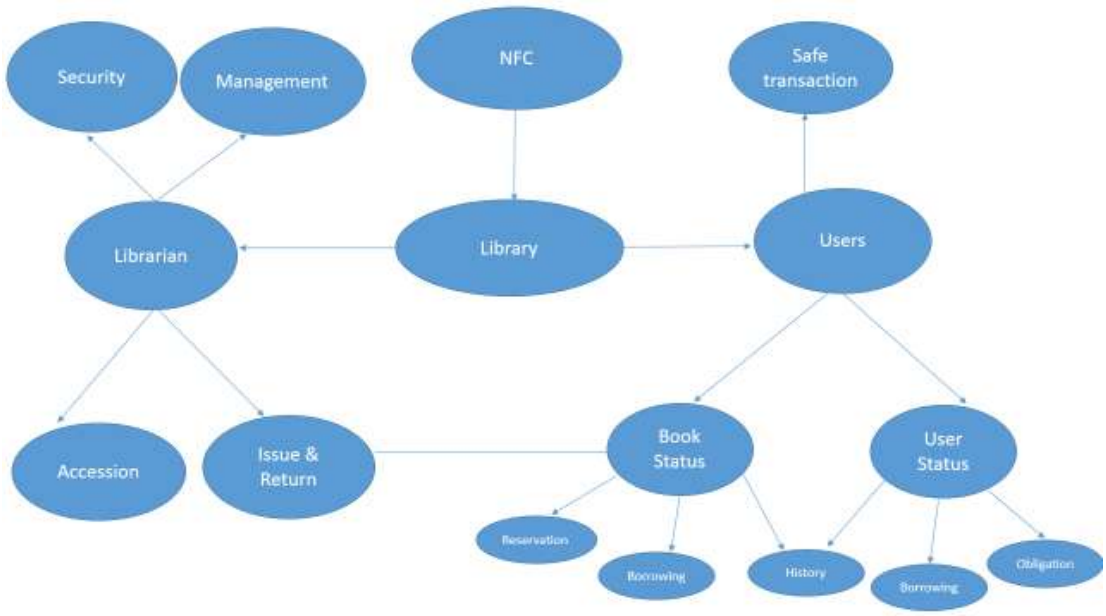

Fig.1 – Use of NFC Technology in Library

QR Codes Technology in Library Operations –

QR codes (Quick Response) –

QR codes are two-dimensional barcodes which has been scanned with a smartphone, camera or QR code reader app. It is widely used technology. Now a days many libraries were started using QR codes for library location findings, saving old question papers, news, articles etc. It provide easy access for user. We also link QR code to physical object or virtually anything to digital that provides detailed information on your products or services.QR codes are mostly available, inexpensive, and can be scanned from a distance. It provides contactless payment and allowed a high degree of traceability. After the COVID-19 pandemic, as more people looked for contactless solutions, Many Libraries are started using QR codes for providing information and data.

QR codes is a tool that fill the gap between printed and digital materials. They can store multiple data types, including numbers, Latin alphabets, digits, and also mathematical data's. The QR code is two-dimensional and has an ability of coding more than 7,000 characters. Due to this it can be used for coding more and more information.

There are many types of QR Codes depends on their use. But main two types of QR Codes 1) Static and 2) Dynamic are used.

Fig.2 – Types of mainly used QR Codes in Library

1) Static QR Codes - It encrypt information directly into the code and can't be edited or can't be overwritten once generated. Due this characteristics static QR codes are used to code data or information which cannot be changed after published or coded, it will always lead the same destination for a long time. But it is necessary to pay attention that the information or destination which is available in static QR code may change or become inaccessible over time even if the QR code remains unchanged. To avoid this QR Code can regularly checked for the given information to ensure that it is still accurate and up to date. In this way your data and Static QR code does not get expired.

2) Dynamic QRCodes - To Store data in an online server, making them editable. In Dynamic QR Codes short URL (*l*.ead.me/bbLviR) is used to redirects users to their desired landing page. It means it send user on to specific information or data or web page link with it. Due to this Dynamic QR are mostly used for tracking information or products. This QR can be read by QR code reader built in smart phone also. Dynamic QR code can collect data from scan statistics including the number of scans, the date, time, and location of a scan, as well as what operating system was used.There is alsothe option to select "Details" to see additional scan statistics. Dynamic QR are editable after being print also. That's why it gets easy to change both the function and content of a Dynamic QR Code at any time and whenever werequired.

QR Codes and its utilization Library –

QR Codes are the revolutionized tool for library. It enhances accessibility, efficiency and user engagement. Now we see how QR codes are beneficial for Library revolution.

1) For Effective library promotions - We can use QR codes for economical and money saving idea for marketing. They are mostly used for advertising events, new books and programs increasing community engagement and awareness of library offering library services.

2) To find Library Location - QR Codes can be used to find exact library location in widely spread area of school, college, university and in city also.

3) Simplified Book Searching - Library can provide two different QR for searching the books. First when user comes in library QR code printed on shelves can give information

about the books available in shelves. Also on library website librarian can provide a QR for accessing e-library, e-books, e-resources, question papers, sample papers and other information regarding many activities done in library.

4) Instant Access to Reading Materials - With the help of QR code users can access e-Books research paper digital magazine instantly it is ideal for students and researchers also because it is time consuming and gives information's within a time it also extend the excess to remote users.

5) To Attract User towards Library -For engaging young and tech savvy patrons in library we can use QR codes them making the library experience more engaged. With the help of QR codes you attract tech savvy oriented users offering digital scavenger hunt interactive learning and automated reality features.

6)Breezing -To Fill the gap between printed formats like books, art, information and electronically stored information which can be accessible through electronic device, QR code are utilized. It also links printed formats to digital content like reviews given by author and many book readers.

7) Issue and Borrow - Convenient library process be offer patron for self-checkout and checking systems. By using QR code in cell check out system it started QR code based self-checkout system authorize user to borrow books quickly and effectively by scanning the codes given on the book and their library cards.

8) Assessing Audio and Video –We can provideQR code for assessing music, video clips and art collection available in Library. By using QR code we also link multiple media collections to communicator which provide an interactive and factual experience in the art exhibition. QR code create virtual exhibitions where QR code leads to detail information's about the artworks or musical pieces including artist bibliographical and historical information.

Conclusions –

1) By using combination of traditional and modern technology we can incorporate NFC and QR technology with new emerging technologies in library for its development in present digital era. This this technology provide personalized library service and enhances user experience and boost, motivate user for using library.

2) By conducting library user's research, we can investigating behavior and preferences of library users to inform the development of NFC and QR best library services.

3) By accepting NFC and QR Code technology, libraries can stay pioneer of innovation and enhance user experience and provide more efficient and accessible services.

4) Improve resource discovery by using QR Codes and NFC technology, we can link physical material, the manuscript and rare data to digital resources facilitating discovery and access to library collections.

Future Directions –

Improve resource discovery by using QR codes and NFC technology we can link physical material or the manuscript rare data in digital resources facilitating discovery and access to library collections.

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QR Codes and NFC Technology for Quick Access to Resources: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

In today's fast-paced digital age, seamless access to information is paramount. Quick Response (QR) codes and Near Field Communication (NFC) technology have become prominent tools for facilitating instantaneous access to resources, whether physical or digital. QR codes offer an easy-to-scan solution to retrieve information, while NFC provides a touch-based interaction for secure data exchange. This research paper explores both technologies, compares their functionalities, examines their applications, and identifies their advantages and limitations for quick access to resources in various industries.

Keywords: *QR Codes, NFC Technology, Quick Access, Resource Management, Contactless Communication, Digital Payments,*

Introduction

With the increasing reliance on digital technologies, the need for efficient and quick access to information and resources has grown significantly. Traditional methods, such as searching for URLs or scanning barcodes, often fall short in terms of speed and convenience. QR codes and NFC technology have emerged as viable solutions to this challenge, each offering distinct features and benefits that enhance user experiences. QR codes, as two-dimensional barcodes, store information that can be quickly retrieved through smartphones or dedicated scanners. On the other hand, NFC (Near Field Communication) operates via a short-range wireless communication protocol, enabling devices to exchange data with a simple tap.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive comparison of QR codes and NFC technology, exploring their mechanisms, applications, and advantages for accessing resources in real-time. By analyzing their use cases in various industries, we aim to provide insights into which technology best meets the needs of different contexts.

Objective

The primary objective of this study is to compare and analyze the functionalities, advantages, limitations, and applications of QR codes and NFC technology for quick access to resources. Specifically, the research aims to:

1. Explore the underlying technologies of QR codes and NFC.
2. Identify their key use cases in industries such as retail, healthcare, and transportation.
3. Compare the security, cost-effectiveness, speed, and user experience of both technologies.
4. Assess the adoption barriers and future potential of QR codes and NFC in facilitating seamless access to resources.

Hypothesis

1. **Primary Hypothesis**: NFC technology provides faster, more secure, and user-friendly access to resources compared to QR codes, particularly in applications involving sensitive data transactions like mobile payments and access control.

2. **Secondary Hypothesis**: QR codes, while less secure, offer greater versatility, cost-effectiveness, and wider compatibility, making them more accessible and ideal for widespread use in marketing, education, and public services.

1. QR Codes: An Overview

1.1. Definition and Technology

A QR code is a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional barcode) that can store various forms of information such as text, URLs, contact details, or even payment data. QR codes were first developed in Japan in 1994 by Denso Wave, a subsidiary of Toyota, to track automotive parts. However, with the advent of smartphones and digital wallets, QR codes have become ubiquitous in modern society, offering a fast and effective way to access information.

QR codes consist of black and white squares arranged in a grid pattern, and they can be read by any device with a camera and a QR code reader. When a user scans the code, the device decodes the data and processes the request, whether it be opening a webpage, retrieving a discount coupon, or linking to a Wi-Fi network.

1.2. Applications of QR Codes

QR codes are widely used across different sectors:

- **Retail**: QR codes are used for product information, promotional content, and contactless payment methods.
- **Marketing and Advertising**: QR codes enable easy access to digital content, special offers, and website links from printed materials like posters, flyers, and business cards.
- **Education**: QR codes can store links to online resources, videos, or learning modules, enhancing educational materials and providing quick access to supplementary content.
- **Healthcare**: Medical records, prescriptions, and appointment scheduling can be linked via QR codes, making healthcare systems more efficient.
- **Public Services**: QR codes are used in public transport systems for ticketing, as well as in museums, exhibitions, and historical sites to provide visitors with additional information.

1.3. Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

- **Ease of Use**: QR codes can be scanned with a simple click of a smartphone camera.
- **Cost-Effective**: QR codes are free to generate and require minimal infrastructure for deployment.

- **Versatility**: QR codes can store various types of data, including links, text, and multimedia content.

Limitations:

- **Dependence on Visual Clarity**: QR codes may be difficult to scan if printed poorly or damaged.
- **Security Concerns**: Malicious QR codes can potentially redirect users to harmful websites or initiate unintended actions.

2. NFC Technology: An Overview

2.1. Definition and Technology

Near Field Communication (NFC) is a wireless communication technology that enables devices to exchange data by being in close proximity, typically within a range of 4 cm or less. NFC technology operates on the principles of radio-frequency identification (RFID) but differs in that it requires active communication between two devices. This technology allows for secure, quick, and intuitive interactions with just a tap.

The NFC protocol is supported by a wide range of devices, including smartphones, contactless payment cards, access control systems, and smart tags. NFC is commonly used for both data transfer and secure authentication.

2.2. Applications of NFC

NFC has found applications in various fields due to its versatility:

- **Mobile Payments**: NFC is widely used for contactless payments, with platforms such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay relying on NFC technology to allow users to make quick and secure transactions.
- **Access Control**: NFC tags are often used for secure access to buildings, hotels, and even public transportation systems.
- **Event Management**: NFC-enabled wristbands and tickets are used to grant entry to events, providing a seamless and efficient entry process.
- **Healthcare**: NFC technology allows for secure access to medical devices, patient records, and medication data.

2.3. Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

- **Security**: NFC transactions are highly secure, thanks to encryption protocols that prevent unauthorized access.

- **Convenience**: The tap-based interaction is intuitive and does not require direct line-of-sight, unlike QR codes.
- **Speed**: NFC data exchanges are faster than QR code scanning, often requiring just a brief tap for authentication or data retrieval.

Limitations:

- **Range**: The short range (a few centimeters) limits the usability of NFC in some contexts.
- **Device Compatibility**: Not all smartphones or devices support NFC, which can limit its widespread adoption.
- **Cost**: Implementing NFC systems requires additional hardware, such as NFC-enabled devices or tags, which may incur costs.

3. QR Codes vs. NFC Technology: A Comparative Analysis

3.1. Speed and Ease of Use

QR codes and NFC both offer quick access to resources, but NFC has the advantage in terms of speed. While scanning a QR code may take a few seconds, NFC interactions are almost instantaneous, requiring just a tap of the device. However, QR codes are easier to generate and deploy, as they only require a printed code and no additional hardware beyond a standard camera.

3.2. Security

In terms of security, NFC is superior. NFC transactions, particularly in mobile payments, utilize encryption and authentication methods to ensure secure data exchange. QR codes, on the other hand, can be vulnerable to security threats, such as phishing attacks where malicious links are embedded in the code.

3.3. Infrastructure and Cost

QR codes are inexpensive to generate and require minimal infrastructure. Users only need a smartphone with a camera to scan the code. In contrast, NFC requires the use of specialized tags, readers, or NFC-enabled devices, which can be more costly to deploy and maintain.

3.4. Compatibility

QR codes are universally compatible with most smartphones and cameras, whereas NFC requires specific hardware support, which can limit its accessibility. However, NFC's integration into mobile payment systems and secure authentication is increasingly expanding its reach.

3.5. Versatility

QR codes are more versatile than NFC in terms of the types of information they can store and the variety of devices that can scan them. They can store URLs, text, and multimedia content, making them applicable across many sectors. NFC, while excelling in security and speed, is limited to specific use cases, such as payment systems and access control.

4. Use Cases and Applications

4.1. Retail and Commerce

- **QR Codes**: Used for product information, promotions, and payment systems.
- **NFC**: Commonly used for contactless payments (e.g., Apple Pay) and loyalty programs, offering a faster and more secure transaction experience.

4.2. Healthcare

- **QR Codes**: Used for linking to medical records or patient information in a healthcare setting.
- **NFC**: Enables secure access to medical devices and patient data, ensuring a more streamlined and secure system for healthcare professionals.

4.3. Travel and Tourism

- **QR Codes**: Commonly found in transportation systems (bus tickets, train passes) and in tourist locations for accessing information.
- **NFC**: Used in NFC-enabled cards or mobile apps for seamless check-ins at airports, hotels, or theme parks.

Conclusion

Both QR codes and NFC technology play crucial roles in providing quick access to resources across various sectors. QR codes offer simplicity, cost-effectiveness, and broad compatibility, making them ideal for marketing, education, and public services. NFC, however, excels in security, speed, and convenience, especially in scenarios requiring secure transactions or access control.

While QR codes are universally accessible and inexpensive to deploy, NFC provides enhanced functionality in areas that require more secure or rapid interactions, particularly in mobile payments and authentication systems. Ultimately, the choice between QR codes and NFC depends on the specific needs of the industry, considering factors such as cost, security, speed, and ease of use.

Future developments in both technologies may lead to even more integrated and seamless ways to access resources, suggesting that the two will continue to complement each other in our increasingly digital world.

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ग्रंथालयाच्या वाढ आणि विकासात QR कोडची भूमिका

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प्रस्तावना :–

आजकाल आपण बऱ्याच ठिकाणी QRकोड स्कॅन करतो. मेनू पाहण्यासाठी, पैसे देण्यासाठी, उमेदवारांच्या पोर्टफोलिओचा अभ्यास करण्यासाठी, कुपनमध्ये प्रवेश करण्यासाठी, वाय–फायमध्ये सामील होण्यासाठी ही यादी दिवसेंदिवस वाढतच आहे.

2010 च्या दशकात QRकोड स्थिर गतीने वाढले. परंतू 2020 मध्ये कोविड–19 साथीचा आजार आल्यानंतर ते वेगाने वाढले. अचानक संपूर्ण जगाने शारीरिक संपर्काशिवाय काम करण्याचे जलद आणि सोपे मार्ग शोधले. QRकोड हा एक परिपूर्ण उपाय होता. हे कोड मोफत, बनवण्यास सोपे आणि देखभाल करण्यास सोपे आहेत. जवळजवळ प्रत्येकजण QRकोड स्कॅनिंग क्षमता असलेला फोन बाळगतो. तुम्ही इतर लोकांनी स्पर्श केलेल्या मेनूला स्पर्श न करता रेस्टॉरंट्समध्ये जेवू शकता, ज्यामुळे जंतूंचा प्रसार कमी होतो. तुम्ही रोख रक्कम न स्पर्शता किंवा कार्ड रिडरवरील बटणे दाबल्याशिवाय वस्तूंसाठी पैसे देवू शकता.

काही रेस्टॉरंट्सनी छपाई आणि देखभाल खर्च टाळण्यासाठी QR कोड मेनू ठेवणे देखील पसंत केले आहे. ते गरजेनूसार वस्तू त्वरित अपडेट करु शकतात. साथीचा रोग संपुष्टात आला आहे आणि काही वर्षांपूर्वीसारखा आरोग्याचा प्रश्न राहिलेला नाही. तरीही आपल्याला संपर्करहित जगाची सवय झाली आहे आणि QR कोड चे महत्व व व्यापकता विस्तारत आहे.

ग्रंथालये देखील याच्या प्रभाव क्षेत्रापासून दूर राहू शकत नाही. याचा प्रभाव ग्रंथालयांवर देखील पडला आहे. वापरकर्त्यांचा अनुभव सुधारण्यासाठी आणि अचूक माहिती मिळविण्यासाठी ग्रंथालये दीर्घकाळापासून नाविन्यपूर्ण तंत्रज्ञानाचा अवलंब करण्यात प्रयत्नरत असतात.

QR कोडच्या उदयामुळे ग्रंथालयांना त्यांच्या सेवा वाढवण्यासाठी आणि त्यांच्या समूहाशी संवाद साधण्यासाठी एक नविन संधी उपलब्ध झाली आहे. QR कोड हे द्विमितीय बारकोड आहेत. जे मोबाईल डिव्हाईसद्वारे वाचता येतात, भौतिक वस्तूंना डिजीटल सामग्रीशी जोडतात.

लायब्ररीमध्ये QR कोड चे फायदे :

वर्धित वापरकर्ता अनुभव :

QR कोड वापरकर्त्यांना ई–पुस्तके लेख आणि ऑनलाईन डेटाबेस सारख्या डिजीटल संसाधनांमध्ये सहज प्रवेश उपलब्ध करु शकतात, ज्यामुळे त्यांचा एकूण अनुभव सुधारतो.

सुधारित संसाधन शोधन :

QR कोड वापरकर्त्यांना नवीन संसाधने आणि सेवा शोधण्यात मदत करु शकतात. ग्रंथालय संग्रहाची दृश्यमानता वाढवू शकतात आणि संसाधन सामायिकरणाला प्रोत्साहन देवू शकतात.

सुलभ पोहोच :

QR कोडचा वापर ग्रंथालय कार्य आणि सेवांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी, समुदायाचा सहभाग वाढविण्यासाठी आणि त्यांना प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी केला जावू शकतो.

वाढीव प्रवेश योग्यता सुधारण्यासाठी :

QR कोड वापरकर्त्यांना ऑडिओ किंवा व्हिडिओ सारख्या माहितीमध्ये प्रवेश करण्यासाठी पर्यायी स्वरुप प्रदान करु शकतात. ज्यामुळे अपंग वापरकर्त्यांसाठी प्रवेश योग्यता सुधारते.

आव्हाने व मर्यादा :

तांत्रिक पायाभूत सुविधा :QR कोड अंमलबजावणीला पाठींबा देण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांना तांत्रिक पायाभूत सुविधांमध्ये लक्षणीय गुंतवणूक करावी लागू शकते. ज्यामध्ये मोबाईल डिव्हाईस, डिजीटल साइनेज आणि नेटवर्क पायाभूत सुविधांचा समावेश आहे.

QR कोड प्रभावीपणे वापरण्यासाठी शिक्षण आणि प्रशिक्षणाची आवश्यकता असू शकते, अप्रशिक्षित व्यक्तींना अडथळा ठरु शकते.

सामग्री निर्मिती :–

ग्रंथालयांना QR कोडशी जोडण्यासाठी उच्च गुणवत्तेची डिजीटल सामग्री विकसित आणि राखण्याची आवश्यकता असू शकते, जी वेळखावू आणि संसाधन केंद्रित असू शकते.

सुरक्षा आणि गोपनीयता :

QR कोड योग्यरित्या अंमलात आणले नाहीत तर ते सुरक्षा आणि गोपनीयतेचे धोके निर्माण करु शकतात. जसे की, वापरकर्त्यांच्या दस्ताऐवजावर अनाधिकृत प्रवेश देखील होवू शकतो.

सारांश :

क्विक रिस्पॉन्स (QR कोड) च्या आगमनाने ग्रंथालये माहिती मिळवण्याच्या आणि त्यांच्या समुदायांशी संवाद साधण्याच्या पद्धतीत क्रांती घडवून आणली आहे. ग्रंथालयांच्या वाढ आणि विकासात QR कोड ची भूमिका महत्वाची ठरु शकते, त्यांचे फायदे, आव्हाने आणि अंमलबजावणीसाठी सर्वोत्तम पद्धतींवर प्रकाश टाकणे, विद्यमान साहित्य आणि स्थिती अध्ययनाचा विस्तृत आढावा घेतल्यास असे दिसून येते की, QR कोड वापरकर्त्यांचा अनुभव वाढवू शकतात, संसाधन शोध सुधारु शकतात आणि समुहापर्यंत पोहोचण्यास मदत करु शकतात. तथापि, तांत्रिक

पायाभूत सुविधा, वापरकर्त्यांना जोडणे आणि सामग्री निर्मिती ही प्रमुख आव्हाने म्हणून ओळखली जातात. ग्रंथालयांमध्ये QR कोड अंमलबजावणी आणि एकत्रिकरणासाठी एक चौकट प्रस्तावित करु शकतो. योग्य ते फायदे सुनिश्चित करण्यासाठी फायदेशिर ठरु शकतो, हे सांगणे या पेपरचा उद्देश आहे.

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Cyber Securities in Libraries

PROTECTING USER PRIVACY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN LIBRARY SYSTEMS: A CYBER SECURITY PERSPECTIVE

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Libraries are integral to the dissemination of knowledge, but the growing digital transformation of library systems introduces significant cybersecurity risks. These risks, including data breaches, intellectual property theft, and cyberattacks, threaten both user privacy and intellectual property protection. This paper explores the cybersecurity challenges facing libraries and examines the technical measures necessary to secure these critical systems, such as encryption, AI-driven threat detection, and blockchain. Additionally, it delves into emerging technologies, system design considerations, and practical solutions to overcome operational challenges. The paper concludes with a discussion on how libraries can enhance their cybersecurity frameworks despite resource limitations and evolving threats.

Keywords—*Libraries, cybersecurity, data protection, encryption, intellectual property, artificial intelligence, blockchain, system design.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been trusted as sanctuaries of knowledge, providing essential access to information for the public. However, as libraries increasingly rely on digital resources—such as electronic books, online catalogs, and digital archives—they have become vulnerable to a range of cybersecurity threats. These systems store sensitive information, including personally identifiable information (PII) and intellectual property (e.g., books, journals, research data), making them prime targets for cybercriminals. In addition to the direct

impact on privacy and security, cyberattacks can erode public trust and damage the reputation of libraries.

Cybersecurity is no longer optional for libraries but a fundamental requirement to ensure that patrons' data and intellectual property are safeguarded. This paper explores the key cybersecurity threats confronting libraries and outlines the technical solutions that can mitigate these risks. We discuss emerging technologies—such as AI, blockchain, and edge computing—that offer new opportunities for strengthening security. Finally, we address common operational challenges and propose practical solutions to help libraries improve their cybersecurity posture.

Cybersecurity Threats in Library Systems

Libraries face a variety of cybersecurity threats due to their reliance on digital infrastructure and the vast repositories of sensitive information they manage. The major cybersecurity threats to library systems include:

A. Data Breaches

Data breaches involve unauthorized access to sensitive information, such as personal details, borrowing history, and payment information. With libraries increasingly storing large amounts of personal data, they have become attractive targets for cybercriminals. A data breach can expose patron information, resulting in significant legal, financial, and reputational damage.

B. Intellectual Property Theft

Digital assets, including e-books, journals, and research data, are vulnerable to theft and illegal distribution. Cybercriminals may exploit security weaknesses to steal these assets, leading to copyright violations, revenue loss, and reputational harm to content creators and libraries themselves. Intellectual property theft also undermines the broader goal of promoting knowledge-sharing in a secure environment.

C. Insider Threats

Library staff, who often have elevated access privileges, pose a significant risk to system security. Whether through intentional misconduct or unintentional actions, insiders can leak, steal, or misuse sensitive data. Insiders may also be susceptible to social engineering tactics, allowing attackers to gain unauthorized access to critical systems.

D. Ransomware Attacks

Ransomware attacks are increasingly targeting libraries. In these attacks, cybercriminals encrypt critical data and demand payment for its release. Such attacks can cripple library operations, leading to data loss, prolonged downtime, and severe financial losses. Libraries, especially smaller or underfunded institutions, are particularly vulnerable to such attacks.

E. Phishing and Social Engineering

Phishing attacks, where attackers impersonate legitimate entities to steal login credentials or financial information, are common in library systems. Both staff and patrons are potential targets of these attacks, which can result in unauthorized access to library systems and the exposure of personal or financial data.

Technical Solutions for Protecting Privacy and Intellectual Property

To mitigate these threats, libraries must adopt a range of technical solutions that adhere to modern cybersecurity best practices. The following measures are essential:

A. Data Protection through Encryption

Encryption is a fundamental security measure to protect sensitive data. Advanced encryption protocols such as AES-256 for data at rest and TLS 1.3 for data in transit are crucial for safeguarding both stored and transmitted data. Additionally, end-to-end encryption (E2EE) is recommended for systems where patrons enter personal data online, such as during registration or payment transactions.

B. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and Access Control

MFA significantly enhances security by requiring users to provide two or more forms of identification before accessing library systems. This is particularly vital for staff members with access to administrative functions. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) should be implemented to ensure that users only access data and systems necessary for their roles, limiting the exposure of sensitive information.

C. AI-Based Threat Detection

Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers powerful tools for enhancing threat detection and incident response. AI systems can analyze network traffic patterns and identify anomalous behaviors that may indicate an impending cyberattack. Machine learning algorithms can be trained to detect phishing emails, fraudulent activities, and other malicious communications, providing an additional layer of protection for library systems.

D. Blockchain for Intellectual Property Protection

Blockchain technology provides a decentralized and immutable ledger for managing and protecting intellectual property in digital formats. By utilizing blockchain, libraries can ensure that digital copies of books, articles, and other materials are securely stored and protected from unauthorized distribution. Blockchain can also support digital rights management (DRM), ensuring that content is accessible only to authorized users.

E. Data Anonymization and Masking

For libraries that collect personal data, data anonymization and masking are vital techniques to mitigate the risks of data breaches. Differential privacy algorithms can aggregate data while ensuring that individual identities are not easily re-identified, preserving both privacy and utility.

System Design and Architecture

Library systems should be designed with security in mind from the outset. A layered security approach ensures that if one layer is breached, other protective measures remain intact. Key architectural considerations include:

A. Network Security and Segmentation

Libraries must implement network segmentation to isolate sensitive data (such as user information and intellectual property) from less-sensitive systems. Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) and firewalls can help protect critical systems from external threats and unauthorized access.

B. Cloud Security

Many libraries are migrating their systems to the cloud, which presents unique security challenges. Libraries should thoroughly vet cloud providers' security measures to ensure compliance with industry standards and regulatory requirements. Data encryption and access control mechanisms should be enforced at every stage of cloud data storage and processing.

C. Real-Time Monitoring and Intrusion Detection

Libraries must deploy Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS) to detect and respond to unauthorized access attempts. Additionally, Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems can provide real-time monitoring, collecting logs from various systems to detect anomalous behavior and potential breaches.

Emerging Technologies to Enhance Library Cybersecurity

The integration of emerging technologies provides an opportunity to future-proof library cybersecurity. Notable technologies include:

A. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)

AI and ML are revolutionizing cybersecurity across industries. Libraries can implement AI-driven threat detection systems that analyze vast amounts of data to detect vulnerabilities and predict potential attacks. Machine learning algorithms can also be trained to detect advanced persistent threats (APTs) targeting library systems.

B. Blockchain

Blockchain technology offers a decentralized, immutable ledger that ensures digital intellectual property remains secure and tamper-resistant. Libraries can leverage blockchain for managing access to digital resources, preventing unauthorized distribution, and providing transparent rights management.

C. Edge Computing

Edge computing involves processing data closer to its source, reducing latency and enhancing security. Libraries can deploy edge computing solutions to process sensitive data locally, minimizing the risk of data interception during transmission and improving overall system responsiveness.

Security Audits and Compliance

A. Importance of Security Audits

Regular security audits are essential to ensure that cybersecurity measures remain effective and aligned with best practices. These audits help detect vulnerabilities, assess compliance with industry standards, and provide accountability for data access and usage.

B. Types of Audits

- **Access Control Audits**: Regular reviews of user permissions and access logs ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive information.
- **Compliance Audits**: Libraries must adhere to privacy regulations like GDPR, CCPA, and emerging international standards governing personal data.
- **Vulnerability Audits**: Tools such as Nessus and Wireshark can be used to scan for system vulnerabilities and potential weaknesses.
- **Penetration Testing**: Simulated cyberattacks identify weaknesses before malicious actors can exploit them.

Challenges, Limitations, and Solutions

While the need for robust cybersecurity is clear, libraries face several challenges in implementing security measures. The following are key challenges and solutions:

A. Legacy Systems

Many libraries still rely on outdated systems incompatible with modern cybersecurity technologies.
Solution: Libraries should prioritize upgrading core infrastructure and integrate legacy systems with new security measures, such as encryption layers or access controls, to provide immediate protection.

B. Budgetary Constraints

Many libraries face financial limitations, making it challenging to implement cutting-edge security solutions.
Solution: Libraries can explore open-source cybersecurity solutions and collaborate with other institutions to pool resources. Additionally, cloud-based security solutions often provide cost-effective options.

C. Lack of Cybersecurity Expertise

Many library staff lack the technical expertise needed to manage complex cybersecurity systems.
Solution: Libraries should invest in cybersecurity training and certification programs for staff. Collaboration with external cybersecurity consultants can also help manage complex systems.

D. Resistance to Change

Both library staff and patrons may resist new security measures due to perceived complexity.
Solution: Libraries should emphasize the importance of cybersecurity through education and communication. Implementing user-friendly solutions, such as Single Sign-On (SSO), and gradually rolling out security measures can help mitigate resistance.

Conclusion

The cybersecurity landscape for libraries is complex and ever-evolving. Libraries must take proactive steps to safeguard user data and intellectual property by adopting advanced security technologies such as encryption, AI-driven threat detection, blockchain, and edge computing. Regular security audits, combined with careful planning to address operational challenges, will help libraries enhance their security posture and maintain public trust. By addressing these issues, libraries can continue to play a vital role in society while protecting the privacy and intellectual property of their patrons.

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CYBER SECURITY IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *As libraries incorporate more digital tools and services into their operations, cyber security becomes a more significant problem. The risk of cyber attacks has increased due to our growing reliance on online databases, cloud-based storage systems, and electronic resources. The importance of cyber security in libraries, the kinds of cyber threats they encounter, and the best practices and tactics to safeguard user privacy and library data are all covered in this article.*

Keywords :*Ramsomware, Cloud Security, Blockchain, Phishing*

1. Introduction

Libraries have evolved in recent years from conventional physical locations to cutting-edge online hubs that provide access to a wealth of digital information and services. Libraries are becoming great targets for cyber attacks because of the change in how they manage and preserve sensitive information brought about by the incorporation of new technology. Libraries benefit greatly from digital collections because they give users access to a variety of scholarly materials, including as databases, e-books, electronic journals, and multimedia. Libraries frequently organise and oversee these collections to assist teachers, students, and researchers in their research, teaching, and learning endeavors'. (Watkins et al., 2015). This paper's focus is on how libraries should view cyber security as a basic and essential component when establishing their information system infrastructure, regardless of their financial resources, and how to set up procedures that allow each functional office within the organisation to assume responsibility for information security. (Ajie, 2019).

2. The Importance of Cyber security in Libraries

Sensitive data, including academic materials, research resources, and patron information, is stored by libraries. Private information might be made public, intellectual property could be lost, and the institution's image could be harmed by a breach of library systems. As a result, protecting digital assets has become essential for maintaining user confidence as well as the availability of library services.

a) **Data Privacy:**Names, library card numbers, and borrowing records are among the personal information that libraries are responsible for protecting. Unauthorised access may result in data abuse or identity theft.

b) **Intellectual Property Protection:**Digitally stored academic and research resources must be protected from dissemination, duplication, and illegal access.

3. Cyber Threats Faced by Libraries

Libraries are especially susceptible to cyber attacks because of their open access policy and dependence on outside digital resources.

a) **Phishing and Social Engineering Attacks:** Patrons and library employees might be duped into disclosing personal information or login passwords. Phishing attacks entail posing as reliable organisations in order to fool consumers into disclosing private information. (Boulton, 2017). Phishing emails, texts, or websites may target users of digital collections, such as administrators and academics. People can be tricked by social engineering tactics into divulging login passwords or other important information. (Ajie, 2019; Boulton, 2017).

b) **Ransomware:**Libraries are vulnerable to ransomware attacks, in which online thieves encrypt data and demand payment to unlock it. One kind of malware that can impact computers, servers, and other devices is ransomware.Particularly, ransomware attacks have the ability to encrypt data and demand a fee to unlock it, resulting in serious interruptions. (Boulton, 2017)

c) **Data Breaches:**Cyber attacks can steal academic content or private user information by taking advantage of flaws in library systems. When sensitive information is accessed by unauthorised parties, data breaches take place. A data breach may expose research materials, copyrighted content, or personal information in the context of digital collections. Hackers may obtain unauthorised access by taking advantage of system flaws. (Boulton, 2017).

d) **Denial of Service (DoS) attacks:** These assaults have the potential to interrupt resource access by taking down digital services or library websites. The goal of denial-of-service (DoS) assaults is to overwhelm a system's resources so that authorised users cannot use it. These kinds of assaults have the potential to interfere with access to digital collections, depriving the public, students, and researchers of important resources. Attacks known as Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) are very powerful because they involve flooding the target with several systems.

e) **Insider Threats:** People who misuse their authorised access to digital assets within an organisation or institution are known as insider dangers. These might be volunteers, contractors, or staff members who purposefully or inadvertently abuse or divulge private information. Because they are close to the data and systems, insider threats represent a serious danger. (Boulton, 2017).

f) **Third-Party Risks:**For a number of reasons, including hosting, data storage, and content management systems, digital collections frequently depend on outside vendors or service providers. The security of the digital collection may be at risk due to inadequate security measures or flaws in these third-party systems. Making sure these partners adhere to strong cyber security procedures is crucial. (Boulton, 2017).

4. Cyber security Measures for Libraries

Libraries must implement thorough security measures to safeguard their employees and visitors in light of the diverse array of cyber threats.

a) **Encryption:**Sensitive information should always be encrypted, both in transit and at rest, to prevent readable data from being intercepted.
b) **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** MFA lessens unwanted access by requiring several kinds of authentication, such as passwords and SMS codes.
c) **Regular Security Audits:**Finding weaknesses and strengthening the library's cyber security posture may be accomplished by conducting routine audits of its systems.
d) **Firewall and Anti-virus Software:** Setting up firewalls and antivirus programs can serve as defences against malware and malevolent invasions.

5. Best Practices for Cyber security in Libraries

In addition to technical measures, libraries should adopt a culture of cyber security awareness among staff and patrons.

a) **Staff Training:** It's crucial to make sure library employees understand the dangers of cyberspace and how to prevent them. This entails being aware of phishing schemes and managing your passwords effectively.
b) **Patron Education**: Libraries ought to educate its users on safe online habits, such avoiding dubious emails and using secure passwords.
c) **Data Backup and Recovery Plans:** In the event of a cyber attack, regular backups of digital assets and customer data are crucial, as is a strong recovery strategy.
d) **Secure network infrastructure:**Install firewalls, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and update network hardware and software often to guarantee the security of the library's network infrastructure. (Netwrix, 2023).
e) **Maintain up-to-date software:** To fix known vulnerabilities, patch and upgrade operating systems, software programs, and security solutions on a regular basis. Cyberattacks may easily target outdated software. (Boulton, 2017).
f) **Regular security assessments:**To find flaws and vulnerabilities in the library's systems and infrastructure, conduct regular security audits and assessments. Penetration testing, vulnerability scanning, and security risk assessments are a few examples of this. Deal with any problems as soon as they are discovered. (Boulton, 2017).

6. Legal and Ethical Considerations

The ethical and legal implications of cyber security must also be taken into account by libraries.

a) **Compliance with Regulations**: If libraries handle sensitive data, they have to abide by laws like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

b) **Ethical Obligation:** Libraries have an ethical duty to safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of the personal information of its users. Breaking this trust might harm the credibility and reputation of the library.

7. Case Studies of Cyber security Challenges in Libraries

A number of cases demonstrate how crucial cyber security is for libraries:

a) **The New York Public Library (NYPL):** experienced a data breach when customer records were accessed without authorisation. A thorough assessment of library security procedures was prompted by this incident.

b) **The University of California Libraries:**encountered a ransomware assault that caused a brief interruption of access to educational materials. The institution made significant investments in cyber security infrastructure as a result of this event.

8. Emerging Trends in Library Cyber security

Libraries need to keep up with the latest developments in cyber security as the area is always changing.

a) **Cloud Security:**Making sure cloud services adhere to security requirements is crucial as libraries transition to cloud-based solutions. Strong cloud security measures are crucial as libraries use cloud-based services more and more for data management, collaboration, and storage. To safeguard sensitive data and guarantee adherence to privacy laws, technologies including encryption, access restrictions, secure application programming interfaces (APIs), and data loss prevention (DLP) solutions are essential. (Palo Alto Networks, n.d.).

b) **AI and Machine Learning:**By seeing odd patterns of behaviour or questionable activity, these tools can assist libraries in proactively identifying security threats. Because AI and machine learning can automate threat detection and response, they can be extremely useful in cybersecurity. Large volumes of data may be analysed by these technologies to find trends, abnormalities, and possible security flaws. Real-time network traffic monitoring, malicious activity detection, and proactive defence measures against cyber attacks can all be facilitated by AI-powered systems.

c) **Blockchain for Digital Content Protection:**Blockchain technology may offer a safe solution for tracking academic resource usage and managing digital rights. Blockchain provides a decentralised, impenetrable platform that can improve authentication, privacy, and data integrity. Academic records, research data, and sensitive user information are all handled by academic libraries. Blockchain can safeguard

intellectual property rights, facilitate safe and transparent transactions, and stop illegal access to or alteration of important data. (Zhang, 2019).

Conclusion

Cybersecurity will continue to be a primary concern as libraries develop in the digital era. To preserve confidence and continue offering services, it is crucial to secure sensitive information, intellectual property, and customer privacy. Libraries need to have strong cyber security policies, keep up with new threats, and teach employees and users the value of cyber security.

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Abstract:

This research paper investigates the development of a cyber security framework tailored for libraries, using a case study of a university library. As libraries increasingly rely on digital systems to store sensitive information, including personal user data and intellectual property, they face significant cyber security risks. Despite this, many libraries lack comprehensive cyber security measures. This study proposes a cyber security framework that addresses the unique needs of libraries and ensures the protection of user data, privacy, and library resources. The case study highlights the challenges of implementing the framework and offers practical recommendations for improving cyber security in library settings.

Keywords: Cyber security, Libraries, Information Security, Framework, Case Study, Library Management, Data Protection, Risk Management

1. Introduction

Background and Context

The digital transformation of libraries has made it possible for them to provide a wide range of services, including access to online databases, e-books, and digital archives. However, this also exposes libraries to a variety of cyber threats. Libraries handle sensitive user data, such as names, addresses, borrowing histories, and even payment information, making them prime targets for cyber attacks. Cyber security measures in libraries are often insufficient, with many institutions lacking dedicated resources to address these issues. This research aims to develop a cyber security framework specifically designed for libraries.

Research Problem

The main problem identified in this research is the lack of a tailored cyber security framework for libraries, which makes them vulnerable to cyber threats. Many existing frameworks are not

designed with libraries in mind, and the unique nature of library operations presents challenges in applying generic cyber security practices.

Purpose and Scope

This research aims to develop a cyber security framework for libraries and apply it to a university library case study. The goal is to create a framework that not only addresses common cyber threats but also accommodates the specific needs of libraries, such as protecting intellectual property, ensuring user privacy, and maintaining system integrity.

2. Literature Review

Cyber security in Libraries

Libraries, especially those in academic settings, handle vast amounts of data that must be protected. A lack of cyber security awareness can result in serious breaches, which may jeopardize the trust of library users. Existing literature indicates that libraries are often underprepared for cyber security incidents, with limited budgets for cyber security measures.

Cyber security Frameworks

Several cyber security frameworks exist, such as the NIST Cyber security Framework and ISO/IEC 27001, which are designed to protect information systems. However, these frameworks are not always directly applicable to libraries, as they do not take into account the specific functions and resources libraries manage, such as the management of digital collections, databases, and user access.

Security Threats in Libraries

Libraries are vulnerable to a variety of cyber threats, including:

- **Data breaches**: Unauthorized access to personal user data.
- **Phishing attacks**: Deceptive communications aimed at stealing login credentials.
- **Ransom ware**: Malicious software that encrypts library data and demands a ransom for its release.
- **Malware**: Software that can disrupt library operations, corrupt data, or steal information.

Regulatory Compliance

Libraries are also bound by regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the EU, which requires them to protect user data. Compliance with these regulations demands robust cyber security protocols and frameworks.

3. Methodology

Case Study Selection

The case study for this research focuses on the university library of XYZ University, which has experienced increasing cyber security challenges due to its growing digital resources and user base. The library's infrastructure includes a network of servers, databases, and online systems that store sensitive user information.

Research Design

A qualitative research approach was adopted for this study. The framework development involved a combination of risk assessments, interviews with library staff, and a review of current cyber security practices. The objective was to identify key vulnerabilities and gaps in existing security measures.

Data Collection

Data was collected through:

- **Interviews** with library IT staff and management to assess their current security practices.
- **Surveys** of library users to gauge their awareness of cyber security risks.
- **System audits** to identify security weaknesses in the library's infrastructure.

Framework Development Process

The cyber security framework was developed using the following steps:

- **Risk assessment**: Identifying potential threats and vulnerabilities specific to the library environment.
- **Security control implementation**: Implementing technical and organizational measures to address identified risks.
- **Compliance integration**: Ensuring the framework aligns with relevant data protection laws and regulations.

- **Training and awareness**: Designing training programs for library staff and users on cyber security best practices.

4. Results

Findings from the Case Study

The case study revealed several key cyber security challenges faced by XYZ University Library:

- The library had outdated software and lacked advanced encryption for user data.
- The library's staff had limited cyber security training, resulting in weak password practices and insufficient monitoring of digital resources.
- The library's network was vulnerable to malware and phishing attacks, with a lack of proactive threat detection systems.

Proposed Cyber security Framework

The proposed framework consists of five key components:

1. **Risk Management**: Identifying, evaluating, and managing risks associated with library systems.
2. **Access Control**: Implementing role-based access control (RBAC) to ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive data.
3. **Data Protection**: Encrypting user data and ensuring secure storage and transmission of library resources.
4. **Incident Response**: Developing a clear incident response plan to quickly address breaches and cyber attacks.
5. **Staff Training**: Implementing regular cyber security training sessions for all library staff, along with awareness campaigns for users.
6. **Comparison with Existing Frameworks**: The framework was compared to existing cyber security standards like NIST and ISO 27001. While these frameworks are comprehensive, the proposed framework adds specific guidelines for library operations, such as managing digital collections and user data privacy.

5. Discussion

Impact on Library Operations

The implementation of this cyber security framework is expected to significantly reduce the risk of data breaches and cyber attacks. It will enhance user trust and ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of library services. By addressing the specific needs of libraries, this framework provides a tailored approach to managing cyber security risks.

Challenges and Limitations

Implementing the cyber security framework posed several challenges:

- **Budget Constraints**: Limited financial resources made it difficult to implement certain advanced security technologies.
- **Resistance to Change**: Some staff members were initially reluctant to adopt new security practices.
- **Ongoing Maintenance**: Continuous monitoring and updating of systems will require sustained effort and resources.

Recommendations

- **Staff Education**: Regular training should be mandatory for all library staff to keep them updated on cyber security threats and best practices.
- **Investment in Technology**: Libraries should allocate a portion of their budget to invest in modern cyber security tools, such as encryption software and intrusion detection systems.
- **User Awareness Programs**: Libraries should run educational campaigns to help users recognize phishing attempts and other common cyber threats.

6. Conclusion

Summary of Findings

This study developed a cyber security framework tailored for libraries and applied it to a university library case study. The framework addresses critical vulnerabilities and provides a comprehensive approach to managing cyber security risks in libraries.

Implications for the Library Sector

The findings highlight the importance of a dedicated cyber security framework in libraries. Implementing this framework can enhance the security of digital resources and build user confidence. Libraries must prioritize cyber security as part of their overall service offering.

Future Research

Future research should explore the effectiveness of the proposed framework across different types of libraries, such as public libraries and special libraries. Additionally, research into emerging technologies like artificial intelligence for cyber security in libraries could offer new solutions to enhance security.

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CYBER SECURITY AND ITS IMPLICATION ON ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract:*It is an undeniable fact that technological advancements have reached a point where it is nearly impossible for individuals to function without internet-connected devices or abstain from services offered through internet connections. However, alongside these advancements, the internet has also introduced threats, attacks, and crimes in cyberspace. The near invisibility of individual interactions online has made cyberattacks particularly challenging to combat. While technology has created the cyberspace and its associated insecurities, it is also advancing rapidly to provide tools and solutions aimed at securing the digital environment. Various security measures are regularly introduced to counteract cyber threats, such as two-step verification, antivirus programs, and firewalls, among others, as discussed in this paper. This paper reviews the issue of privacy invasion, particularly in relation to the security measures implemented to protect against cyberattacks, and explores the ethical implications of these security practices, especially within the context of libraries.*

Keywords: *Cyber security, Cyber-attacks, Privacy, Library, Users' data,*

Introduction:

Cyberspace and Its Impact on Libraries

The term "cyberspace" was coined by William Gibson in 1982, although the concept gained widespread recognition in the 1990s with the advent of the World Wide Web (WWW) (Lippert & Robert, 2021). While there is no universal definition for "cyberspace," Lippert and Robert (2021) describe it as a global domain within the information environment, consisting of a network of information technology infrastructures. These include the Internet, telecommunication networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers, all of which reference objects and identities that exist within this virtual space. This definition aligns with similar descriptions from other authors. Simply put, cyberspace is a virtual realm that supports and facilitates online communication.

Cyberspace can be understood in three layers: the physical layer, which includes geographical and physical network components; the logical layer, which comprises the logical network components; and the virtual space that has become increasingly popular due to social media and cloud computing. Technological advancements have reached a point where it is almost impossible to live without internet-connected devices or completely abstain from the services enabled by internet connections. The library sector is not exempt from this trend, as libraries have increasingly moved online and adopted virtual spaces to enhance library management, usage, and services for users.

However, with the rapid expansion of the internet and cyberspace, there are associated risks such as cyber threats, attacks, and crimes. The anonymity of online interactions has made cyberattacks a difficult crime to combat. At the same time, the technology that gave rise to cyberspace and its insecurities is also rapidly advancing to create tools and solutions to secure the digital space. As nearly everything becomes internet-enabled or connected, it is increasingly challenging to keep one's personal data or information secure from cyberspace.

The virtual world is now integral to modern life and has transformed the way things are done, especially when compared to the early days of computer technology. Every webpage visited is logged and archived, contributing to the vast amount of personal data left behind in cyberspace.

The Library in Cyberspace

The library serves as a custodian of diverse and extensive information sources. Before the advent of computers and information technology, libraries were primarily storehouses for books and manuscripts, organized and categorized for easy access. Over time, libraries expanded from storing traditional materials like carvings, parchments, scrolls, and pictorials to housing information in various forms, such as on disks, CD-ROMs, and microfilms.

With the rise of technology, the medium of information resources in libraries also evolved. Libraries transitioned from manually performing tasks to automating services to reduce the burden of repetitive tasks and improve service delivery. This shift paved the way for libraries to become digital. Going digital allowed libraries to store vast amounts of information without needing larger physical spaces. Electronic resources, digital collections, and online services became central to library operations.

In the 21st century, ICT-compliant libraries now have a strong digital presence, offering real-time services to users. Most services that were once limited to physical libraries can now be accessed online, such as user registration, access to library catalogs, book loans, current awareness services, reference services, and even reading materials. The rise of virtual space has made library usage and management more efficient. Information management has also evolved from computer network-based systems to cloud computing, enabling even greater flexibility and accessibility for libraries and their users.

Overview of Digital Collections in Academic Libraries

Digital Collections

Digital collections refer to curated sets of digital resources or materials available in electronic format. These collections can include a variety of digital content, such as documents, images, videos, audio recordings, and datasets. Digital collections are typically created and maintained by libraries, archives, museums, educational institutions, government agencies, and other organizations that aim to preserve and provide access to valuable cultural, historical, scientific, or educational materials. These collections cover a wide range of subjects and themes, catering to diverse interests and research needs.

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Digital collections come in various forms, each serving different functions based on their nature and the purpose for which they were created. Some common types include:

- **Digital Libraries**
- **Digital Archives**
- **Image Galleries**
- **Video Archives**
- **Data Repositories**
- **Digital Museums**
- **Digital Exhibitions**

- **Specialized Collections**

Advantages of Digital Collections

The benefits of digital collections include:

- **Access and Availability:** Digital collections provide easy, remote access to materials from anywhere.
- **Preservation and Conservation:** They help in the long-term preservation of valuable resources.
- **Searchability and Discoverability:** Digital formats make it easier to search and locate specific items.
- **Enhanced User Experience:** Digital collections offer interactive features, enhancing the overall user experience.
- **Collaborative Research and Interdisciplinary Exploration:** They encourage collaborative research and support cross-disciplinary exploration.

Significance of Digital Collections to Academic Research, Teaching, and Learning

Digital collections play a crucial role in academic research, teaching, and learning by providing:

- **Convenience and Flexibility:** Students and researchers can access materials at any time and from any location.
- **Enhanced Research Capabilities:** They offer a wealth of resources that support deeper, more comprehensive research.
- **Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities:** Digital collections facilitate research across multiple disciplines by providing access to diverse materials.
- **Long-term Data Availability:** They ensure the ongoing availability of resources for future academic use.

Cybersecurity Threats to Digital Collections

Digital collections, including online databases, archives, and libraries, are vulnerable to a variety of cybersecurity threats. Some common threats include:

- **Data Breaches:** Unauthorized access to sensitive data, leading to loss or exposure of personal information.
- **Malware Attacks:** Malicious software that can corrupt or steal data.
- **Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attacks:** Disrupting access to online resources by overwhelming systems with excessive traffic.
- **Insider Threats:** Security breaches caused by individuals within the organization, such as employees or trusted users.
- **Zero-day Vulnerabilities:** Exploits targeting unknown vulnerabilities in software or systems.
- **Data Loss or Corruption:** Unintended deletion or corruption of critical data, often due to technical failures or attacks.
- **Reputational Damage:** The loss of trust in the library or institution due to a data breach or security failure.

Best Practices for Cybersecurity in Academic Libraries

Cybersecurity is a critical concern for academic libraries, especially in developing countries, where resource constraints and limited expertise can hinder security efforts. However, several best practices can significantly improve cybersecurity in academic libraries.

Creating a Campaign for Information Security Literacy

A. Regular Cybersecurity Awareness Programs
Regular cybersecurity awareness programs should be conducted for both library staff and users. These programs should focus on essential cybersecurity practices, such as creating strong passwords, identifying phishing attempts, and protecting sensitive information. It's essential to emphasize the importance of data privacy and safe online practices. Faculty, staff, and students should be informed about the necessary steps to take if they discover their credentials have been compromised.

B. Constant Communication Between the Library and ICT Unit
The library and the ICT unit should maintain constant communication to discuss strategies for improving the overall security posture of the institution. Collaborative efforts are essential for ensuring that both the library and ICT departments work together to safeguard the library's digital resources.

Key Practices for Improving Cybersecurity

- **Developing Mature Information Security Practices:** Establishing comprehensive and well-developed information security protocols to safeguard library resources.
- **Secure Network Infrastructure:** Ensuring that the network infrastructure used by the library is secure and protected against external threats.
- **Use of Encryption and Secure Protocols:** Encrypting sensitive data and using secure communication protocols to protect information from unauthorized access.
- **Backup and Disaster Recovery:** Implementing regular data backups and a disaster recovery plan to ensure data can be restored in case of loss or corruption.
- **User Access Controls:** Establishing strict user access controls to ensure that only authorized individuals can access sensitive library resources.
- **Regular Security Assessments:** Conducting periodic security assessments to identify vulnerabilities and ensure that security measures remain effective.

Challenges and Future Directions

Implementing cybersecurity best practices for digital collections can be a challenging task for academic libraries in developing countries. Some of the challenges and limitations they may face include:

- Limited resources:
- Lack of expertise
- Outdated technology
- Limited awareness and training
- Regulatory and legal challenges:

- Connectivity and infrastructure limitations:
- Increased targeting:

Conclusion:

As custodians of information resources, including electronic resources, libraries are key stakeholders in the protection of users' data privacy. To ensure that regulations protecting user data are effective and beneficial, libraries must collaborate with other stakeholders in the development of these regulations. Moreover, libraries should position themselves to monitor and enforce compliance with these regulations.

In today's digital era, there has been a significant increase in the adoption of digital collections by academic libraries, enabling them to provide users with access to a vast amount of information. However, the digitization of library resources also brings the challenge of ensuring the security of these valuable digital collections. This issue is particularly pressing in developing countries, where cyber threats are more prevalent.

This paper aims to address the challenges academic libraries face in securing their digital collections. It also emphasizes the long-term benefits of prioritizing cybersecurity in these libraries. In addition to protecting valuable digital resources, implementing robust cybersecurity practices helps build user trust, fosters collaboration among institutions, and creates a secure environment for academic research.

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३) **डिजिटलयुगातीलजटिलता** :-

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- ✓ संगणक, स्मार्टफोन, आणिअन्यउपकरणंचनासंरक्षीतकरणे.
- ✓ ॲन्टीव्हायरसआणिमालवेअरप्रोटेक्शसाफ्टवेअरचावापर.
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- ✓ प्रवेशनियंत्रण : (Access Contol)
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  मल्टीफॅक्टऑथेंटिकेशन (MFA) वापरुनप्रवेशअधिकसुरक्षितकरणे.
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फक्त्आवश्यकमाहितीगोळाकरणेआणितिसऱ्यापक्षासोबतडेटाशेअरींगमर्यादितठेवणे.

प्रवेशआणिव्यवहाराचेनियमिततपासणीआणिऑडिटकरणेसंशयास्पदकिंवाहानिकारकक्रियाकलापओळखणेआणित्यावरवेळीचउपाययोजनाकरणे.

ग्रंथालयाच्याप्रणालीवरसंभाव्यहल्लयांचाअंदाजघेऊनप्रतिबंधात्म्कउपाययोजनाकरणे .

सायबरथ्रेटइंटेलिजन्स्चावापर .

कायदेशिरअनुरुपतादेण्यासाठी GDPR, IT Act2000 (भारतासाठी) किंवाइतरआंतरराष्ट्रीयकायदेआणिनियमाचेपालनकरणेवापरकत्यंच्याभुमिकेनुसार (जसेविद्यार्थी , शिक्षक, प्रशासक) यांनाफक्त्आवश्यकमाहितीचउपलब्ध् करुनदेणे.

डिजिटलग्रंथालयामध्येसायबरसुरक्षा : साधकआणिबाधक :-

सादक :-

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसायबरसुरक्षेचेमहत्ववाढतआहे. सायबरसुरक्षेच्याअनुषंगानेसाधक (फायदे) आणिबाधक (अडचणी) याचाखालीलप्रमाणेविचारकरतायेतो.

- ✓ डेटासरंक्ष्णासाठीतंत्रज्ञानाचावापरकरुनडिजिटललायब्ररीतीलमहत्वाचीमाहिती , पुस्त्क, संशोधनकागदपत्रेसुरक्षितठेवतायेतो.
- ✓ फक्त्अधिकृत्त् वारकत्यांनाचप्रवेशदेण्यासाठीपासवर्ड् , OTP , बायोमेट्रिक्स्यासारख्यातंत्रज्ञानाचावापरकेलाजातो.
- ✓ सायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीमध्येनियमितबॅकअपघेऊनडेटाजमविण्याचीशक्य्ताकमीअसते .
- ✓ सायबरसुरक्षेमुळेमालवअेर, फिशींगआणिहॅकिंगसारख्यासायबरहल्यापासुनसरंक्ष्णमिळते .
- ✓ वापरकर्तागोपनियतेमुळेडिजिटललायब्ररीमधीलयुजरडेटाचादूरउपयोगहोण्याचीशक्य्ताकती असते.

बाधक :

सायबरसुरक्षाउपाययोजनांसाठीमोठयाप्रमाणावरआर्थिकगुंतवणूकआवश्यकअसते.

सायबरसूरक्षेच्याजटीलप्रणालीसमान्य्व्य्क्तींनासमजणेकठीनअसुशकते.

सायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीसततअद्यतनितकरणेआवश्यकअसते.

अन्य्थातीकालबाह्यहोऊशकते . वापरकत्याकडूनचुकीचेपासवर्डव्य्वस्थापनकिंवाफिशींगलिंगके

ल्यासधोकासंभवते. हॅकर्ससततनविनतंत्रवापरतात, ज्यामुळेसायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीकधीकधीअपुरीपडते.

डिजिटललायब्ररीसायबरसुरक्षामध्येआव्हाणेआणिअटी :

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसाबरसुरक्षेसाठीकाहीप्रमुखआव्हाणेआणिअटीआहेत.

आव्हाने : -

- ✓ डेटाचोरीआणिहॅकिंग :- डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसंवेदनशीलडेटाअसतो, ज्यामध्येवापरकत्याच्यावैयक्तिकमाहिती, संशोधनकागदपत्रे , शैक्षणिकसामग्रीइत्यादीअसुशकते. हॅकींकव्दारेयाडेटाचीचोरीहोऊशकते.
- ✓ सायबरहल्ले : - लायब्ररीच्यासदस्यांनाफसविण्यासाठीकधी, कधीफिशिंगईमेल्सकिंवामालवेअरहल्लेकेलेजाऊशकते. ज्यामुळेमहत्वाचीमाहितीगमावलीजाऊशकते.
- ✓ ऑनलाईनहक्कांचीचोरी : विशेषताइंटरनेटवरडेटाच्याविनापरवानगीवापराबाबतधोकेवाढलेआहेत. बेकायदेशीरसामग्रीकिंवाप्रताधिकारउल्लंघनयाचाधोकाअसतो.
- ✓ सुरक्षितकनेक्शनअभाव :- इंअरनेटवरीलसुरक्षेचेप्रमाणकमीअसूशकते, ज्यामुळेअनाधिकृत्त्व्यक्तींनाडेटासंप्रेषणतपासण्याचीआणित्यावरहल्लाकरण्याचीसंधीमिळू शकते.

अटी :

१) वापरकर्ताअभिगमनियंत्रण (VAC) :- सर्व्वापरकर्त्यांनात्यांच्याभुमिकेनुसारपरवानग्यादेणे, उदाहरनार्थ् , काहीसदस्यफक्तवाचनासाठी, तरइतरसंपादनकिंवाव्यवस्थापनासाठीपरवागीमिळवूशकतात.

२) डेटाएनक्रिप्शन : डेटासुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीत्यालाएनक्रिप्शकरणे , विशेषताजेव्हातोनेटवर्कवरट्रान्समिटहोतो.

३) सुरक्षाप्रोटोकॉल्स् :- HTTPS, SSL/TLS सारख्याप्रोटोकॉल्स्चावापरसुरक्षितकनेक्शसाठीआवश्यकआहे.

४) सुरक्षाअद्यतनेआणिपॅचेस :- सॉप्टवेअरआणिप्रणालीनियममितपणेअद्यतनितकरणेआवश्यकआहे, कारणसुरक्षेच्यागॅप्सआणिबग्स्मुळेहल्याचेशिकारहोऊशकते .

५) व्यक्तीगतमाहितीचीगोपनियता :-
ग्रंथालयामध्येवापरकर्त्यांचीवैयक्तिकमाहितीजनतकरतानागोपनियताधोरणांचेपालनकेले पाहीजे.

६) बॅकअपआणिपुर्व्रप्राप्तीयोजना :-
डेटागमावल्यासकिंवासिस्ट्मक्रॅशझाल्यासपुनप्राप्तीयोजनाअसणेअत्यंतमहत्वाचेआहे.

७) सुरक्षाशिक्षण :- ग्रंथालयातीलकर्मचाऱ्यांना , वापरकर्त्यांनाआणिइतरसंबधीतव्यक्तींनासायबरसुरक्षेचेप्रशिक्षणदेणेआवश्यकआहे. याअटीआणिआव्हानांचाविचारकरुनडिजिटललायब्रीचीसुरक्षामजबुतकेलीजाऊशकते.

निषकर्ष् :-

ग्रंथालयातीलसायबरसुरक्षाअत्यंतमहत्वाचीआहे.
कारणडिजिटलयुगातमाहितीचेसरंक्ष्णआणिगोपनीयताराखणेहेप्रत्येकसंस्थेसाठीएकमहत्वा चेउदिष्ट्आहे. ग्रंथालयविविधडिजीटलसाधनांचावापरकरतअसताना, त्यातअसलेल्यामाहितीचीसुरक्षाराखणे, हॅकिंग, मालवेअरहल्ले, आणिअन्यसायबरधोकेटाळण्यासाठीकठोरसुरक्षाउपायआवश्यकआहेत. योग्यपासवर्ड् , दुहेरीप्रमाणिकरण , एनक्रिप्श्न , नियमितआणिवापरकर्ताअभिगतनियंत्रणयासारख्यापध्दतींचाअवलंबकरुनग्रंथालयेसायबर सुरक्षावाढवूशकताता.
याशिवायवापरकत्यांनाआणिकम्र्चाऱ्यांनासायबरसुरक्षेच्याद्दष्टीनेसततशिक्षितकरणेआवश्य कआहे. अशाप्रकारे, ग्रंथालयांनीसायबरसुरक्षेचीधोरणेलागुकरुन, डिजीटलसंसाधनांचेसुरक्षितआणिविश्वसनीयवाचनववापरसुनिश्चितकरुशकतात.
डिजिटललायब्रीमध्येसायबरसुरक्षेसाठीसर्वोत्त्मपध्द्त :

डिजिटललायब्रीमध्येसायबरसुरक्षेसाठीसर्वोत्त्मपध्द्तीआहेत

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साइबर सुरक्षा और इसकी चुनौतियाँ

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सारांश :

सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी के क्षेत्र में साइबर सुरक्षा एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है। वर्तमान समय में सूचना को सुरक्षित रखना सबसे बड़ी चुनौतियों में से एक बन गया है। जब भी हम साइबर सुरक्षा के बारे में सोचते हैं तो सबसे पहले हमारे दिमाग में 'साइबर अपराध' का ख्याल आता है, जो दिन–प्रतिदिन बहुत बढ़ रहे हैं। साइबर सुरक्षा में नई तकनीकें उभरने के साथ ही हमलावर पीछे नहीं रहते। वे अधिक परिष्कृत हैकिंग विधियों को अपना रहे हैं और कई कंपनियों की कमज़ोरियों पर ध्यान केंद्रित कर रहे हैं। चूँकि सैन्य, राजनीतिक, मौद्रिक, नैदानिक और कॉर्पोरेट तत्व लैपटॉप और विभिन्न गैजेट पर बहुत अधिक मात्रा में जानकारी जमा करते हैं, उसका उपयोग करते हैं और उसे संग्रहीत करते हैं, इसलिए नेटवर्क सुरक्षा बहुत ज़रूरी है। इन साइबर अपराधों को रोकने के लिए विभिन्न सरकारें और कंपनियाँ कई उपाय कर रही हैं। विभिन्न उपायों के अलावा साइबर सुरक्षा अभी भी कई लोगों के लिए एक बहुत बड़ी चिंता का विषय है। यह पेपर मुख्य रूप से नवीनतम तकनीकों पर साइबर सुरक्षा के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों पर केंद्रित है।

कीवर्ड: *साइबर सुरक्षा, साइबर अपराध, सोशल मीडिया, साइबर सुरक्षा, साइबर खतरे, भारतीय साइबर कानून*

1.परिचय :

ऑनलाइन सुरक्षा वह विधि है जिसमें वेब हमलों के विरुद्ध आवश्यक ढाँचों और संवेदनशील सूचनाओं की सुरक्षा की जाती है। डिजिटल सुरक्षा उपायों का उद्देश्य, जिसे डेटा इनोवेशन (आईटी) सुरक्षा भी कहा जाता है, व्यवस्थित ढाँचों और अनुप्रयोगों के लिए खतरों को रोकना है, चाहे वे किसी संगठन के अंदर से शुरू हों या बाहर से। साइबर सुरक्षा हैकर्स, स्पैमर्स और साइबर अपराधियों द्वारा इंटरनेट से जुड़े उपकरणों और सेवाओं पर दुर्भावनापूर्ण हमलों के खिलाफ़ सुरक्षा की रेखा है। संगठन खुद को थोक धोखाधड़ी, रैनसमवेयर हमलों, फ़िशिंग चालों, सूचना चोरी और मौद्रिक दुर्भाग्य से बचाने के लिए इस संचार का उपयोग करते हैं। यह शब्द डेटा धोखाधड़ी से लेकर वैश्विक स्तर पर कम्प्यूटरीकृत हथियारों के उपयोग तक सभी प्रकार के साइबर अपराध के लिए तैयारी करने के सबसे आम तरीके को संदर्भित करता है। इंटरनेट और इंटरनेट सक्षम ढाँचों को उन घटनाओं से बचाने के लिए उपयोग की जाने वाली संपत्तियों, चक्रों और डिज़ाइनों का संघटन और सामाजिककरण, जो कानून द्वारा स्वीकृत संपत्ति स्वतंत्रता से अलग हैं, हमारे निजी और पेशेवर जीवन में आधुनिक गैजेट और वेब के बढ़ते उपयोग के कारण, हम पहले की तुलना में साइबर हमलों के प्रति अधिक संवेदनशील हैं। साइबरस्पेस सभी अन्य औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में इतनी गहराई से समाया हुआ है जो इंटरकनेक्शन की सुविधा प्रदान करते हैं, इसलिए इसे इन क्षेत्रों से अलग करना और जोखिमों की पहचान करना मुश्किल है। स्पैमर, हैकर्स और साइबर अपराधियों जैसे दुर्भावनापूर्ण ऑनलाइन अभिनेताओं के खिलाफ सिस्टम और सेवाओं की सुरक्षा करना साइबर सुरक्षा के क्षेत्र का केंद्र बिंदु है। समकालीन विशेषज्ञों का मुख्य भाग कंप्यूटर

और सेल फोन से लेकर संगठनों और सूचना आधारों तक सभी संसाधनों को हमलों से बचाने के लिए किसी तरह से किसी तरह से चिंतित है, इस तथ्य के बावजूद कि कुछ नेटवर्क सुरक्षा भागों को तुरंत हमला शुरू करने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। पीसी, सर्वर, सेल फोन, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक फ्रेमवर्क, संगठन और सूचना सहित वेब से जुड़े ढांचे पर शत्रुतापूर्ण हमलों को रोकना, नेटवर्क सुरक्षा के रूप में जाना जाता है। सुरक्षा और डिजिटल दो वर्गीकरण हैं जिनमें नेटवर्क सुरक्षा को अलग किया जा सकता है। "डिजिटल" का तात्पर्य ऐसे नवाचार से है जो संगठनों, ढाँचों, परियोजनाओं और सूचनाओं को जोड़ता है। सुरक्षा का एक और हिस्सा नेटवर्क, ढाँचे, एप्लिकेशन और सूचनाओं की सुरक्षा करना है। पीसी सुरक्षा, ऑनलाइन सुरक्षा या डेटा इनोवेशन सुरक्षा पीसी ढाँचों और संगठनों को डेटा रिसाव, चोरी या उनके उपकरण, प्रोग्रामिंग या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक जानकारी को नुकसान पहुँचाने के साथ–साथ उनके द्वारा दी जाने वाली सेवाओं में हस्तक्षेप या भ्रम से बचाना है। साइबर सुरक्षा कंप्यूटर सिस्टम, डेटा और नेटवर्क पर घुसपैठ को रोकने के लिए कई तरह की तकनीकों, प्रक्रियाओं और रणनीतियों का उपयोग करती है। वैश्वीकरण, डिजिटलीकरण और चतुराईपूर्ण नवाचारों के कारण साइबर अपराध अधिक सामान्य और अधिक गंभीर होते जा रहे हैं। ठोस नेटवर्क सुरक्षा गार्ड ढाँचे महत्वपूर्ण हैं, भले ही यह अध्ययन और व्यवसाय का एक और क्षेत्र हो। इसे कॉर्पोरेट, सार्वजनिक और वैश्विक स्तरों पर देखा गया है। अनुमानों के अनुसार, वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था ने 945 बिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर तक के दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण नेटवर्क सुरक्षा नुकसान का अनुभव किया। डिजिटल कमज़ोरियों से संगठन के लिए महत्वपूर्ण संभावनाएँ सामने आती हैं, जो मौद्रिक दुर्भाग्य, सुरक्षा उल्लंघन और व्यावसायिक हस्तक्षेप का कारण बन सकती हैं। वास्तव में, वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए इसके बढ़ते महत्व के बावजूद, डिजिटल जोखिमों के संबंध में अभी भी डेटा की कमी है। यह अध्ययन जोखिम प्रबंधन दृष्टिकोण को अपनाता है, जो डिजिटल जोखिम पर ध्यान केंद्रित करता है और जोखिम चालन और राहत में नेटवर्क सुरक्षा और डिजिटल सुरक्षा के तत्वों पर विचार करता है। समीक्षा नेटवर्क सुरक्षा और डिजिटल जोखिम पर जांच के समूह के साथ–साथ खुले तौर पर भी देखती है।

2. साइबर अपराध का इतिहास :

1981 मेंए इयानमर्फीए जिन्हेंसाइबरअपराधकेदोषमेंदोषीठहरानेवालेपहलेव्यक्तिथे।अमेरिकनटेलिफोनकंपनीकोहॅककियाथा।साइबरअपराधपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशनसाइबरक्राइमपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशनए जिसेसाइबरअपराधपरकन्वेंशनकेरूपमेंभीजानाजाताहैए राष्ट्रीयकानूनकेअनुरूपहैए औरसाइबरअपराधऔरकंप्यूटरअपराधसेनीपटनेकेलिएराष्ट्रोंकेबीचसहयोगकोमिबूतकरताहै।साइबरक्राइमपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशनसाइबरअपराधकोकमकरनेवालापहलाअंतरराष्ट्रीयसमझौताहै।

3. साइबर सुरक्षा की अवधारणा :

विशेषज्ञ और नीति निर्माता कई वर्षों से इस मुद्दे पर बहस कर रहे हैं। साइबर हमलों से प्ब्ज प्रणालियों की सुरक्षा के बारे में बढ़ती चिंता व्यक्त की गई है, जो अनधिकृत व्यक्तियों द्वारा प्ब्ज कार्यक्रमों तक पहुँच प्राप्त करने के लिए जानबूझकर किए गए प्रयास हैं, आमतौर पर उन्हें चोरी करने, बाधित करने या नुकसान पहुँचाने या किसी अन्य अवैध गतिविधि के इरादे से। कई विश्लेषकों का मानना है कि आने वाले वर्षों में साइबर हमलों की संख्या और पैमाने में वृद्धि होने की उम्मीद है।

सिस्टम और डेटा की सुरक्षा के कार्य को साइबर सुरक्षा के रूप में जाना जाता है। "साइबर सुरक्षा" शब्द डिजिटल जानकारी की सुरक्षा का वर्णन करने के लिए गढ़ा गया था। एक बहुत ही अस्पष्ट शब्द होने के बाद एक विविध और समावेशी, साइबर रक्षा एक मूल्यवान उपकरण हो सकता है।

4. साइबर सुरक्षा का अर्थः

अधिनियम, 2000 के अनुसारः धारा 2 (छठ) साइबर सुरक्षा का अर्थ है सूचना, उपकरण, डिवाइस, कंप्यूटर, कंप्यूटर संसाधन, संचार उपकरण और उसमें संग्रहीत सूचना को अनधिकृत पहुँच, उपयोग, प्रकटीकरण, व्यवधान, संशोधन या विनाश से बचाना।

5. कौन से खतरे हैं?

चोरी या जबरन वसूली जैसे अपराधों से आर्थिक लाभ कमाने की मंशा रखने वाले अपराधी; सरकार या निजी संस्थाओं द्वारा इस्तेमाल की जाने वाली वर्गीकृत या मालिकाना जानकारी चुराने की मंशा रखने वाले जासूस; राष्ट्र–राज्य योद्धा जो क्षमताएं विकसित करते हैं और हैकटिविस्ट जो देश के रणनीतिक उद्देश्यों के समर्थन में साइबर हमले करते हैं।

"किसी डिवाइस या कंप्यूटर सिस्टम (जैसे इंटरनेट पर) को सुरक्षित करने के लिए अनधिकृत पहुँच या आक्रमण विरोधी उपाय।" "साइबर सुरक्षा से तात्पर्य उन निवारक उपायों से है जिनका उपयोग खोई हुई, हैक की गई या आक्रामक सामग्री से बचने के लिए किया जाता है। इसके लिए वायरस और अन्य दुर्भावनापूर्ण प्रोग्रामिंग जैसी सूचना की संभावित कमज़ोरियों के बारे में जागरूकता की आवश्यकता होती है। पहचान नियंत्रण, संकट प्रबंधन और आपातकालीन प्रबंधन साइबर सुरक्षा तकनीकें हैं।

6. भारत का साइबर स्पेसः

पिछले दशक में इंटरनेट की तेजी से वृद्धि ने ऑनलाइन हमलों के मामलों की संख्या में वृद्धि में मदद की है। सरकार को विभिन्न आईटी–संबंधित समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए भारत में 1975 में राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र स्थापित किए गए थे। उस समय, तीन मुख्य नेटवर्क स्थापित किए गए थे।(ए) इंडोनेटः यह नेटवर्क भारत की कंप्यूटिंग प्रणाली को जोड़ता है, जिसमें प्ठड मेनफ्रेम शामिल हैं।(बी) एनआईसी नेटः यह एक सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एनआईसी नेटवर्क है जो संघीय सरकार को राज्य और स्थानीय सरकारों से जोड़ता है। (सी) ईआरनेटः ईआरनेट एक शिक्षा अनुसंधान नेटवर्क है जो विश्वविद्यालय और अनुसंधान समुदायों और आतंकवादियों की सेवा करता है जो साइबर हमलों को गैर–राज्य या राज्य प्रायोजित युद्ध के साधन के रूप में उपयोग करते हैं।

7. राष्ट्रीय साइबर सुरक्षा नीति 2013ः

राष्ट्रीय साइबर सुरक्षा नीति, 2013, हमारे देश के साइबर सुरक्षा माहौल की रक्षा के लिए भारतीय सरकार की ओर से एक बड़ी पहल है, लेकिन इसमें कुछ खामियाँ हैं जिन्हें दूर करने की आवश्यकता है ताकि भविष्य की जटिलताओं के लिए इसे और अधिक प्रभावी बनाया जा सके।

इसलिए इस उद्देश्य के लिए भारत सरकार ने नई राष्ट्रीय साइबर सुरक्षा रणनीति 2020 शुरू की। राष्ट्रीय साइबर सुरक्षा रणनीति 2020 का उद्देश्य उद्यम रिकॉर्ड की सुरक्षा करना है, जो एक संवेदनशील सूचना संसाधन है जिसमें राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा और अर्थव्यवस्था को प्रभावित करने की क्षमता है। इसके निम्नलिखित उद्देश्य हैं:

1) सुरक्षित (राष्ट्रीय साइबर स्पेस)

2) मजबूत करना (संरचना, लोग, प्रक्रियाएँ, क्षमताएँ)
3) तालमेल (सहयोग और सहभागिता सहित संसाधन)

पहला तत्व सार्वजनिक सेवाओं के बड़े पैमाने पर डिजिटलीकरण, आपूर्ति श्रृंखला सुरक्षा, महत्वपूर्ण सूचना अवसंरचना सुरक्षा और डिजिटल भुगतान सुरक्षा को सुरक्षित करता है। दूसरा तत्व संरचनाओं, चरित्र, संस्थानों और शासन, बजट आवंटन, अनुसंधान, नवाचार और प्रौद्योगिकी विकास, क्षमता और कौशल निर्माण, लेखा परीक्षा और आश्वासन और डेटा सुरक्षा को मजबूत करता है। तीसरा तत्व इंटरनेट बुनियादी ढांचे, मानक विकास, साइबर बीमा, ब्रांड इंडिया, साइबर कूटनीति और साइबर अपराध जांच को समन्वित करता है।

8. एंटी–वायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर :

एंटीवायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर के रूप में जाना जाने वाला एक कंप्यूटर एप्लिकेशन वायरस और वर्म्स सहित खतरनाक सॉफ़्टवेयर को ढूंढता है, रोकता है और उनके खिलाफ़ कार्रवाई करता है। अधिकांश एंटीवायरस उत्पाद एक ऑटो–अपडेट क्षमता के साथ आते हैं जो एप्लिकेशन को वायरस प्रोफ़ाइल को डाउनलोड करने की अनुमति देता है जैसे ही वे पाए जाते हैं, जिससे यह तुरंत नए संक्रमणों के लिए स्कैन करने की अनुमति देता है। हर सिस्टम को बुनियादी आवश्यकता के रूप में एंटीवायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर की आवश्यकता होती है।

9. निष्कर्ष :

भारत की असंगत कानूनी प्रणाली का अर्थ है कि साइबर अपराध को अस्पष्ट या पुराने कानूनों के तहत दंडित किया जाता है। अक्सर कानून के भ्रमित करने वाले पैचवर्क के कारण संस्थाओं के लिए मानक सलाह प्राप्त करना मुश्किल हो जाता है, जिससे अप्रभावी कार्यान्वयन होता है। भारत के साइबर सुरक्षा ढांचे के विकास के लिए एक संपूर्ण और शैक्षिक साइबर सुरक्षा कानून की आवश्यकता है, जिसे आवश्यकतानुसार विशेष विनियमन द्वारा समर्थित किया जाए। अन्यथा, लगातार विकसित हो रही साइबर सुरक्षा चिंताओं में से कई को हल करने की कोशिश करने के बावजूद, न्यायाधीश, प्रवर्तन एजेंसियां और नियामक अप्रत्याशित तरीकों से पुराने कानून को बदलने की कोशिश करते रहेंगे। क्योंकि नेटवर्क का उपयोग महत्वपूर्ण लेनदेन करने के लिए किया जा रहा है और दुनिया अधिक से अधिक आपस में जुड़ रही है, कंप्यूटर सुरक्षा एक व्यापक विषय है जो तेजी से महत्वपूर्ण होता जा रहा है।

हर नए साल के साथ, साइबर अपराध और सूचना सुरक्षा अलग–अलग मोड़ लेते रहते हैं। संगठनों को न केवल उभरती और विघटनकारी प्रौद्योगिकियों से बल्कि नए साइबर उपकरणों और खतरों के निरंतर उद्भव से अपने बुनियादी ढांचे की रक्षा करने में चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ता है, जो नए प्लेटफार्मों और खुफिया जानकारी की आवश्यकता को पूरा करते हैं। हालाँकि साइबर अपराधों को रोकने का कोई सटीक तरीका नहीं है, फिर भी हमें सुरक्षित ऑनलाइन भविष्य के लिए उन्हें कम करने का हर संभव प्रयास करना चाहिए।

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LIBRARY USAGE TRENDS AMONG ENGINEERING STUDENTS IN VIDARBHA: EXPLORING PRINT AND NON-PRINT COLLECTION PREFERENCES

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Abstract

This study has been carried out to study the usage trends of library and students' perception about print and non-print collections in the engineering colleges of Vidarbha region. The study seeks to study the factors affecting student's preferences for traditional print resources and modern digital collections through accessibility, usability, and relevance to their academic work. A structured survey was administered to 250 engineering students and descriptive statistical techniques were used to investigate the data. However, the results indicate that non print resources have become more convenient and popular while the print collections are useful for in depth study and referencing. The main barriers, however, to full utilization of the library were found to be challenges, e.g. inadequate digital infrastructure and lack of awareness of the online resources. This paper calls for a balanced resource allocation to print and digital collections as complementary formats in order to satisfy various user preferences and improve the whole library experience. Finally, the study provides practical recommendations for library management regarding better management of engineering student's needs.

Keywords: Library usage trends, print collections, non-print collections, engineering college libraries, students' perceptions, digital resources

1. Introduction

Libraries are the backbone of education institutions, offering critical resources for learning, research, and innovation. Libraries have a significant role to play in engineering education for knowledge acquisition, skill development of students. As technology advances, the traditional dependence on print collections has moved away from digital and non-print resources and the corresponding usage patterns and preferences of students have been changing. The need to evaluate how well libraries are meeting changing user needs is highlighted by this transition.

In the Vidarbha region which has come up with a growing network of engineering colleges, there is an opportunity which can be availed to understand students' perceptions and preferences regarding the collections in the libraries. In the past, the key elements of the academic library have been print resources i.e. textbooks, reference books, journals but going forward non print resources i.e. e-books, databases, multimedia are becoming popular for being easily accessible and convenient sources.

Library management needs to understand how the students prefer the library and their perception of adequacy of the library collections. The purpose of this study is to identify the usage patterns of print and non-print collections by engineering students in Vidarbha, spot factors that influence their usage, and gain an insight about the future role of libraries in a digitally transforming academic environment.

This research aims to shed some light on these trends, and in doing so, produce actionable recommendations for how libraries can continue to deliver services that are perceived as relevant and valuable for students in the ever changing educational space.

2. Literature Review

Technology has positively transformed how technology is integrated in libraries making it easier for students to locate and use resources. To search recent studies of various dimensions of library usage involving perception of print and non-print collections by the students of academic institutions it can be safely stated that Indian authors from 2020 onwards have explored several areas of library usage.

Asif and Singh (2022) argued that libraries are evolving in the light of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The study focused on strengthening digital resources, which matches the policy of promoting innovation and research. Academic libraries are adapted to hybrid models to keep up with the increasing demand for e-resources with the maintenance of traditional collections, thus the authors have observed.

The role of libraries in higher education discussed in the NEP-2020 framework was analyzed by Lamani (2021). Libraries are found to contribute significantly to the digital literacy area. The author highlights how well print and digital resources may coexist to meet diverse student needs, particularly in the context of Vidarbha, where access to digital infrastructure may range from good to poor.

According to Shukla and Bajpai (2020), libraries have the historical and contemporary significance in the Indian education policies. Print resources remain indispensable to the foundational learning but they are increasingly supplemented by non-print collections such as e books and digital databases as they are available and easy to use. The study revealed other challenges, namely, the digital divide as well as lack of training for librarians in digital technology.

The impact of NEP 2020 on libraries, which have a role in supporting research and innovation, was analyzed using an analytical study conducted by Raut (2022). The findings indicate that engineering students find non print collections useful for their academic purposes and convenient, especially within remote teaching contexts.

Patil (2022) told the value of libraries in academic institutions; students are increasingly using non-printed materials like e journals, online databases and multimedia content for the study. Though, the study also brought to notice that some academic disciplines that require reading in–depth and reading from reference materials still find print resources important.

Pandey et al. (2021) examined the contribution of Indian academic libraries to promoting higher education. The library infrastructure was thus highlighted as a factor which needs to be improved, in order to provide easy access to print and non-print resources. In addition, they suggested that libraries should take a user cantered approach to be retained as a vital learning tool in the fast changing academic environment.

Collectively, these studies emphasize the dual nature of libraries as sources of both print and non-print collections, in an effort to serve the diversity of student tastes and interests. Although there is a move away from print resources to use digital resources, academic libraries still utilize print collections. These studies provide a strong basis for further exploring specific perceptions and preferences of the engineering students in the Vidarbha region.

3. Objectives of the Study

- To analyze students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.
- To identify the factors influencing the utilization of library resources among engineering students.
- To examine the role of digital resources in enhancing academic performance and research activities.

4. Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant difference in students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.

Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): There is a significant difference in students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.

5. Research methodology

This research uses a quantitative methodology to understand students' appetite towards choosing print as also non-print collections in the Engineering college libraries of the Vidarbha region. Data from engineering students across the region colleges was obtained

through a structured questionnaire. Stratified random sampling was used to select a total of 250 respondents to represent different institutions as well as academic years. Like scale items in the questionnaire were used to measure students' preferences, perceptions, usage patterns of library resources. Frequency distribution, mean, standard deviation and t tests were used to analyze the data using descriptive and inferential statistical tools. It also explores factors that influence print and non-print materials adoption by students and how they contribute to increased academic performance and connection with library resources for students. However, all ethical guidelines were followed, keeping confidentiality and voluntary participation of the respondents.

6. Data analysis and discussion

Table 1 – Descriptive Statistics of Students' Preferences for Print and Non-Print Collections

Variable	Categories	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)	Mean	Standard Deviation
Gender	Male	140	56.0%		
	Female	110	44.0%		
Preferred Collection Type	Print	90	36.0%		
	Non-Print	160	64.0%		
Frequency of Library Usage	Daily	50	20.0%	3.5	1.20
	Weekly	120	48.0%		
	Monthly	80	32.0%		
Perception of Collection Quality	Excellent	70	28.0%	4.0	0.85
	Good	110	44.0%		
	Average	50	20.0%		
	Poor	20	8.0%		
Purpose of Library Usage	Academic Study	200	80.0%		
	Research/Projects	150	60.0%		
	Recreational Reading	100	40.0%		

Table 1 gives the descriptive statistics pertaining to the student preference and behaviour on print and non-print collection of engineering college libraries located in Vidarbha region. The distribution of gender shows that 44% of respondents are female while 56% are male, hence slightly more participation of male students in the study. When it comes to collection preferences, 64 percent of respondents prefer non–print materials – including e-books and digital resources – to print (36 percent) resources, indicating a shift away from print resources.

The majority of students (48%) frequent the library weekly, and 32% visit monthly; only 32% are daily library users. For moderate consistency in library visits among students, the mean library usage frequency score is 3.5, standard deviation 1.20. As concerns 44 percent of

students note that the collection is "Good", 28 percent who answered that the collection is "Excellent", we can see that students provided positive feedback. Nevertheless, nearly 20% grade it as "Average" and 8% evaluate it as "Poor," showing us various pathways for spending quality/availability enhancements.

Academic study (80%) is the main reason for using library, research or projects (60%) and recreational reading (40%). We note that these findings underlie the fundamentally different role libraries play in supporting academic and research related activities, compared to their recreational reading role. The data overall indicates a preference for non-print resources through a positive perception of library collections, but the collections still have room for improvement of their quality to satisfy student needs.

Table 2: Chi-Square Test for Students' Preferences for Print vs. Non-Print Collections

Variable	Observed	Expected	$(O - E)^2 / E$
Print Collection Preference	90	125	11.00
Non-Print Collection Preference	160	125	10.80
Total	250	250	-

Chi-Square Test Results

Test Statistics	Value	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2)	21.56	1	0.000
Pearson Chi-Square	21.56		0.000
Likelihood Ratio	21.48		0.000
Linear-by-Linear Association	21.55		0.000
N of Valid Cases	250		

A Chi Square test was also conducted to check whether there is a significant difference in students' preferences of print & non print collections in engineering college libraries in Vidarbha region. The values in the table represent the actualnumber of respondents who preferred print or non-print collections whereas the expected values were obtained under the hypothesis that there is no significant difference among the categories (that is, the proportion of students preferring print or non-print collections is the same).

Observed vs. Expected Counts: The observed count of the preference of print collection was 90 and the expected count was 125. In the case of the non-print collection preference, we observed a count of 160 and an expected count of 125. The $(O - E)^2 / E$ column is the discrepancies between observed and expected values squared, and divided by the expected

counts, to indicate how much the observed values deviated from the expected, in relation to what was expected.

Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2): The calculated Chi-Square value is 21.56 which is more than the Chi-Square value (ranging from 3.84 and above for 1 degree of freedom at a significance level of 0.05). This is very large compared to what we would expect.

p-value (Significance): The obtained p value is 0.000 < 0.05. The results show strong evidence against the null hypothesis that there is no difference between the students' preferences for print and non-print collections. As a result, the null hypothesis is rejected.

Conclusion: Results of Chi-Square test results imply that there is significant difference in students' preference over print and non-print collection in engineering college libraries of the Vidarbha region. The p value (0.000) suggests that students prefer non print collection to print collection.

There may be growing use of digital resources, available e books / online databases amongst student groups because they are frequently more immediate and readily available than traditional print resources.

7. Conclusion

The present study aimed at assessing students' preferences for print and non-print collections in the engineering college libraries in Vidarbha region. Additionally, the descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing findings have allowed understanding the student's trends and preferences for using libraries.

Almost three fourths of students (64%) prefer receiving non-print collections (e.g., e-books, online journals, digital databases), while only a fourth (36%) favour having print materials. A wide range (48%) of the students visit libraries often (weekly) for academic study (80%). Of those surveyed, 72% of students rated the quality of the library collections as excellent or good. The Chi-Square test detected a significant difference between print and non-print collections preferred by the students, with p value equal to 0.000, which confirmed that students incline more to non-print resources.

Implications: The transition from print collections to non-print collections makes it evident of increasing significance of digital resources in the academic settings, especially in the case of engineering colleges. Video, ppt, assessment and course notes are the most widely used non-print materials because they are easy to access, they contain up to date content, and they avail diverse resources at the student's fingertips.

There is a need to enhance and upgrade the existing non print collection of engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region to fulfil the growing demand for digital resources.

Enhancement of infrastructure and accessibility of online resources makes it easier for students to access and use the digital materials. Training sessions for libraries in the use of digital tools and resources can be offered in order to encourage students to utilize the non-print collections on the digital plane. The study concludes that digital resources play an important role in modern educational environments; and that libraries need to adapt to changing tastes by strengthening non-print collections and seamless access to digital content. Aligning library services to meet students' needs will enhance library services while bolstering students' academic success in engineering.

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THE ULTIMATE E-LEARNING FACE-OFF: E-PG PATHSHALA VS MOOKIT

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Abstract: Technology is expanding new frontiers in education, transforming the landscape of teaching and learning globally. The study compares two Indian MOOC platforms, e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT, examining their features, courses, teaching methodologies, and language support. The research investigates the courses offered, teaching pedagogies employed, national coordinators involved, registration processes, and language options available on both platforms. The study employs a descriptive and investigative research methodology, analysing data collected from the websites of e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT. The findings reveal differences in course levels, pedagogical approaches, and language support, highlighting the distinct strengths of each platform in contributing to India's digital education landscape. While e-PG Pathshala emphasizes structured academic learning with multilingual content (primarily English), mooKIT offers a more adaptable and inclusive approach with greater language diversity based on instructor and learner preferences.

Keywords: E-Learning Platforms, MOOC management system, e-Pathshala, mooKIT, MOOCs and Online Teaching Learning Technology

1. Introduction

The rapid growth of information technology has undeniably transformed society, and its integration into education has become crucial. Technology is reshaping instruction and accessibility in numerous ways. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have emerged as a significant development in this landscape, designed to provide education to a vast number of participants globally (Baturay, 2015). Typically offered by universities, colleges, or educational organizations, MOOCs are accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

In this new era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), teaching and learning methods are undergoing a profound transformation(Yu et al., 2017). AI is rapidly permeating various aspects of education, promising to revolutionize how knowledge is imparted and acquired.

2. Basic Information about MOOCs under Study

2.1) e-PG Pathshala

e-PG Pathshala is an initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India Under the National Mission of Education through ICT (NME-ICT). It provides free and high-quality educational resources for postgraduate students across various disciplines. The platform offers e-text, video Lectures, assignments, and quizzes created by subject matter experts. You can explore resources on topics like sciences, humanities, social sciences, management, and more at e-PG Pathshala.

2.2) mooKIT

mooKIT is a lightweight and flexible platform designed for creating and delivering Massive open Online Courses (MOOCs). It was developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) to cater to the growing demand for online education and distance learning. mooKIT is unique because it is specifically designed for users with limited internet access and bandwidth, making it highly suitable for learners in developing countries.

3. Background Study

Several studies in this domain have provided a comprehensive understanding of the topic and methodologies for identifying parameters and techniques to glean information about platforms through their web portals. A few of these are mentioned below as background:

Lebron & Shahriar (2015) in comparative study explains the pedagogical support and implemented technologies of three major MOOC platforms: Coursera, EdX, and Udacity. The paper examines the learning analytics support currently offered by these three MOOC platforms. The paper suggests a set of analytics concepts that can aid instructors in mining student interaction data and generating guidance for effective teaching.

Tsironis et al. (2016) In their study on MOOCs, derives conclusion that Coursera was perceived to be significantly more usable compared to edX and Udacity. Interaction efficiency was significantly higher when using Coursera compared to Udacity. There was no significant effect of MOOC platform on participants' interaction effectiveness and perceived task difficulty.

Kaur (2020) studied that the SWAYAM platform offers MOOCs that can facilitate career advancement and enhance the knowledge of library professionals in their own discipline.MOOCs on the SWAYAM platform provide career advancement programs for library professionals to enhance their knowledge and discipline.

Purkayastha & Sinha (2023) authors identified and studied of 26 faculty members from Central Universities in India who are offering MOOCs on the Swayam platform. Factors of motivating faculty to design and deliver MOOCs, including institutional reputation, creating national identity, and personal interest. Key factors required for designing effective MOOCs, such as institutional support, resources, time, content availability, instructor's role, and pedagogical approaches. The most common problem faced by faculty when designing MOOCs is a lack of infrastructure

4. Research Methodology

Descriptive and Investigation method of research have been used for the study. The two courses provided on MOOCs platform covered under study. The study was based on data collected through the website of e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT. The inferences are drawn using both platforms to know their features, performances and utilities provided within.

5. MOOC Platforms: The following Table 1 table provides a list of 44 different MOOC platforms, both national and international. The list includes well-known platforms like Coursera, Edx, and Udacity, as well as Indian platforms like SWAYAM, NPTEL, and mooKIT.

Table : MOOCs platforms at National and International Level

Sr. No.	MOOCs Platforms	Sr. No	MOOCs Platforms
1	Coursera	23	MexicoX
2	Edx	24	Franceuniversitynumerous
3	Udacity	25	Edu open
4	Canvas network	26	Federica.eu

Sr. No.	MOOCs Platforms	Sr. No	MOOCs Platforms
5	Stanford languita	27	Thiamooc
6	Future learn	28	K-mooc
7	EuropeanmultipleMOOCAggregator(EMMA)	29	IndonesiaX
8	OpenEducation(opened.ru)	30	SWAYAM
9	XuetangX	31	NPTEL
10	CNMOOC	32	MooKIT
11	ChineseMOOC	33	IITBombayX
12	UniversityofChina MOOC	34	ShikshitIndia
13	Zhihuishu	35	Vskills
14	OpenHPI	36	U18
15	Gacco	37	MillionLight
16	Fisdom	38	ApnaCourse
17	OpenLearning	39	UPGrad
18	JMOOC	40	EduKart
19	Ewant	41	LearnVern
20	OpenEducation	42	DigitalVidya
21	Edraak	43	e-PG Pathshala
22	Miriadax	44	LearnVarn

6. Profile of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: This table depicts a side-by-side comparison of the two MOOC platforms under study i.e. e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT. It covers aspects like the developer, establishment year, motto, website, platform type, country of origin, languages offered, and national/international coordinators.

Table : Profile of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	Particular	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	Developed & Maintained by	INFLIBNET	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
2	Establishment Year	2013	2012
3	Moto	An online learning portal that provides interactive, curriculum _ based e-content for post graduate courses	Designed for MOOCs Built for Scale
4	Website	https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in	https://www.mookit.in
5	Platform	MOOC	MOOC
6	Country of Origine	India	India
7	Language	Multiple languages including Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Urdu, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, and Russian	Multiple languages including English, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil
8	National & International Coordinators	International Coordinators for e-PG Pathshala is not readily available. and the e-PG Pathshala has multiple national coordinators, collaboration with UGC, NPTEL, CEC	Partnership Development, customization and development, promotion and Advocacy, Support and Training.

7. Feature of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table 3 comparing features of both e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT reveals their key features and differences. While e-PG Pathshala is owned under the aegis the Ministry of Education, mooKIT is owned by IIT Kanpur. Both platforms utilize videos, quizzes, and assignments, but e-PG Pathshala focuses on multidisciplinary, self-paced learning, while mooKIT emphasizes a simplified design and engaging content. e-PG Pathshala offers postgraduate courses, whereas mooKIT caters to school, undergraduate, and postgraduate levels. Both platforms allow credit transfer; however, e-PG Pathshala is free, while mooKIT offers both free and paid courses. e-PG Pathshala doesn't appear to offer certificates, but mooKIT provides them. Both platforms allows registration using Google, Apple, Facebook, or Windows accounts. They both have privacy policies, and their apps are available for download on Google Play Store (e-PG Pathshala) and APK Pure (mooKIT).

Table : Feature of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT:

Attribute	e-PG Pathshala	MooKIT
Teaching Didactics	Text content, video lectures, quizzes and assignments, multidisciplinary focus, self –paced learning, quality assurance, inclusive and assessable education.	Simplified and scalable Design, Asynchronous and self –paced learning, Engaging content Delivery, video Lectures, Text and Multimedia interactive quizzes and assignments.
Types of courses offered	Post-Graduate courses	School, Undergraduate, Post-graduate
Credit transfer in Course	Yes	Yes
Cost	Free	Some free courses, some paid courses
Certificate Type	No	Common Certificate types on mooKIT
Register Support	Google, Apple, Windows, Facebook account	Login with Google, Facebook & Apple account
Privacy policy	Yes	Yes
Download App	Google play store	Android devices from APK pure

8. Courses of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT:

The table compares the types of courses offered by the two platforms. It looks at whether they offer postgraduate, undergraduate, college, and school level courses, as well as if they have free and certification courses

Table : Course of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	Course Name	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	Postgraduate	✔	✔
2	Undergraduate	x	✔

3	College	x	x
4	School	x	✔
5	Free Courses	✔	✔
6	Certification	x	✔

9. Subject wise Courses of e**-PG Pathshala & mooKIT:** This table lists the subjects available on each platform. e-PG Pathshala offers courses in a wide range of subjects within Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, Commerce and Management, Languages and Literature, Law and Governance, Education, Information and Communication, Interdisciplinary Courses, Library and Information Science, Health and Life Sciences, and Adult Education. mooKIT, on the other hand, focuses on subjects like Computer Science, Agriculture, Artificial Intelligence, Management, and Skill Development.

Table : Subject wise Courses of e**-PG Pathshala & mooKIT**

Sr No.	**e-PG Pathshala**	**MooKIT**
1	Adult Education	Agriculture
2	Analytical Chemistry/Instrumentation	Artificial Intelligence
3	Anthropology	Classical Mechanics - 1
4	Architecture	Computer Science
5	Biochemistry	Classical Electromagnetism – 1 (Electrostatics)
6	Commerce and Management	Cyber Security Training for Teachers (CTTI)
7	Education	Capacity Building for Non-Government Organization in the Disability Sector
8	Geography	
9	Health and Life Sciences	Criminal Justice Date Analysis -2
10	Hindi	
11	Home Science	
12	Humanities and Social Science	Handling Large Scale Date & Data Analysis Using R
13	Information and Communication	Learning Physics Through Simple Experiments
14	Interdisciplinary Coerces	Management
15	Languages and Literature	National Workshop on Open-Source Tools and Integration Framework for ICME

16	Law and Governance	Skill Development
17	Library and Information Science	Teachings Mathematics with Technology (TMT)
18	Science	Using Open Education Resources for Online Learning-2

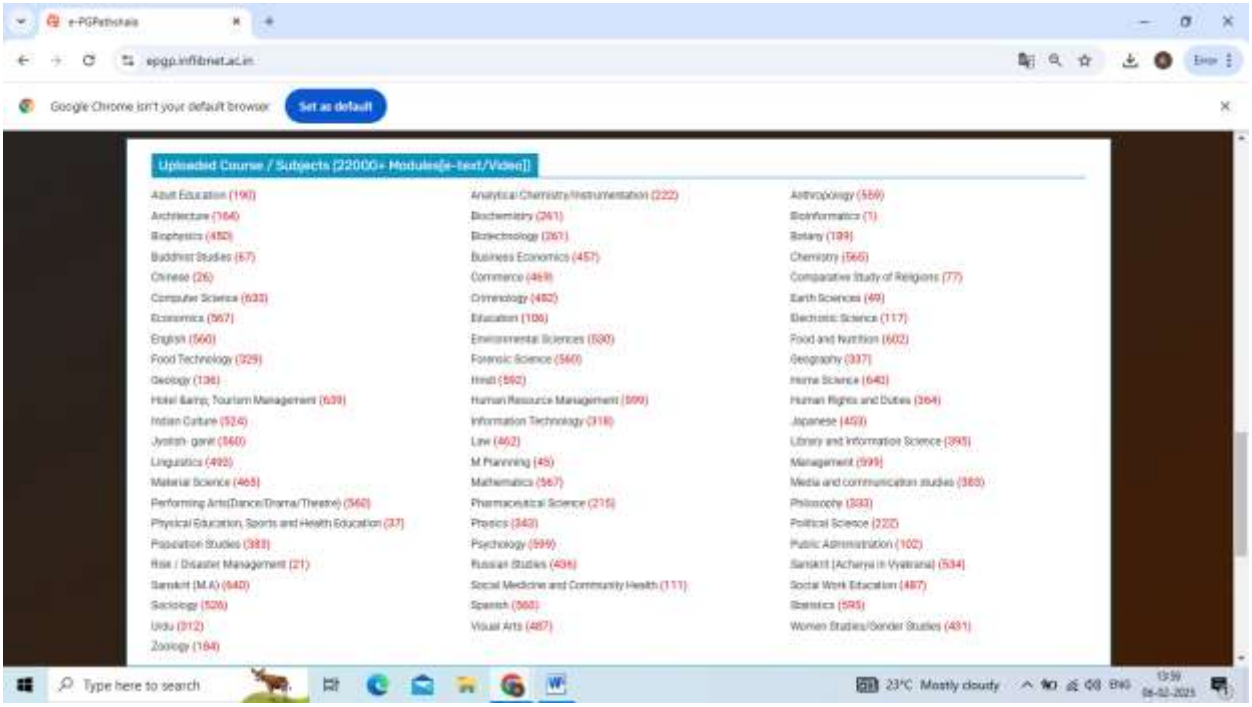

Figure 1 Subject Wise Courses of e-PG Pathshala

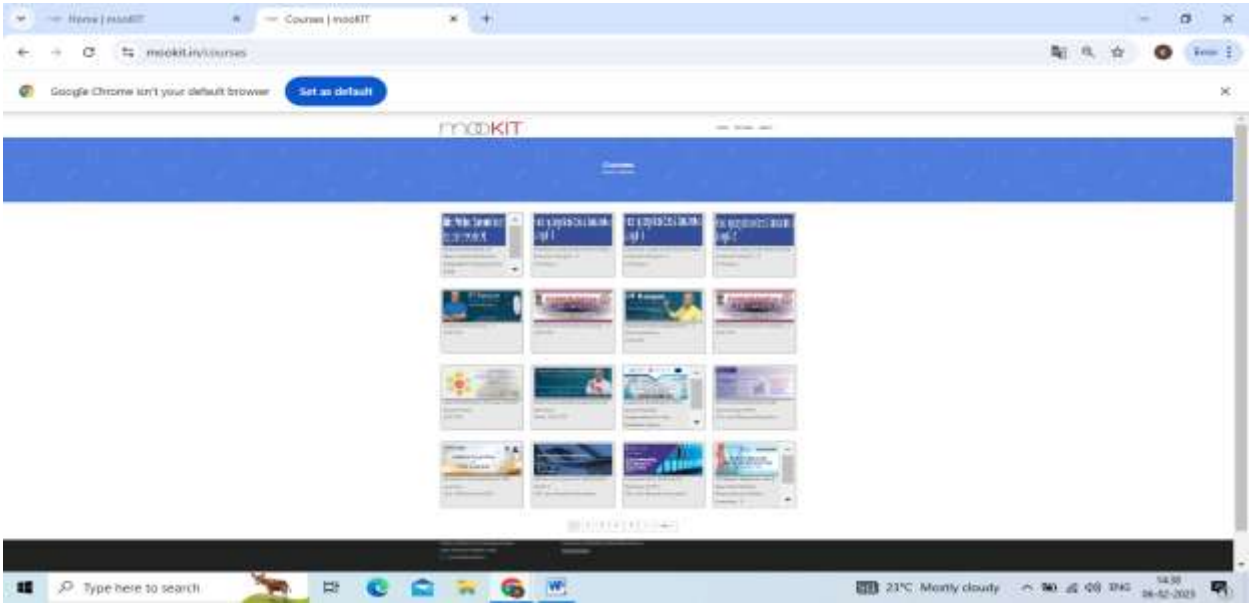

Figure 2 Subject Wise Courses of mooKIT

10. Teaching Pedagogy of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table gives the different teaching methods used by each platform, both e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT utilize e-Tutorials, Discussion Forums, E-Content, Self-Assessment, Mobile Learning, and Video Tests in their teaching pedagogy.

However, mooKIT additionally offers Graded Assignments, and Home Assignments, which are not present in e-PG Pathshala's methodology. Conversely, e-PG Pathshala offers Online Tests, which mooKIT does not.

Table No. : Teaching Pedagogy of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr No.	Teaching Pedagogy	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	E – Tutorial	✔	✔
2	Discussion Forum	✔	✔
3	E – Content	✔	✔
4	Self-Assessment	✔	✔
5	Flexible Schedule	✔	✔
6	Mobile Learning	✔	✔
7	Graded Assignment	x	✔
8	Online Test	✔	x
9	Video Test	✔	✔
10	Home Assignments	x	✔
	Total	**7**	**9**

11. Languages used in e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table 6 compares the number of languages in which courses are offered on each platform. e-PG Pathshala offers courses in five languages, while mooKIT provides courses in 14 languages.

Table 6 Language Used in e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	English	Hindi
2	Hindi	Punjabi
3	Sanskrit	Bengali

Sr. No.	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
4	Urdu	Guajarati
5	Spanish	Telugu
6		Kanada
7		French
8		Marathi
9		French
10		Spanish
11		German
12		Arabic
13		Chinese
14		Russian
Total	5	14

12. Conclusion

The comparative analysis between e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT reveals their distinctive focuses in the Indian digital education landscape. e-PG Pathshala, with its structured academic content and multilingual offerings (primarily in English), caters to a more formal and academic learning environment. On the other hand, mooKIT, with its flexible structure and diverse language options based on instructor preference, provides a more adaptable and inclusive platform, particularly for skill-based and interactive learning. Both platforms play a crucial role in expanding access to education in India, catering to different learning needs and preferences.

Overall, e-PG Pathshala appears to be more specialized for postgraduate education with a structured approach, while mooKIT offers a broader range of courses and a more flexible learning experience with diverse language options.

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ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN INSTITUTIONAL RANKING AND ACCREDITATION

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Abstract

Libraries play a crucial role in institutional ranking and accreditation by providing essential research support, access to information resources, and facilitating academic output, which are all key factors considered in evaluating an institution's quality and standards. It evaluates in terms of research capabilities and student learning opportunities. A well-functioning library can significantly contribute to an institution's overall performance in accreditation processes and ranking evaluations. This research paper discovers the significant role of libraries in institutional ranking and accreditation processes. The importance of higher education rankings and accreditation is increasing day by day in era of digital education system. The libraries have to play an important role in enhancing the quality and credibility of educational institutions. How libraries are contributing to enhance the quality of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) is elaborated here.

Keyword: NIRF, NAAC, MHRD, HEI, Assessment, Ranking, Makerspace, NPTEL, IRINS

1. Introduction

As far as ranking in India is concern, the Ministry of Higher Education of Government of India has started the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). These autonomous institutes have given a methodology for evaluation and assessment of quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in India. This assessment cannot move further without considering the role of libraries in HEI. Therefore, libraries have to move in advance to the innovative things and its implementation for the enhancing the quality of institution. The NIRF provides a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology derived from the inclusive recommendations given by a Core Committee established by MHRD. The committee has put forth the methodology to identify the broad criterion for ranking various universities and institutions. The criterion covers “Teaching, Learning and Resources,” “Research and Professional Practices,” “Graduation Outcomes,” “Outreach and Inclusivity,” and “Perception”.

2. Role of Libraries in Institutional Ranking

2.1 . Supports Research and Publication:

Libraries provide access to various databases, journals, and e-books, facilitating research and publication. This contributes to the institution's research and professional output. Which is an important criteria in ranking frameworks (e.g., NIRF & NAAC Ranking). Vasantha Raju, N., & Harinarayana, N. S. (2023) conducted a study and provides information about various activities conducted by libraries such as research data management system, NPTEL, IRINS, Google Scholar Profile, ResearchGate, Web of Science, Institutional Repository, e-Library, Plagiarism checking tools and their revisions in the Indian Maritime University Library, Chennai. Libraries play a vital role in supporting research and publication in several ways. These are as follows.

2.1.1 Access to databases and journals: For providing access to relevant and up-to-date information to researchers, libraries subscribe to various databases of e-journals, and e-books. For this purpose, libraries are subscribing the INFLIBNET N-LIST, DELNET, IEEE, EBSCO and SCIENCE DIRECT and other information resources for their users.

2.1.2 Interlibrary loan services: Libraries facilitate borrowing of materials from other libraries, ensuring researchers have access to required resources. The library networks alike DELNET helps to libraries to fulfil these requirements.

2.1.3 Reference and research assistance: Librarians offer guidance on research methods, database searching, and citation management. The library professionals are always at the front to create awareness about various tools and techniques of reference and research management.

2.1.4 Research workshops and training: Libraries organize workshops and training sessions on topics like literature review, research methodology, and data analysis. The libraries are taking workshops for reference management tools like Mendley, Zotero, Endnote etc to their users.

2.2. Publication Support

Libraries provide infrastructure and support for open-access publishing platforms, enabling researchers to publish their work openly. Institutional repositories, managed by libraries, collect, preserve, and provide access to research outputs, including articles, theses, and dissertations. Librarians advise researchers on copyright and licensing issues, ensuring compliance with publisher requirements. Libraries offer tools and services for citation and bibliometric analysis, helping researchers evaluate their research impact.

2.3. Additional Services

Libraries assist researchers in developing data management plans, ensuring proper data handling and preservation. Libraries provide expertise and infrastructure for digital scholarship, including digital humanities, data visualization, and geospatial analysis.

Libraries offer collaborative workspaces, fostering interdisciplinary research and innovation. Libraries help researchers assess their research impact using various metrics and tools. By providing these services, libraries play a crucial role in supporting researchers throughout the research lifecycle, from discovery to publication and beyond.

2.4. Enhances Teaching-Learning Experience

Libraries play a vital role in enhancing the teaching-learning experience in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in several ways. These are as follows.

3. Information Literacy and Research Skills

Libraries conducts seminars, workshops and online guides to develop students' information literacy skills. These activities enable them to effectively locate, evaluate, and use information. It helps to create information literacy among them. Free, D. (2022) quoted the framework document that clearly demonstrate ACRL Framework for information literacy. Librarians provide training on research methodologies, database searching, and citation management, helping students develop essential research skills.

4. Curriculum Support and Integration

Libraries create personalized guides for courses, providing students with relevant resources, databases, and research tips. Librarians collaborate with faculty to integrate library resources and services into the curriculum, enhancing student learning outcomes. The regular library visits and other library related activities are inserted in to internal assessment of students by libraries.

5. Learning Spaces and Technologies

Libraries offer collaborative study areas, quiet zones, and flexible learning areas that cater to diverse learning styles. Library provides access to technology, such as computers, laptops, and multimedia equipment, supporting students' learning and research needs. It help to complete their research and other project works in higher education institutions.

6. Student Engagement and Support

Library offer services like study skills support, academic writing guidance, and counselling with the help of teaching faculties in higher education institutions. It helps students to succeed academically. Libraries engage with students through social media, events, and outreach programs, promoting library services and resources.

7. Faculty Support and Collaboration

Librarians work closely with faculty to support their teaching and research needs, providing customized library services and resources. Libraries collaborate with faculty to develop curriculum materials, ensuring that information literacy and research skills are integrated into the curriculum.

8. Assessment and Evaluation

Libraries participate in assessing student learning outcomes, helping to evaluate the effectiveness of library services and resources. Libraries regularly evaluate their services and resources, ensuring that they meet the evolving needs of students and faculty. Library provides these services and support in higher education institutions. In this way libraries play a vital role in enhancing the teaching-learning experience in HEIs, ultimately contributing to student success and academic excellence.

9. Fosters Collaboration and Innovation

Libraries often serve as centre for interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship. This brings into line with ranking frameworks that highlight industry partnerships and innovation Libraries adoptive collaboration and innovation in various ways, which includes;

10. Spaces for Collaboration

Libraries provide designated area as a makerspace, where students and researchers can actively create and experiments with various tools and technologies. It can involve cutting-edge technologies like 3D printing, laser cutting, and virtual reality, enabling users to collaborate on innovative. "Maker Bhavan" at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar Library is one of first initiative taken by IIT library in India. Libraries provides flexible, technologically fulfilled study area that facilitate group work and collaboration.

Chen, Y., & Wu, C. (2017) described the rapid development of digital technology together with the grassroots innovation. Which has led to a new landmark of maker culture. Recently, a search with the query of ''makerspace'', ''maker movement'' and ''maker culture' in Google Scholar found over 10,000 documents in total. It shows the importance of the concept is increasing day by day.

11. Programs and Services

Libraries host events that bring together students, faculty, and community members to develop innovative solutions to real-world problems. Libraries provide resources, mentorship, and funding opportunities to support entrepreneurs and startups. Libraries offer expertise and resources to support interdisciplinary research collaborations, facilitating innovation and knowledge creation.

12. Partnerships and Outreach

Libraries collaborate with industry partners to provide access to cutting-edge technologies, expertise, and resources, driving innovation and entrepreneurship. Libraries engage with local communities, fostering collaborations and partnerships that drive social innovation and positive change community outreach programs.

13. Digital Scholarship and Innovation

Libraries provide expertise and infrastructure to support digital scholarship, including data visualization, digital humanities, and geospatial analysis. Libraries establish innovation incubators that provide resources, mentorship, and funding to support the development of innovative ideas and projects.

14. Role of Libraries in Institutional Accreditation

Libraries provide resources and services that support curriculum development, ensuring that academic programs meet accreditation standards. Libraries contribute to institutional effectiveness by providing access to information resources, supporting student success, and fostering a culture of assessment and continuous improvement. Libraries must meet specific standards related to collections, facilities, and services, as outlined by accrediting agencies (e.g., NAAC Accreditation Standards for Libraries). Libraries play a crucial role in institutional accreditation by providing evidence of their support for the institution's mission, academic programs, and student success.

Jange, S. (2020) very aptly said that, today librarianship is become multidisciplinary in nature. The librarian is working with its information sources both print and online to support teaching, learning, research and extension activities of the user in the colleges. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has given strength and motivation to the library professionals to have significant role in IQAC. Librarians are working nest in not just Key Indicator-4.2 Libraries as a Learning Resource (20 marks), but also to play significant role in other criterions of NAAC.

Eaton, J. S. (2012) explained the accreditation is a process of external quality review created and used by higher education to scrutinize colleges, universities and programs for quality assurance and quality improvement. Here are some ways libraries contribute to institutional accreditation:

15. Support for Academic Programs

Library develops collections that parallel with the institution's academic programs, ensuring that students and faculty have access to relevant resources. The procurement of information resources is completed by considering the students and teachers requirement. The library has to keep in mind the quantity as well a quality while developing the library collection. Library provide information literacy instruction, integrating it into the curriculum to support student learning outcomes.

16. Student Success and Support

Libraries offer study areas, computers, and other facilities that support student learning and success. The well-furnished reading area inspires students to browse and read the books in libraries. The research and reference support service helps a lot to students in library that helps to enhance the quality of students' outcome in higher education

institution. Libraries provide research assistance, helping students develop critical thinking and research skills.

17. Assessment and Evaluation

Libraries participate in assessing student learning outcomes, providing evidence of student success. Libraries evaluate their services and collections, ensuring they meet the needs of students and faculty. The library feedback analysis supports to take correct actions for improving facility and services if needed. The services provided by libraries are satisfying to users or not are confirmed by such kind of evaluation.

18. Institutional Effectiveness

Libraries contribute to the institution's strategic planning, aligning their goals and objectives with the institution's mission. Libraries collaborate with faculty to support curriculum development, ensuring that library resources and services align with academic programs. By highlighting the role of libraries in supporting research, teaching, and learning, institutions can strengthen their position in rankings and accreditation processes.

19. Conclusion

In conclusion, libraries play a vital role in supporting institutional ranking and accreditation efforts. By providing access to quality resources, supporting research and publication, enhancing the teaching-learning experience, fostering collaboration and innovation, and contributing to institutional effectiveness, libraries demonstrate their value to the institution. Libraries are essential for research and publication, supporting institutional ranking and accreditation. Libraries enhance the teaching-learning experience, providing information literacy instruction, study spaces, and research assistance. Libraries foster collaboration and innovation, offering makerspaces, digital scholarship services, and partnerships with industry and community. Libraries contribute to institutional effectiveness, aligning their goals and objectives with the institution's mission and strategic plan. Libraries are critical for institutional accreditation, providing evidence of their support for academic programs, student success, and institutional effectiveness. By acknowledging the critical role of libraries, institutions can strengthen their ranking and accreditation efforts, ultimately enhancing their reputation and academic excellence.

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What Databases OfferExtra to Researchers?

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WHAT DATABASES OFFEREXTRA TO RESEARCHERS?

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Structural Abstract

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform faculty and researchers about the benefits reaped by understanding the significance of online databases.

Design/Methodology/Approach

Online databases such as ProQuest databases, IEEE Explore, Emerald Insight, Springer Limited, Science Direct, Sage Online, and Oxford University Press were consulted to determine what they offer to faculty members and researchers.

Findings

The findings revealed that online databases are the most excellent way to reach the primary literature besides accessing citation data available in indexing databases. Accessing the primary literature is always the principal motive for academic authors. However, besides this, they can get many benefits through accessing databases such as accessing past archives, aiding in reference management, keeping updated through alert settings, resorting to author's services, and publishing a paper and disseminating it globally.

Originality/Value

The study fortifies the importance of online databases, especially for academic authors and research scholars. The paper's content is highly valuable for early career researchers,

motivating them to make maximum use of online databases to enrich the quality of research documents.

Keywords: *Online database, Reference Management Tools, Indexing databases, Role of librarians*

1. Introduction

The advances in education and research are only possible with access to e-journals and databases. There was a time when printed documents were the only source to keep abreast with current upheavals in the field. The decade of 1980 brought the era of desktop computers. Desktop computers and CD-ROMs changed the way information was accessed. The emergence of the World Wide Web in 1990 paved the way for online databases (Brown and Bell, 2018). Now the research without databases is almost impossible. Nobody would have imagined this before a few decades ago. Before the library databases, there were library catalogues and print index. Catalogue cabinets held catalogue cards. Multiple cards created multiple access points. These cards serve as a base for locating a document by author, title, or subject. Printed indexes published in volumes helped to access periodicals. It was an onerous task to extract information from the journals' multi-volume print indexes. Today, databases have replaced card catalogues and printed indexes of journals (Brown and Bell, 2018). These databases serve as the 'front door' to access all kinds of bibliographical information, statistical figures, and complete text of articles or videos. They are not just convenient, but also reliable and trustworthy sources for primary, secondary and tertiary literature. Accessing the primary sources of literature is very popular with the databases.

2. Focal Point of Primary Literature

The articles published in journals represent the ongoing research on a subject. The journals are the first place to publish and disseminate that research content. Online databases constitute a bundle of journals. These journals may be subject-specific or discipline or, interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary, holding the content from many subjects. In whichever case, they are the first to access current research in any subject. The print journals are still in existence. However, there are limitations to printed subscriptions and maintenance. Hence, all academic libraries have been moving towards online subscriptions to journals and databases. Accessing the journals through a database has been a trend, and it is wise to be a library administrator to benefit the academic clientele.

Along with research scholars in Science and Technology, researchers from the Humanities and Social Sciences are also expecting journals in electronic format(Chen, 2019). This change is noteworthy because they are used to consulting printed documents. However, they still value printed books. Faculty members consider subject-wise databases and easy access to them as one of the influencing factors for the production of science. Digital library services increase usage frequency and positively affect research productivity (Khan *et al*., 2017).

3. Interfaces of Databases and Searching Mechanism

Databases are ubiquitous in nature in that multiple users can access the same document from anywhere at the same time. The interfaces of the databases may be divided into two categories: publisher's databases and aggregator's databases. The critical characteristic of an aggregator's database is that it brings digitized content from multiple sources and multiple publishers (Brown and Bell, 2018).

Databases offer an interactive mechanism and interface that users can access. They also support advanced searching facilities and filter-based search whereby a user can confine his search query to suitability. Almost all the databases have remarkable search facilities. Creating accounts and searching databases are highly useful, especially when collecting, organising, exporting, and importing documents. Setting alerts through e-mail or using an RSS feed is possible only by creating an account. All the quality databases can set alerts through keywords representing subject terms. It assists the users in accessing the newly added document for their ongoing research work. Databases assist users in modifying the search as per the requirement. The documents can be imported, exported, mailed, and saved in users' accounts. The databases have robust mechanisms to construct complex queries. Several journals have access through a single search window. The archives of the journals give a comprehensive picture of the publications the journals have produced. The users need to remember the way they searched earlier. So, the searches can be saved and made available in databases as search history. The database providers provide usage statistics that help increase usage.

A few databases, like EBSCOhost, offer image searching, SmartText searching, index browsing, and searching. Academic Search Ultimate has a mobile app for users. There is even a translation facility in a few global languages. PDFs can be read aloud in case a searcher does not intend to read the document. (https://web.p.ebscohost.com/ehost/search/basic?vid=0&sid=787df080-7039-48c1-9650-e5eff89c3311%40redis). ProQuest interface is the merger of clustering of several databases (Brown and Bell, 2018). For example, the ProQuest interface contains LISA, ABI/INFORM Complete, ProQuest One Literature, and ProQuest Science and Technology Collection. All renowned databases have very excellent features. For example, 'Workspace' in JSTOR helps you save and organise documents. It also allows saving images, exporting presentations, and sharing a link. JSTOR has a 'Text Analyser' facility wherein you can upload any document or image. The JSTOR will read and analyse it to find more related documents. It also suggests several related keywords to explore the search (https://www.jstor.org/).

A database not only offers scientific material; almost all its interfaces provide a mechanism to store and organize the material. Users are supported to create accounts, and accordingly, subjective full text can be stored in folders.

Some databases, like IEEE Explore(https://ieeexplore.iee.org/Xplore/home.jsp), provide early access to papers, a unique advantage. The filtered search in databases allows you to narrow down your search to specific criteria, such as documents between particular years, documents of particular authors, documents of particular affiliations, specific publication

titles, publishers, information sources, types, and specific topics. The simple search is always there, but advanced searches are where the real magic happens. They help you find highly relevant information, making your study more scientific. For advanced users, all ProQuest databases offer a 'command line search' facility (https://www.proquest.com/libraryinformation/index?accountid=35054). This feature assists in building more specific queries using Boolean operators, aiming to find the most pertinent literature. Systematic literature reviews, bibliometrics or scientometrics studies are based on advanced search. The online databases can be searched subject-wise, alphabetically, and publisher-wise, providing numerous access points to locate the desired literature. This is particularly beneficial for novice users of databases.

Even though libraries are spending on remote access software such as EZ-proxy, Remote Log , still databases have separate mechanism for this. Moreover, federated search engine like Summon, and Ebsco discover tool have been very useful to search multiple databases. In India, INFED (Indian Access Management Federation) INFED has taken a praiseworthy initiative to provide concurrent access to e-resources across India (https://parichay.inflibnet.ac.in/).

4. Reference Management through Online Database

Online databases are handy for citation management. Researchers using citation or reference management tools benefit significantly from online databases. Manual maintenance of citations has been reduced to a minimum. RMTs save full-text PDFs in the databases, where metadata is automatically collected and organised. The PDFs can be read, coloured, and annotated wherever necessary. The citations in the databases can also be exported in various formats, i.e., Plain Text, RIS,RefWorks,etc.

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Jiao, Q.G. and Onwuegbuzie, A.J. (1999), "Is library anxiety important?", Library Review, Vol. 48 No. 6, pp. 278-282. https://doi.org/10.1108/00242539910283732
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Figure1. Exporting Citation in RIS Format

Source :
https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/00242539910283732/full/html

The browser plug-in for RMT further directly imports the entire text into RMTs. Some databases provide readymade citations in different citation styles that you can copy and paste into the required place in the document.

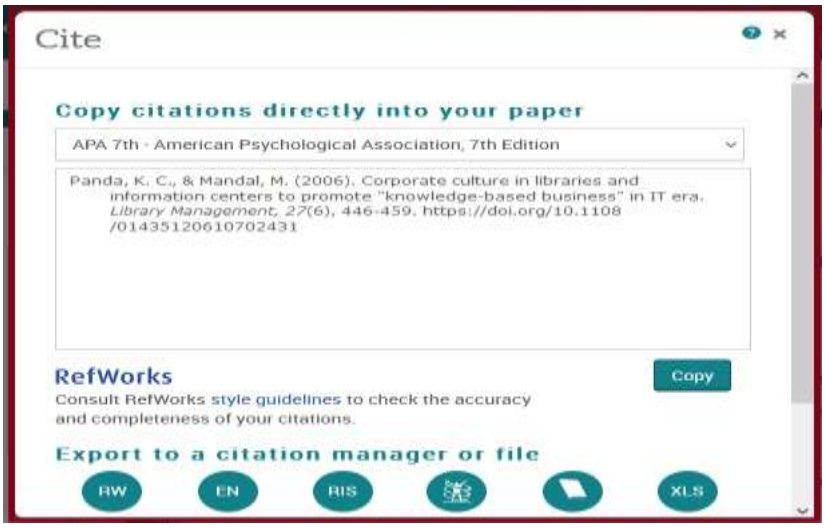
Cite
Copy citations directly into your paper
APA 7th - American Psychological Association, 7th Edition
Panda, K. C., & Mandal, M. (2006). Corporate culture in libraries and information centers to promote "knowledge-based business" in IT era. Library Management, 27(6), 446-459. https://doi.org/10.1108/01435120610702431
RefWorks
Consult RefWorks style guidelines to check the accuracy and completeness of your citations.
Copy
Export to a citation manager or file
RW
EN
RIS
XLS

Figure 2. Coping Citation Directly

Source:https://www.proquest.com/abicomplete/results/EBBF383C6F4E47FBPQ/1?accountid=35054

EndNote allows researchers to directly import the selected records to EndNote desktop or EndNote Online. A user has to search for and select the records based on his requirements. After that, he has to select the 'Export' tab to fetch the selected records in the reference management tool. Moreover, a user also has the option to export the records in several

other file formats.

Figure 3. Importing records from Web of Science to EndNote Desktop

Source : https://www.webofscience.com

As such, online databases support citation management, and the task becomes less cumbersome and smarter.

5. Online databases Searching Facility in Reference Management Tools

Reference Management Tools serve as a database of references organized by researchers for their research work. Even though these databases serve functional purposes in Word for citing and, finally, appending the bibliography, they hold complete records of the documents. Besides that, many of the RMTs have web search facilities, and because of this, they can provide many other services apart from integrating citations in the research documents. Most RMTs have the inherent feature of attaché pdf to the bibliographic citation if the pdf is not available with the citation. The pdf can be marked and annotated wherever necessary. A user can manually add the document's bibliographical details or, with the help of any metadata element like DOI, the required document can be searched. Some databases like EndNote, RefWorks, Zotero and RefWorks provide a mechanism for online search to retrieve the literature from various databases like WoS, Scopus, PubMed, etc. If found valid, the retrieved document can be directly imported to a specified user interface folder. The users of RMT cite these documents as and when in a Word document with different functionalities available therein. We can cite the document in any citation style, depending on the document's requirements. The users have the facility to share a library with anyone who is engaged in collaborative research. So, RMTs have appeared as an essential form of database. It is a supplementary tool to increase research productivity. Online databases always have a mechanism to export the citations in RMTs. While RMTs can import the citations in various formats, the databases in RMT have served as an essential source for a researcher to further his research.

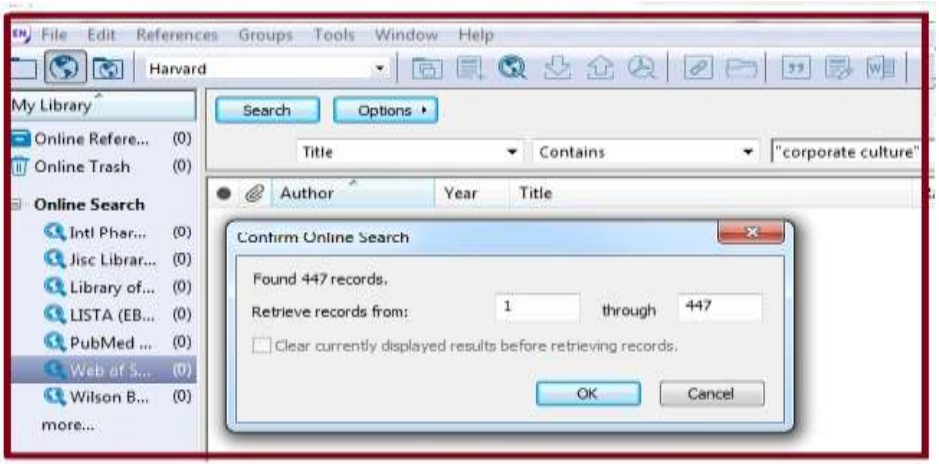

Figure 4. Searching through Web of Science from EndNote Desktop

Source : https://www.webofscience.com

6. Indexing Databases: A Gateway to Primary Literature

Indexing databases have been equally popular in the academic community besides full-text databases. Bibliographical control is the most crucial function of indexing databases, which brings voluminous information to each subject. The popular indexing database Web of Science (WoS) is an advanced version of the 'Citation Index' by Garfield. The birth of WoS

dates back to the days of the Second World War. The acceleration of scientific information appeared as a threat to scientific communication. The US government funded many projects to solve the problem of bibliographical control. 'Citation Index' by Garfield is the result of one such funded US government project, which was accomplished at John Hopkins Welch Medical Library(Garfield, 1983). The emergence of the Science Citation Index in 1964 was an expansive attempt to use the citation indexing concept to search uncontrolled science literature. Web of Science, Scopus, Medline, PubMed, and Ei Compendex are some of the examples of popular indexing databases (Atlantic Press).

Indexing databases offer excellent insight into the literature published in several subject categories. Some databases hold multidisciplinary content, while some represent subject-specific content. All in all, they offer in-depth citation searches exploring specific subjects. Indexing databases have developed search interfaces where users can customize the search to their needs. Indexing databases have been handy for metric studies, locating funding opportunities, and exploring subject trends. They also provide an interface to export the citations in different file formats and reference management tools. Indexing databases are an excellent tool for bibliographic control. For researchers, indexing databases is a fundamental tool that leads to getting full-text and literature on the topic of interest.

7. Notification and Services to Authors

Databases also serve as a platform to provide various services and notifications to authors. The authors are informed well in advance regarding the 'call for papers' for journals. They are also informed about upcoming special issues and expectations of editorial boards, which can be beneficial to authors in submitting well-prepared and studious manuscripts. The authors are offered various options for open-access publishing. They can select the desired model and publish their research. The publishers are offering manuscript-related services to the authors to enrich the content in perspective of the expectation of editorial boards. The services in this category include consulting services, English-language editing, translation services, and services concerning data analysis, visualization, and manuscript formatting. These services are beneficial for non-native speakers. Research cannot be conducted without adherence to the ethical standard followed by publishers. The publisher's ethical concern such about attribution, authorship issue, plagiarism, conflict of interest, fabrication of data, data manipulation, and grievances procedure can be accessed through databases.

Databases are very useful to get guidelines on publishing topics, getting sample articles, research methodologies, and reference guides. An author's journey from initiation of the topic to final publication becomes easy through informative web pages of databases. One can find the most appropriate journal for publication through consulting services from databases. Databases also offer advice on promoting the author's published work. They tell researchers about their rights as an author and make them understand publishing ethics to create responsible research. Subject-specific databases are useful in getting information about upcoming conferences, getting the list of newly published books and impactful authors, and understanding the trends in the subject. A springer database contains a corner for early

career researchers. Databases like Science Direct and IEEE Explore have also provided researchers with remote access facilities. Along with journals and books, Science Direct has access to handbooks, reference books and book series(https://www.sciencedirect.com/). So, a single access platform has been a vital characteristic of a subject-specific database.

8. Role of Librarians:

Librarians are the mediators between online databases and users. It is through academic libraries that the databases have been made available to education stakeholders. Librarians also take on the responsibility of empowering users with information literacy when using online databases for meaningful research. The instructional abilities of library professionals are therefore crucial in the role of a librarian. Researchers expect to receive 'all and only' research documents related to their research activity (Brown and Bell, 2018), and it is the librarian's role to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to do so.

Nevertheless, search engines bring more than what a user needs. As such, librarians can open to the world of databases while teaching them the grammar of searching through it (Clyade, 2005). The research has confirmed that the researchers expect the librarians to make them aware of online databases and assist them in searching (Hong and Thi, 2012). Besides traditional information literacy sessions, asynchronous online sessions of databases can be taken and they have proved highly useful (Mery *et al*.,2014). Traditional information literacy instruction, one-on-one lectures, one-shot lectures (which are single, comprehensive lectures on a specific topic) and workshops are effective in understanding the skills required to resort to databases. However, they must be carefully planned to unfold the intricacies of databases (Onwugbuzie *et al*.,2004). The librarians can also plan more than one session focusing on exemplary databases in which coverage, interfaces, accessibility features and several other benefits can be explained. This helps reduce the anxiety surrounding the use of databases and contributes to the productivity of researchers.

9. Conclusion:

Online databases serve as a gateway to the primary literature and the other services provided by publishers and aggregators platforms. The interfaces of databases, either available through the publisher or aggregators, are enriched with vivid information, which can benefit researchers in every research phase of their life cycle. Along with doing the citation management task, RMT has also served as helpful in searching required documents with the help of an online searching mechanism associated with it. Further indexing databases have been helpful in terms of citations and getting insights into specific domains of literature. The library community must be responsible for bridging the gap between users and online databases to increase research productivity.

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ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY OF LIBRARIES IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020 FRAMEWORK

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Abstract

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in India's education system, emphasizing holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary learning. Libraries play a crucial role in realizing this vision by acting as knowledge hubs that facilitate lifelong learning, critical thinking, and research-driven education. This paper explores the evolving role and responsibilities of libraries within the NEP 2020 framework, highlighting their contribution to equitable access to resources, digital literacy, and skill development. It discusses how libraries support multilingual education, promote indigenous knowledge systems, and integrate technology to enhance learning outcomes. Additionally, the paper

examines the challenges libraries face, including infrastructure limitations, digital divide concerns, and the need for capacity-building among library professionals. By analyzing policy directives and best practices, this study provides recommendations for strengthening library services to align with the NEP 2020 goals. Ultimately, the research underscores the significance of libraries in fostering an inclusive, innovative, and research-oriented education ecosystem in India.

Keywords:*NEP 2020, Libraries, Education Policy, Digital Literacy, Knowledge Hubs, Academic Excellence*

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India aims to create a progressive and inclusive education system, emphasizing holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary learning. Libraries are seen as vital institutions that support these objectives by providing access to knowledge, fostering research, and promoting lifelong learning. Libraries have traditionally been essential centers for academic and intellectual development, acting as repositories of books, manuscripts, journals, and digital resources. However, with rapid technological advancements and the changing landscape of education, libraries are now expected to go beyond their conventional role.

The NEP 2020 emphasizes equitable and inclusive education, ensuring students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds have access to quality learning resources. Libraries play a crucial role in this by democratizing knowledge, offering free access to educational materials, and bridging the digital divide. They can serve as community knowledge hubs, providing access to books, e-learning platforms, and interactive learning tools. The policy also promotes multilingual education and the promotion of India's rich heritage and indigenous knowledge systems.

Libraries also play a fundamental role in fostering research and innovation. Higher education institutions rely on well-structured library systems to facilitate academic inquiry, data analysis, and knowledge dissemination. The NEP 2020 emphasizes a strong research culture through initiatives like the National Research Foundation (NRF), which aims to enhance research productivity and interdisciplinary studies. Libraries are central to this vision, providing scholars with access to scholarly publications, databases, and research tools.

However, libraries face several challenges in aligning with the NEP 2020 objectives. Many public and institutional libraries suffer from inadequate infrastructure, lack of funding, and outdated collections, limiting their ability to support modern education effectively. Additionally, the digital divide remains a significant concern, and there is a pressing need for capacity-building among library professionals to equip them with the skills required to manage digital databases, implement innovative learning strategies, and engage in academic networking.

2. Objectives of the Research:

2.1 To analyze the evolving role and responsibilities of libraries in the context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and to explore how they can effectively contribute to the policy's vision for an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and research-oriented education system.

2.2 To Understanding how libraries facilitate access to knowledge, research, and digital learning resources in alignment with the policy's goals.

2.3 To Evaluating how libraries help bridge socio-economic and digital divides by providing open access to learning materials, especially for students in rural and underprivileged areas.

2.4 To Exploring the adoption of e-learning platforms, digital repositories, artificial intelligence (AI), and smart libraries to enhance accessibility and knowledge dissemination.

2.5 To Investigating how libraries contribute to the development of a strong research culture, particularly in higher education institutions, by providing access to scholarly publications, academic databases, and collaborative knowledge-sharing platforms.

3. Literature Review:

Several researchers have explored the evolving role of libraries within the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. Walde and Borkar (2023) highlighted how NEP 2020 envisions libraries as dynamic learning hubs, emphasizing the integration of digital tools and resources to support multidisciplinary education. Similarly, Khan (2023) examined the role of libraries in promoting digital literacy and lifelong learning, while also addressing challenges such as inadequate infrastructure and the digital divide. In another study, Vagdal and Acharya (2023) discussed the contribution of academic libraries in fostering research and innovation, providing access to diverse resources, and enhancing digital literacy among students and educators. Gandhi (2022) focused on the significance of NEP 2020 for adult education and lifelong learning programs, emphasizing how libraries can promote open access and digital literacy, particularly for adult learners. Meanwhile, Patil (2020) provided an early analysis of NEP 2020's implications for libraries at all levels, underscoring their role in supporting a holistic and multidisciplinary education system. These studies collectively reinforce the importance of libraries in realizing the NEP 2020 vision, ensuring equitable access to knowledge, and integrating modern technology into education.

4. Research Methodology:

This study uses a qualitative and descriptive research methodology to analyze libraries' role in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. It uses secondary data sources, including policy documents, academic papers, and expert opinions. The study uses a qualitative content analysis method to identify trends, challenges, and best practices in libraries' implementation of NEP 2020 recommendations.

5. Role & Responsibility of Libraries in The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 Framework:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to create a holistic, multidisciplinary, and flexible education system that promotes critical thinking, research, and lifelong learning. Libraries play a crucial role in this vision by acting as knowledge hubs, ensuring access to diverse learning resources, facilitating digital literacy, and promoting inclusivity in education. Libraries must evolve into active learning spaces that encourage inquiry-based learning and independent research.

The policy promotes e-learning through online databases, e-books, virtual classrooms, and AI-powered search tools. Libraries in universities and research institutions must support research and higher education by providing access to scholarly journals, citation databases, and research management tools. They must also encourage multilingual and inclusive education by curating books, manuscripts, and digital resources in multiple languages and ensuring the inclusion of marginalized communities in the learning ecosystem.

Libraries have several responsibilities under NEP 2020. Infrastructure development and modernization are essential, with libraries upgrading their infrastructure with Wi-Fi, smart classrooms, digital archives, and AI-driven cataloging systems. Capacity-building for librarians and educators is also crucial, with institutions investing in continuous professional development.

Libraries must align with open-access policies to ensure unrestricted access to academic and research materials. They can also engage with local communities through literacy programs, book donation drives, and digital literacy workshops.

Libraries must advocate for sustainable policies that align with NEP 2020's vision, including eco-friendly practices, resource digitization, and strategic funding initiatives. Strengthening libraries will ensure a future-ready education system, empowering students, educators, and researchers to excel in an evolving knowledge economy.

6. Role of Libraries in NEP 2020 Implementation:

Libraries are pivotal in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, serving as knowledge hubs that promote multidisciplinary learning, digital integration, research support, and inclusive education. They play a vital role in this transformation by providing diverse learning materials, such as books, academic journals, research papers, and digital resources across various fields.

Libraries also support digital integration by integrating e-books, research databases, MOOCs, and digital repositories, enhancing accessibility to quality educational content. They also offer access to academic journals, AI-based research tools, and virtual learning platforms, promoting self-directed learning and global knowledge exchange.

Libraries also promote research and innovation by offering access to scholarly publications, citation management tools, and research support services. They conduct workshops on research methodologies, plagiarism detection, referencing styles, and thesis writing, equipping students and researchers with essential academic skills.

Libraries nurture reading culture and critical thinking through well-curated collections, storytelling sessions, book clubs, and interactive reading programs. They also provide access to fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and literature in multiple languages, helping students develop language skills and comprehension abilities.

To ensure equitable access to education, libraries must cater to diverse learners, including those from marginalized communities, differently-abled individuals, and rural populations. They provide Braille books, audio resources, sign-language videos, and inclusive reading materials, and mobile libraries and community outreach programs can expand access to education in remote areas.

Libraries are at the forefront of educational transformation under NEP 2020. By expanding multidisciplinary learning opportunities, integrating digital resources, promoting research, encouraging inclusivity, and strengthening librarian training, libraries can significantly enhance the quality of education in India.

7. Challenges in Implementing Library Reforms under NEP 2020

The implementation of library reforms under NEP 2020 presents several challenges, including limited funding and infrastructure constraints, a shortage of trained librarians, and the lack of proper training programs for librarians and educators. These issues hinder the integration of digital tools and AI-driven information systems into mainstream education, making it difficult for libraries to align with the technology-driven vision.

Additionally, the integration of diverse regional and cultural literature is crucial for inclusive education. Many libraries are dominated by English and Hindi materials, neglecting literature in regional and tribal languages. This leads to a disconnect between students and researchers from their linguistic and cultural heritage. Limited translation services and digital archives also make it challenging for learners to explore historical, philosophical, and scientific texts written in regional languages.

Cybersecurity and data protection are also significant concerns. As institutions transition towards e-learning platforms, cloud-based information systems, and AI-powered search engines, the risk of data breaches, hacking attempts, unauthorized access, and plagiarism increases. Many academic institutions lack robust cybersecurity protocols, making their digital databases vulnerable to misuse. Intellectual property rights and copyright violations

pose significant challenges, as students and researchers often access open-source journals, digital repositories, and online study materials without clear guidelines on their ethical use.

To overcome these challenges, policy interventions, financial support, and strategic planning are essential. The government should allocate funds for upgrading library infrastructure, providing high-speed internet, and implementing digital cataloging systems in both urban and rural areas. Comprehensive librarian training programs should be developed to equip library professionals with digital resource management skills, AI-based tools, and cybersecurity protocols.

8. Strategies for Strengthening Library Roles in NEP 2020:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to transform libraries into dynamic learning centers that support research, digital literacy, and lifelong education. To achieve this, libraries must adopt a multi-faceted approach that includes increasing budget allocations for library development, expanding digital libraries and open access platforms, collaborating with educational institutions for resource sharing, conducting awareness programs on digital and media literacy, and encouraging community participation in library activities.

To address the lack of financial resources faced by libraries, the government should increase budget allocations for library infrastructure, book acquisitions, digital resource subscriptions, and technology integration. Schools and universities should receive funding to modernize reading spaces, upgrade digital tools, and train library professionals. Public-private partnerships and corporate funding under Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives can also be explored to support library development projects.

To expand digital repositories, e-books, research journals, and AI-driven cataloging systems, libraries should strengthen the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and platforms like SWAYAM, e-ShodhSindhu, and Vidya-Mitra. Universities and research institutions should collaborate to create shared open-access platforms, invest in cloud-based systems, AI search tools, and user-friendly digital interfaces.

Collaborating with educational institutions for resource sharing, conducting awareness programs on digital and media literacy, and encouraging community participation in library activities are key strategies to enhance libraries' role in the education ecosystem.

9. Conclusion:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions libraries as integral components of the education system, serving as dynamic knowledge hubs that facilitate equitable access to information, foster research, and promote lifelong learning. Libraries are no longer limited to being repositories of books; rather, they play a transformative role in enabling multidisciplinary education, digital literacy, and skill development. Their responsibilities extend beyond traditional functions to include providing digital resources, supporting multilingual education, integrating regional and indigenous knowledge, and fostering

innovation through research collaborations. However, achieving this vision requires addressing key challenges such as limited funding, lack of digital infrastructure, inadequate librarian training, and cybersecurity concerns. The success of library reforms under NEP 2020 depends on policy-driven initiatives, increased budget allocations, capacity-building programs, and enhanced technological integration. Expanding digital libraries, strengthening resource-sharing networks, and engaging communities will be essential in ensuring that libraries become accessible, inclusive, and future-ready learning spaces. By implementing strategic reforms and leveraging technology, libraries can truly align with the NEP 2020 framework, bridging the gap between traditional learning and modern educational needs. Strengthened libraries will play a pivotal role in knowledge dissemination, research advancement, and inclusive education, ultimately contributing to India's goal of building a holistic, multidisciplinary, and globally competitive education system.

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THEROLEOFLIBRARIESINRESEARCHDATAMANAGEMENT

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Abstract

Research Data Management (RDM) is a critical aspect of academic research. With the increasing volume and complexity of research data generated by modern scientific practices, libraries have become central to ensuring that this data is properly managed, preserved, and made accessible. This paper explores the evolving role of libraries in RDM, highlighting their contributions to supporting researchers, promoting best practices in data management, and facilitating long-term access to research data.

1. Introduction

Academic libraries have long played a fundamental role in supporting research and scholarship by providing access to a wide range of information resources. However, with the advent of digital technologies and the proliferation of research data, libraries are increasingly expected to contribute to the management of research data throughout its lifecycle. Research Data Management involves the organization, storage, sharing, and preservation of data to ensure its accessibility and usability for future research. As such, academic libraries are uniquely positioned to assist researchers with the complexities of managing research data effectively.

2. The Role of Libraries in Research Data Management

2.1 Data Management Support: Libraries provide essential support to researchers in the development of data management plans (DMPs). These plans outline how data will be collected, organized, stored, and shared during and after the research project. Librarians, with their expertise in information organization, are well-placed to assist in the creation of these plans and ensure that data management strategies align with institutional and funding agency requirements.

2.2 Training and Education: Academic librarians play a vital role in educating and training researchers and students on RDM best practices. Libraries offer workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one consultations to help researchers understand data management principles, including metadata creation, data formatting, and sharing protocols. Through these educational initiatives, libraries foster a culture of responsible data stewardship.

2.3 Data Repository and Preservation: Libraries often host institutional repositories where research data can be deposited for long-term preservation. By ensuring that data is securely stored and easily accessible, libraries provide a critical service to researchers and institutions. These repositories enable the long-term availability of data for reuse, verification, and further research. Preservation strategies employed by libraries ensure that data is protected from loss or corruption over time, which is particularly important in the case of digital data that may require regular migration to newer formats.

2.4 Data Access and Sharing: In today's open science environment, data sharing is becoming increasingly important. Libraries support the sharing of research data by providing infrastructure for making data publicly accessible. They help researchers meet open data mandates and ensure that data is shared in a way that complies with legal, ethical, and institutional policies. This role includes ensuring that data is discoverable through proper metadata and that access controls are in place to protect sensitive information.

2.5 Collaboration and Coordination: Libraries serve as coordinators in the broader research ecosystem by collaborating with other institutional departments and external organizations. They work closely with IT departments, research offices, and academic departments to ensure that RDM practices are integrated into the research culture. Through these collaborations, libraries contribute to the development of institutional RDM policies and strategies.

2.6 Data Management Tools and Services: Many libraries offer services such as data curation, metadata management, and data analysis support. Libraries may also

provide or recommend software tools for managing data effectively, including tools for data visualization, statistical analysis, and data cleaning. These tools enhance the research process and help ensure that data is usable and accessible.

3. Role of Academic Libraries During the RDM Process

Data from academic research projects represents an integral part of the global research knowledge base. As such, managing this data should be a natural extension of the role of tertiary institution libraries, which already provide access to the published segment of the knowledge base. Academic libraries perform the following roles during the Research Data Management (RDM) process:

3.1 Instruction: Academic librarians are experts in designing, managing, and delivering educational content tailored to the research practices of individuals from various disciplines and levels of expertise.

3.2 The Hub of Quality Data: Academic libraries play a vital role as data quality hubs within academic and research communities. They ensure that data is accurate, accessible, and usable for researchers.

3.3 Information Support and Training: Libraries engage with the academic community by providing information support and training, assisting researchers with data management practices and ensuring they are well-equipped to handle their research data.

3.4 Data Provisioning: Data provisioning involves configuring, deploying, and managing different types of data systems. Libraries provide the necessary resources, such as equipment, software, or services, to facilitate efficient data management for users.

3.5 Research Data Management Service Provider (RDMSP): Academic libraries offer RDM services, assisting with data management planning, data sharing, dataset preparation for deposit, long-term preservation, and addressing issues related to copyright, licensing, and intellectual property.

3.6 Promotion of RDM Policies: Libraries advocate for the development and implementation of research data management policies within academic institutions, ensuring that best practices are followed in managing research data.

3.7 Creation of Data Management Awareness: Libraries play a key role in raising awareness within the academic community about the importance of data management, ensuring researchers understand best practices for managing their research data.

3.8 Coordination and Collaboration: Academic libraries act as coordinators and collaborators in the RDM process, working with stakeholders across the institution to ensure seamless data management practices. As highlighted by Floex et al. (2015),

libraries facilitate collaboration between various actors to improve data management in academic environments.

4. Conclusion

Libraries are no longer just rooms with four walls containing printed collections of materials. Today, libraries have evolved to embrace both physical and digital collections, serving as hubs for diverse resources. There is a growing trend where libraries are developing institutional Research Data Management (RDM) policies and services, recognizing these as crucial components of their future roles.

Research data management is a complex issue that involves multiple activities carried out by various stakeholders, addressing a wide range of drivers and influenced by numerous factors. The development of institutional policies is necessary to ensure coordinated action on data management. Academic libraries play a significant role in achieving the goals of tertiary institutions, and it would be challenging for academic institutions to meet the academic, intellectual, and other information needs of students without the services of well-equipped libraries.

This paper has highlighted the role of academic libraries in research data management, along with the strategies and benefits associated with managing research data. Research Data Management services are emerging as an essential offering by academic institutions. The primary aim of this study was to explore academic librarians' perceptions of their roles and involvement in RDM support services, specifically identifying factors that hinder academic libraries from providing RDM services, exploring librarians' awareness of RDM mandates, and analyzing the roles suitable for academic libraries in RDM work. The findings offer a general understanding of the current situation of academic libraries' involvement in RDM at Ghanaian universities.

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Comparative Study of Engineering College Libraries of Selected Higher & Technical Educational Institutions in Nagpur City, Maharashtra (India)

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Abstract:

Purpose – *This paper attempts to ascertain the resources, services, and facilities that technical education libraries offer to their patrons; it also seeks to identify the issues that these libraries face in providing improved services to patrons; and finally, it offers the best recommendations for the general development and enhancement of the libraries of the chosen technical educational institutions located in Nagpur, Maharashtra.*

Design/Methodology/Approach - *In order to achieve the study's goals, information was gathered using a structured questionnaire that included multiple questions that were designed with the study's goals in mind. This was done in addition to in-person interviews with librarians and library administrators and visits to specific libraries. The librarians or those in charge of the libraries chosen for the study filled it out. The gathered data was analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and relevant and doable recommendations were drawn from the results.*

Finding - *According to the survey, the libraries of all the chosen technical educational institutions in Nagpur have a sizable collection of library materials and offer their patrons user-focused library services.*

Research Limitation/Implication - *This study is restricted to engineering college libraries at a few chosen technical educations institutes in Nagpur. The study looks at the tools, services, resources, and facilities that library patrons can access in this rapidly evolving environment.*

Originality/ Value - *This study, which compares the engineering libraries of technical educational colleges in Nagpur, Maharashtra, is unusual in that it examines how users utilize library materials and services. Furthermore, this research will offer recommendations to other engineering libraries on how to use cutting-edge practices and technology-driven services to improve user experiences.*

Keywords: *Comparative Study, Technical Education, Library Resources, Library Services*

1. Introduction:

Any educational institution must have a library and information center, which serves as the center for all teaching and learning activities and provides teachers, students, and researchers with access to a wealth of information resources. Users of traditional libraries must devote more time to searching for a small amount of information, and they must rely mostly on library professionals or staff to do so. However, in the era of information and communication technology, computers are employed for routine library housekeeping tasks, saving both library staff and end users' time while preventing duplication of effort and ensuring a seamless and efficient library service.

In the age of information technology, which combines computer and telecommunications technologies, data transmission, collection, processing, interpretation, and distribution have become simpler. In the current digital era, individuals think that information technology may help them. The advent of new technologies, such as the Globe Wide Web, has resulted in an extraordinary rise in the number of organizations that have an impact on the globe with constantly evolving information products and services, despite the fact that libraries have long been involved in resource-sharing programs.

2. Concept of Engineering College Library; Library Resources and Services

2.1 Technical Education:

Engineering is concerned with managing real-world issues and creating solutions for them. It is the application of scientific expertise and knowledge to industry to solve its real-world problems. The word "engineering," which comes from the Latin "ingenerate," which meaning "to build, contrive, or devise," and "cleverness," The application of science to the development, design, innovation, construction, operation, and maintenance of machinery, structures, materials, systems, gadgets, and organizations is known as engineering.

Engineering is primarily the application of scientific knowledge to the manufacturing domain. A well-known saying regarding engineers states that while scientists construct to learn, engineers learn to build.

2.2 Engineering College Library:

Engineering Colleges According to the Macmillan Encyclopedia, a college “is an educational establishment, especially one that specializes in a particular subject or in higher or further education”.

Engineering College Library means “a collection of books and other printed, graphic or record material dealing with a limited field of knowledge and provided by a learned society, research organization, industrial or commercial undertaking, government department or educational institution”

1.3 Library Resources:

Every college library is a source for storing and disseminating books, reference books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, theses, dissertations and other print and non-print resources that are important for the teaching-learning process of the faculty and students as well as for the research process. Libraries are considered the foundation of any college. Human resources (such as library office staff, their credentials and their skills), physical resources (such as study spaces, seats, tables, books, etc.), and print and electronic resources are all types of library resources that are fundamentally necessary.

1.4 Library Services

Library services can be defined as physical and intangible actions that are not stored and do not result in ownership. It signifies that services are the processes that users are provided with. The list of services generally provided by library is such as Current Awareness Services (CAS); Selective Dissemination Services (SDI); Reference and Referral services; Translation Services; Xerox & Reprographic Services; Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC); Inter Library Loan Services (ILL); Indexing and Abstract Services; Online and Electronic Services; E-mail etc.

2. Literature Review

Many investigations have been conducted to obtain a fundamental understanding and clarity of the notion; some of those studies include.

This study was carried out by **Bhanu, P., and Saha, P. (2019)** to investigate the state of engineering college libraries in the Odisha region of Bhubaneswar. Using a questionnaire approach, the study's goal was to evaluate the present state of the IT infrastructure, personnel, collections, services, and other library components of a few engineering institutions in the Bhubaneswar area of Odisha.

Mishra, R. (2016) this study investigates library usage and services in central universities in North East India. This study paper focuses on concerns concerning the utilization of library resources by users and the services given by North East India's Central Universities.

Patel, U. (2013). The author of this essay examined the Central Gujarat region's engineering college libraries, the history of the engineering colleges' development there, the suggested association model, and the factors to be taken into account when establishing such an association.

Pandey (2020) conducted a study to determine the library resources and services providing by the central and state universities of Bihar by the study of their library websites. He found that most of the resources and services are easily available on library website portals. It is observedthat in this digital era library websites are also playing an important role to providing information resources and services to their users and others.

Patel, M., and Suman, A.K. (2021) the author of this research work has studied the resources, services, and facilities that academic libraries in higher education offer to their patrons. The investigation was conducted in the libraries of a few Motihari, Bihar, higher education institutions. Their issues have been examined in this research, and a study has been conducted for development and improvement in order to give the users the finest possible service.

3. Scope and Methodology

The primary goal of this research is to learn about the basic facilities in the libraries of selected engineering colleges and technical educational institutions in Nagpur; a comparative study of library resources, services, and facilities in the libraries of Twenty Four (24) engineering colleges in Nagpur city was conducted. The purpose of this research study is descriptive. The survey research approach was employed, together with a standardized questionnaire, to gather information from the libraries of Nagpur's engineering colleges. Data were gathered by distributing questionnaires to librarians and library workers. The data is analyzed and assessed once the questionnaire has been received. Furthermore, the material is complemented via interviews with librarians and library professionals, as well as observation if necessary. The acquired data was analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methods, and the conclusion was drowned in suggestions.

4. Objective of the Study:

4.1 To know about the basic information and condition of Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.2 To study the library Services, Resources and collection of document in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.3 To study the User-Orientation services, library facility available in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.4 To study the status of library automation in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.5 To study the information retrieval & management system of the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

5. Data Analysis & Interpretation:

This particular section consists of data analysis with interpretation, followed by findings & discussion.

Table -1: Description of Engineering College Libraries taken for study in Nagpur City

Sr. No.	Name of the Engineering College	Abbreviation	Establishment
1	G.H. Raisoni Engineering College, Nagpur	GHRCE.	1996
2	Govindrao Wanjari College of Engineering and Technology	GWCET	2008
3	Gurunanak Institue of Engineering and Technology	GNIET	2007
4	Gurunanak Institue of Technology, Nagpur	GITN	2009
5	J.D. Engineering College, Nagpur	JDCOEM	2008
6	Jhulelal Institue of Technology , Nagpur	JITN	2008
7	Nagarjuna Institute of Engineering Technology & Management, Nagpur	NIETM	2009
8	Nagpur Institute of Technology (NIT), Nagpur	NITN	2008
9	Swaminarayan Siddhant Engineering College, Nagpur	SSITNGP	2008
10	St. Pallotti College Engineering & Technology, Nagpur	SVPCET	2004
11	Priyadarshani College of Engineering ,Nagpur	PCEN	1990
12	Priydarshani Bhagvati College of Engineering, Nagpur	PBCOE	2007
13	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT),	VNITN	1960
14	Waingangā College of Engineering & Management,	WCEM	2008
15	Suryodaya College of Engineering and Technology,	SCET	2010

16	Smt. Radhikatai Pandav College of Engineering, Nagpur	SRPCE	1999
17	Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur	YCCEN	1984
18	S.B.Jain Institute of Technology & Management,	SBJITMR	2008
19	Vidarbha Institute of Technology , Nagpur	VITN	2009
20	Government College of Engineering, Nagpur	GCOEN	2016
21	Priyadarshani J.L. College of Engineering, Nagpur	PJLCE	2008
22	Anjuman College of Engineering and Technology,	ACET	1999
23	Tulshiram Gaikwad Patil College of Engineering and Technology	TGPCET	2007
24	*G. H. Raisoni Institute Of Engineering & Technology,*	GHRIET	2008

- It shows that only twenty four engineering college's libraries of Nagpur city (Maharashtra) have taken for study.
- It also states the abbreviation of the name of engineering college, their establishment year and website.

Table -2: Website of selected Engineering Colleges & Their library and Libraries Website/Web portal

Sr. No.	Engineering College	College Website (Y/N)	Library (Y/N)	Library Website (Y/N)	College Website Address
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	N	*https://ghrce.raisoni.net/*
2	GWCET	Y	Y	N	*http://www.gwcet.ac.in/*
3	GNIET	Y	Y	N	*https://gnietedu.com/*
4	GITN	Y	Y	N	*https://gnit.in/*
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	*https://jdcoem.ac.in/*
6	JITN	Y	Y	N	*https://www.jitnagpur.edu.in/*
7	NIETM	Y	Y	Y	*https://nietm.in/*
8	NITN	Y	Y	N	*https://nit.edu.in/*
9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	N	*https://www.ssitngp.com/*
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	N	*https://www.stvincentngp.edu.in/*
11	PCEN	Y	Y	N	*https://pcenagpur.edu.in/*
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	N	*https://pbcoe.edu.in/*
13	VNITN	Y	Y	Y	*https://vnit.ac.in/*
14	WCEM	Y	Y	N	*http://wcem.in/*
15	SCET	Y	Y	N	*https://scetngp.com/*
16	SRPCE	Y	Y	N	*https://srpce.ac.in/*
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	N	*https://ycce.edu/*
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	N	*https://www.sbjit.edu.in/*
19	VITN	Y	Y	N	*https://vitnagpur.edu.in/*
20	GCOEN	Y	Y	N	*https://www.gcoen.ac.in/*
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	N	*https://pjlce.edu.in/*

22	ACET	Y	Y	N	*https://www.anjumanengg.edu.in/*
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	Y	*https://www.tgpcet.com/*
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	N	https://ghrcemn.raisoni.net/

- From the above table number 2 it is seen that twenty four engineering colleges have their college websites (i.e. 100%).
- Table 2 shows that all the above 24 engineering colleges have their libraries (i.e. 100%).
- From the above table it is seen that only JDCOEM, NIETM and TGPCET have library websites and the remaining 21 libraries do not have their own websites (i.e. 88%).

Table - 3: Detail about Staff Qualification of the Engineering College Libraries

Engineering College	Qualification Ph.D./ M. Phil	NET/ SET	B. Lib/ M. Lib.	HSSC/SSC	Total No. of Staff
GHRCE	2	-	3	4	9
GWCET	-	-	2	1	3
GNIET	-	-	3	2	5
GITN	-	-	3	2	5
JDCOEM	-	-	4	1	5
JITN	-	-	2	2	4
NIETM	-	1	-	2	3
NITN	-	1	2	1	4
SSITNGP	-	-	2	1	3
SVPCET	1	-	3	2	6
PCEN	-	-	7	3	10
PBCOE	1	-	2	2	5
VNITN	-	1	6	-	7
WCEM	-	1	1	-	2
SCET	-	-	2	1	3
SRPCE	-	-	3	1	4
YCCEN	1	-	5	11	17
SBJITMR	1	-	2	2	5
VITN	-	-	3	1	4
GCOEN	-	-	1	2	3
PJLCE	1	1	1	1	4
ACET	--	-	4	-	4
TGPCET	-	1	2	1	4
GHRIET	1	-	3	5	9

- It is evident from Table 3 that the qualifications of the library staff in the libraries of all the above twenty-four engineering colleges libraries, such as Ph.D./M.Phil, NET/SET, M.Lib,/B.Lib, HSSC/SSC.
- In the above mentioned table, among the engineering college libraries, YCCEN (17) library has the highest number of qualified staff while WCEM (2) has the lowest number of staff in its library.
- The above table shows the different qualified staffs of engineering colleges library.

- In the above table, the following colleges have the highest educational qualification of Ph.D./M.Phil in the library staff, mainly GHRCE, SVPCET, PBCOE, YCCEN, SBJITMR,PJLCE & GHRIET etc.
- In the above table, the educational qualification of the library staff in NET/SET of library staff mainly includes colleges like NIETM, NITN, VNITN, WCEM, PJLCE & TGPCET etc.
- It is seen from Table 3 that except for the above NIETM college, the educational qualification of the library staff in all the twenty-three engineering college libraries is M.Lib/B.Lib.
- It is seen from Table 3 that except for the above VNITN, WCEM & ACET colleges, the educational qualification of the library staff in the libraries of twenty-one engineering colleges is HSSC/SSC.

Table - 4: Detail about Staff Designation of the Engineering College Libraries

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Designation/Post				
		Librarian	Asst. Librarian	LibraryAssistant	LibraryAttended	Total No. of Designation/Post
1	GHRCE.	1	1	3	4	9
2	GWCET	1	1	-	1	3
3	GNIET	1	1	1	2	5
4	GITN	1	1	1	2	5
5	JDCOEM	1	1	1	2	5
6	JITN	1	1	-	2	4
7	NIETM	1	-	1	1	3
8	NITN	1	1	1	1	4
9	SSITNGP	1	1	-	1	3
10	SVPCET	1	-	3	2	6
11	PCEN	-	3	4	3	10
12	PBCOE	1	-	-	4	5
13	VNITN	-	1	6	-	7
14	WCEM	1	1	-	-	2
15	SCET	1	1	-	1	3
16	SRPCE	1	1	-	2	4
17	YCCEN	1	2	3	11	17
18	SBJITMR	1	1	1	2	5
19	VITN	1	1	1	1	4
20	GCOEN	1	-	-	2	3
21	PJLCE	1	1	1	1	4
22	ACET	-	1	1	2	4
23	TGPCET	1	1	-	2	4
24	GHRIET	1	-	3	5	9

- Table 4 means that the libraries of the above twenty-four engineering colleges have different ranks or positions i.e., YCCEM has the highest number of seventeen employees, while WCEM has the lowest number of two employees.
- Table No. 4 above shows the different posts or positions of the engineering college libraries at present:
- In the above table 4, the three engineering college libraries namely PCEN, VNITN, & ACET do not have librarian posts filled, while all the remaining twenty-one colleges have librarian posts filled.
- In Table 4 above, the five engineering college libraries namely NIETM, SVPCET, PBCOE, GCOEN, & GHRIET do not have any assistant librarian posts filled while all the remaining 19 colleges have any assistant librarian posts filled.
- The post of Library Attendant has not been filled in two engineering college libraries namely VNITN, WCEM, while all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries have filled the posts of Library Attendant.

Table - 5: Facility Provided by the Library to their Users

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Facilities/Services						
		Circulation	Reprographic	OPAC	NewsPaper	Reading Room	BookBank	ILL
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
2	GWCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	GNIET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	GITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
6	JITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
7	NIETM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	NITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	PCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	VNITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	WCEM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
15	SCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
16	SRPCE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
19	VITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	GCOEN	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	ACET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- From the above table 5 it is evident that all the above engineering colleges provide many basic services or facilities to their users in the library such as, Circulation, OPAC, News Paper, and Reading Room etc.
- From the above table 5 it is seen that Reprographic services are not provided in these two college libraries of SRPCE & GCOEN but this service is provided in all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries.
- From the above table it is seen that Book Bank service is not provided in two college libraries namely SBJITMR & GCOEN whereas this service is provided in all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries. Also, the engineering college libraries that provide inter library loan services are as follows: GWCET, GNIET, GITN, NIETM, SVPCET, PCEN, PBCOE, VNITN, YCCEN, VITN, PJLCE, ACET, TGPCET & GHRIET etc.

Table - 6: Types of Users in above Library

Engineering College	Types of Users UG Students	PG Students	ResearchersM.Phil/Ph.D	FacultyMembers
GHRCE	Y	Y	Y	Y
GWCET	Y	Y	N	Y
GNIET	Y	Y	N	Y
GITN	Y	Y	N	Y
JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	Y
JITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
NIETM	Y	Y	N	Y
NITN	Y	N	N	Y
SSITNGP	Y	Y	N	Y
SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y
PCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
PBCOE	Y	N	N	Y
VNITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
WCEM	Y	Y	N	Y
SCET	Y	Y	N	Y
SRPCE	Y	N	N	Y
YCCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y
SBJITMR	Y	Y	N	Y
VITN	Y	Y	N	Y
GCOEN	Y	N	N	Y
PJLCE	Y	N	N	Y
ACET	Y	Y	Y	Y
TGPCET	Y	Y	N	Y
GHRIET	Y	Y	N	Y

From Table 6, we can conclude the following details:

- Undergraduate students are the users of all the above engineering college libraries.

- Postgraduate students are users of GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, JITN, NIETM, SSITNGP, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, WCEM, SCET, YCCEN, SBJITMR, VITN, ACET, TGPCET, and GHRIET engineering college libraries, but they are not users of NITN, PBCOE, SRPCE, GCOEN & PJLCE college libraries.
- Research scholars are users of GHRCE, JDCOEM, JITN, SVPCET, VNITN, YCCEN, & ACET engineering college libraries only.
- Teaching Faculty Members are users of all the above-selected engineering college libraries.

Table - 7: Provides Library Data Collection (Books; ReferenceBooks; Journals; Magazine; BookBank)

Engineering College	Data Collection				
	Books	ReferenceBooks	Journals (Print/Online)	Magazine	BookBank
GHRCE	50956	6027	179	18	2158
GWCET	30000	2000	45	17	1000
GNIET	23900	2200	18	0	4000
GITN	19300	13000	30	0	3000
JDCOEM	40800	4979	120	5	5105
JITN	25341	2000	86	74	8341
NIETM	18000	1000	24	9	1000
NITN	22241	1501	30	5	9243
SSITNGP	23048	786	30	7	4051
SVPCET	33825	225	100	10	6803
PCEN	106918	1118	192	13	10600
PBCOE	20755	1555	54	8	2627
VNITN	130000	17000	0	5	28700
WCEM	15570	1000	117	30	435
SCET	24000	3000	98	7	800
SRPCE	22290	3210	45	11	2000
YCCEN	113120	1200	196	8	1360
SBJITMR	27471	2071	100	23	0
VITN	18950	3166	20	7	2000
GCOEN	9000	129	29	0	0
PJLCE	16085	418	30	8	2705
ACET	32686	1946	32	8	3785
TGPCET	40590	0	0	10	0
GHRIET	75609	6021	160	25	7504

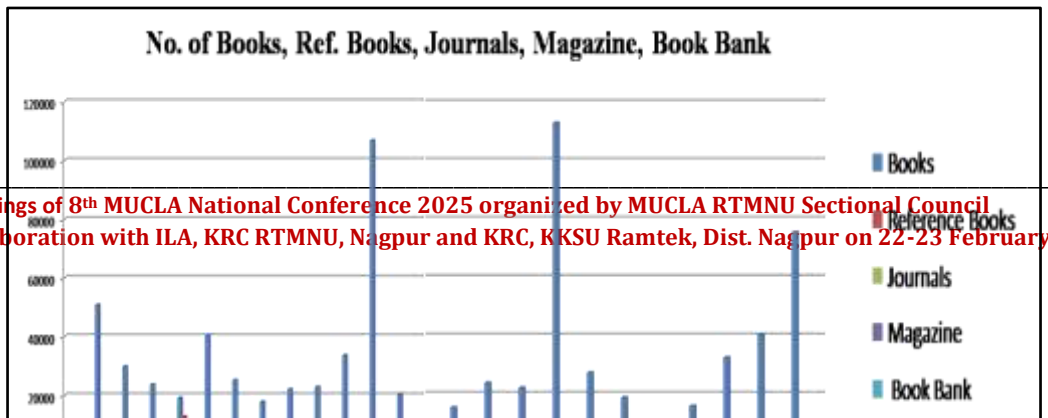

Figure No.- 1: Books, Reference Books, Journals, Magazine, Book Bank

Table 7 and Fig. 1 shows that-

- VNITN Engineering College library has the highest number of books (130000), below it YCCEN library has 113120 books and PCEN college library has about 106918 books, while GCOEN library has the lowest number of books (9000).
- YCCEN College Library has the most subscriptions to Periodicals/Journals, with over 196, followed by PCEN Library with 192 and GHRCE College Library with 179.
- VNITN Library has the most reference book collections, with over 17,000, followed by GHRCE and GHRIET College Libraries, which have 6027 and 6021 reference book collections, respectively, while TGPCET College Library has the fewest number of reference book collections, with only 0, among the aforementioned engineering colleges.
- JITN Library subscribed to the maximum number of magazines (74), while WCEM College Library subscribed to 30. On the other hand, GNIET, GITN and GCOEN College Libraries did not subscribe to any of the magazines in the above mentioned libraries.
- VNITN Engineering College library has the highest number of book bank (28700), below it PCEN library has 10600 book banks and NITN college library has about 9243 book Bank, while SBJITMR, GCOEN, TGPCET respectively three libraries has the lowest number of book Bank Collection.

Table - 8: Status of Library Automation.

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Library Automation (Y/N)	Status of Automation (Y/N)		
			FullyAutomated	Partiallyautomated	InitialStages
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	-	-
2	GWCET	Y	Y	-	-
3	GNIET	Y	Y	-	-
4	GITN	Y	Y	-	-
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	-	-
6	JITN	Y	-	Y	-
7	NIETM	Y	-	Y	-
8	NITN	Y	Y	-	-

9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	-	-
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	-	-
11	PCEN	Y	-	Y	-
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	-	-
13	VNITN	Y	-	Y	-
14	WCEM	Y	-	Y	-
15	SCET	Y	Y	-	-
16	SRPCE	Y	-	-	Y
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	-	-
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	-	-
19	VITN	Y	Y	-	-
20	GCOEN	Y	-	Y	-
21	PJLCE	Y	-	Y	-
22	ACET	Y	Y	-	-
23	TGPCET	Y	-	Y	-
24	GHRIET	Y	-	Y	-

Table 8 shows that out of the 24 selected engineering college libraries, 14 college libraries are fully computerized, 9 libraries are partially automated and finally 1 library is in the initial stage of computerization.

Table - 9: Use of Library Automation Software and Status ofComputer in Library

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Use of Library Automation Software	No. of Computer in Library
1	GHRCE	Synchronik (SoftLib) Softwear	42
2	GWCET	Lib-Man & D-Space	15
3	GNIET	Lib-Man & Synchronik (SoftLib)	20
4	GITN	Lib-Man & Synchronik (SoftLib)	15
5	JDCOEM	Synchronik (SoftLib) & D-Space	24
6	JITN	Koha	18
7	NIETM	Lib-Man	20
8	NITN	SackInfo	15
9	SSITNGP	Synchronik (SoftLib)	13
10	SVPCET	LIBSYS & Koha	25
11	PCEN	Synchronik (SoftLib) & Koha	40
12	PBCOE	Koha	15
13	VNITN	LIBSYS	22
14	WCEM	SackInfo	19
15	SCET	Lib-Man	14
16	SRPCE	Libsuit	14
17	YCCEN	LIBSYS	65
18	SBJITMR	Lib-Man	14
19	VITN	Synchronik (SoftLib)	25
20	GCOEN	SLIM	5
21	PJLCE	KOHA	15
22	ACET	Synchronik (SoftLib) & KOHA	26

23	TGPCET	SackInfo	20
24	GHRIET	Libman	40

Table 9 shows the following information about Library Automation Software used by libraries and Status of Computer in Library respectively:

- GHRCE, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, SSITNGP, PCEN, VITN, & ACET engineering college Library uses the Synchronic (Soft-Lib) Software for Library Automation.
- JITN, PBCOE & PJLCE, College Library uses the KOHA Open-source Library Automation Software.
- NIETM, SCET, SBJITMR & GHRIET College Library are respectively use the Lib-Man Library Automation Software.
- SVPCET, VNITN & YCCEN, College Library uses the LIBSYS Library Automation Software.
- Only one College Library that is GCOEN College Library uses the SLIM Library Automation Software.

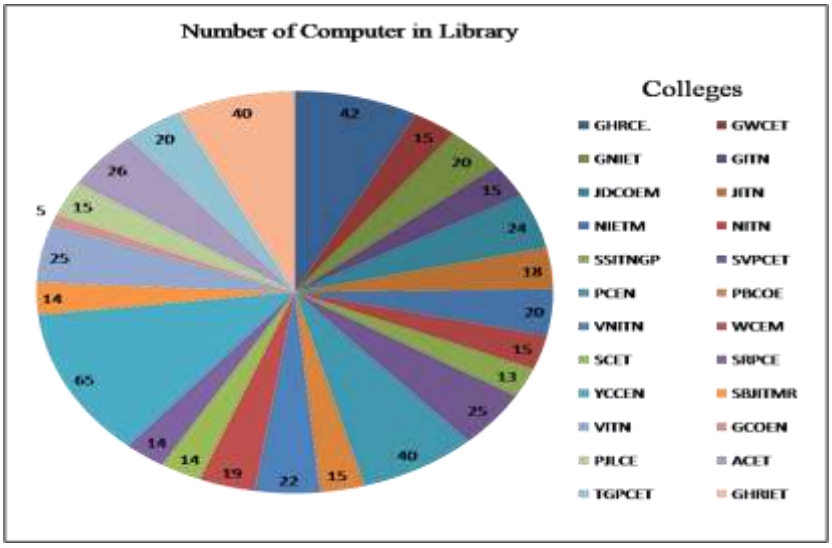

Figure No.- 2 Numbers of Computers in College Libraries

Table 9 and Figure No. 2 show that YCCEN Engineering College library has the highest number of computers (65) followed by GHRCE College library with the highest number of computers (42). PCEN and GHRIET are the two colleges with the same number of computers in their libraries (40). In contrast, GCOEN College Library has the least number of computers (05) among the above-mentioned engineering College Libraries. So GCOEN needs to acquire more computers in its library.

Table - 10: Information Retrievals tools used by Users in Library (Y/N)

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Classification/Cataloging	Bibliographic	Indexing / Abstracting	CAS/SDI
1	GHRCE.	Y	N	N	Y
2	GWCET	Y	N	N	Y
3	GNIET	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	GITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	JDCOEM	Y	N	N	Y
6	JITN	Y	N	N	N
7	NIETM	Y	Y	N	Y
8	NITN	Y	Y	N	Y
9	SSITNGP	Y	N	N	N
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	PCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
12	PBCOE	Y	N	N	N
13	VNITN	Y	Y	N	Y
14	WCEM	Y	N	N	N
15	SCET	Y	Y	N	Y
16	SRPCE	Y	Y	N	N
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
18	SBJITMR	Y	N	N	N
19	VITN	Y	N	N	N
20	GCOEN	Y	N	N	N
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	N	Y
22	ACET	Y	Y	Y	N
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	N	N
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	N	N

Table number 10 reveals the following details about the above-mentioned libraries:

- All engineering college libraries uses a classification scheme such as DDC to classify the library's documents, also all libraries utilize cataloguing to facilitate information retrieval.
- GNIET, GITN, SVPCET, and ACET Libraries give Indexing, Abstracting, and Bibliography services to their users, whereas the other libraries do not.
- GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, NIETM, NITN, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, SCET, YCCEN, and PJLCE Libraries offer CAS/SDI services to their users, but the remaining libraries do not.

Table - 11: Books/Documents Access System in Libraries

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Open Access	Closed Access

1	GHRCE.	Y	N
2	GWCET	Y	N
3	GNIET	Y	N
4	GITN	Y	N
5	JDCOEM	Y	N
6	JITN	Y	N
7	NIETM	Y	N
8	NITN	Y	N
9	SSITNGP	Y	N
10	SVPCET	Y	N
11	PCEN	Y	N
12	PBCOE	Y	N
13	VNITN	Y	N
14	WCEM	Y	N
15	SCET	Y	N
16	SRPCE	Y	N
17	YCCEN	Y	N
18	SBJITMR	Y	N
19	VITN	Y	N
20	GCOEN	Y	N
21	PJLCE	Y	N
22	ACET	Y	N
23	TGPCET	Y	N
24	GHRIET	Y	N

Table No. 11 demonstrates that all engineering college libraries have implemented the open access system. Users can go to the stack area and choose and search for the book that best suits their needs and interests in this open access system.

7. Finding of the Study

A questionnaire approach was used in accordance with the goals of this study. Additionally, observations, library visits, and in-person conversations with library staff were carried out. The following are some of the study's key conclusions.

- In this study, all the libraries taken for the study are technical engineering institutions. Out of these, all the engineering college libraries are under AICTE recognized, only one engineering college is permanently affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonar Maharhastra and Twenty Three are affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur Vidyapeeth, Nagpur.
- 7.2 Among all these libraries, the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT) college library is the oldest; it was established in 1960 during the independence period, while the Government Engineering College Nagpur Library is quite new as it was established in 2016.

- All the selected engineering colleges have college websites and only JDCOEM, NIETM, VNITN, and TGPCET have their library websites, while the remaining engineering colleges do not have library websites.
- Apart from this, GHRCE has the highest number of library professionals with professional degrees or Ph.D. Also, the college has professionals with NET/SET from NIETM, NITN, VNITN, WCEM, PJLCE, & GHRIET.
- All selected engineering college libraries, as mentioned above, provide some basic & standard facilities like Circulation, OPAC, News Paper, and Reading Room etc.
- VNITN Library has the highest (i.e., 130000) collection of books among all the libraries as mentioned above, and GCOEN Library has the least (i.e., 9000) collection of books.
- In some of the libraries mentioned above, the libraries are fully computerized (i.e.., 14) and 9 libraries are partially automated and finally 1 library is in the initial stages of computerization.
- All libraries have automation software for daily housekeeping activities of the library.
- Among all the above-mentioned engineering college libraries having a variety of collection of documents including books, references, journals, newspapers, e-resources & periodicals.
- For easy access to information, all the libraries mentioned above do classification and cataloging while only GNIET, GITN, SVPCET and ACET provide or perform summary and bibliographic services, while the libraries in colleges like GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, NIETM, NITN, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, SCET, YCCEN, PJLCE provide CAS/SDI services to their users.
- All the libraries, as mentioned above, have the Open Access system in their library.

8. Suggestions

As was already noted, in order to manage the library housing operations and services effectively, all engineering libraries desperately need permanent staff and skilled library professionals. To accommodate its physically challenged patrons, all of the chosen libraries will need to upgrade their infrastructure and enlarge their library buildings. To increase its collection of books, periodicals, reference materials, book banks, and other materials, the GCOEN College Library needs more. The collection of other documents will also have to be increased. As was already mentioned, all libraries have a respectable collection of user-related documents, but they all wish to add more. Technology-based services like Web OPAC, RFID, and self-check-in/check-out systems should be implemented in all libraries. Since the majority of engineering users and working professionals can only access library resources and services on these days, libraries should be open on holidays. Finally, only the VNITN library is partially open on holidays, while all other engineering college libraries are observed to be closed on Sundays and holidays. Therefore, measures should be made to maintain libraries open on Sundays and holidays also.

9. Conclusion:

According to the findings of the aforementioned investigation, all of the chosen engineering libraries require upgrading even though they are all kept up to date and operating efficiently. Although the development of these chosen engineering libraries is sluggish, they will undoubtedly soon surpass all others as the best resources for engineering education in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Of the colleges that were chosen, only VNIT engineering colleges have their own library buildings. All of the chosen libraries offer print and electronic information resources and services for study and teaching. Additionally, this study shows that while all libraries provide and organize traditional library resources and services adequately, ICT-based services are lacking.

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LIBRARIANS AS EDUCATORS: ENHANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES UNDER NEP 2020

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Abstract

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in the Indian education system, emphasizing multidisciplinary learning, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. In this context, librarians are no longer confined to traditional roles of bookkeeping and information management. Instead, they are emerging as critical educators who facilitate

teaching and learning experiences. This paper examines the evolving role of librarians as educators under NEP 2020, highlighting their contributions to fostering information literacy, promoting research skills, and integrating technology into education. The study also explores the challenges faced by librarians in adapting to this new role and proposes strategies for empowering them to meet the objectives of NEP 2020.

Keywords

Librarians as Educators, NEP 2020, Information Literacy, Teaching and Learning, Digital Transformation, Lifelong Learning

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative overhaul of the Indian education system, emphasizing holistic, multidisciplinary, and technology-driven learning. In this paradigm shift, libraries and librarians are poised to play a pivotal role in achieving these goals. However, traditional perceptions of librarians as mere custodians of books are increasingly outdated and misaligned with the progressive vision of NEP 2020. The policy demands a reimagining of the librarian's role, positioning them as active contributors to the teaching-learning process. This shift requires librarians to evolve from passive information providers to dynamic educators who facilitate critical thinking, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. Addressing this transition is essential to fully realize the potential of libraries in supporting the objectives of NEP 2020.

2. Research Objectives:

- To analyse the role of librarians as educators under NEP 2020.
- To explore how librarians can enhance teaching and learning experiences.
- To identify challenges and propose solutions for empowering librarians in this new role.

3. The Evolving Role of Librarians under NEP 2020

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has redefined the role of librarians, transitioning them from traditional custodians of books to dynamic educators and facilitators of learning. In the context of a rapidly changing educational landscape, librarians are now expected to play a proactive role in promoting information literacy, critical thinking, and research skills among students and faculty. They are increasingly involved in integrating digital tools and e-resources into the curriculum, aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on technology-driven and multidisciplinary education. Furthermore, librarians are tasked with fostering a culture of reading, lifelong learning, and equitable access to knowledge, ensuring that libraries become hubs of innovation and collaboration. This evolution reflects the broader shift in education towards experiential learning and holistic development, positioning librarians as indispensable contributors to the teaching-learning process under NEP 2020.

4. Responsibilities

- Promoting information literacy and critical thinking.
- Supporting multidisciplinary research and learning.
- Integrating digital tools and resources into education.
- Fostering a culture of reading and lifelong learning.

5. Alignment with NEP 2020 Goals

Librarians are uniquely positioned to align with and advance the key goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes holistic, multidisciplinary, and technology-enabled education. By promoting information literacy, librarians empower students to critically evaluate and utilize information, a skill essential for lifelong learning and research. Their role in curating and providing access to diverse digital and physical resources supports NEP 2020's vision of equitable and inclusive education. Additionally, librarians facilitate multidisciplinary learning by connecting learners with resources across various fields, fostering creativity and innovation. They also play a crucial role in integrating technology into education, helping students and educators navigate e-resources, online databases, and digital tools. Through these efforts, librarians contribute significantly to creating a learner-centric environment that aligns with NEP 2020's objectives of fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and a culture of continuous learning.

6. Librarians as Facilitators of Teaching and Learning

6.1 Information Literacy: Librarians play a critical role as facilitators of teaching and learning, particularly in the realm of information literacy, which is essential in today's information-rich world. They equip students and educators with the skills to locate, evaluate, and ethically use information, enabling them to navigate the vast array of digital and print resources effectively. Through workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one guidance, librarians teach critical thinking and research methodologies, empowering learners to distinguish credible sources from misinformation. By integrating information literacy into the curriculum, librarians support NEP 2020's emphasis on skill-based and experiential learning. Their efforts not only enhance academic performance but also prepare students for lifelong learning and informed decision-making in their personal and professional lives. In this way, librarians act as vital educators, bridging the gap between information access and knowledge creation.

6.2 Research Support: Librarians play a crucial role as facilitators of teaching and learning, especially in providing research support to students, scholars, and faculty members. In the modern academic environment, they go beyond traditional roles of managing books and resources, actively assisting in developing research skills, information literacy, and critical thinking. By curating credible resources, guiding users in literature searches, and offering training on citation management and plagiarism prevention, librarians enhance the quality of academic research. They also support faculty in designing research-based curricula and integrating digital tools for efficient information access. With the rise of open-access

resources and digital repositories, librarians help researchers navigate vast amounts of information, ensuring ethical and effective knowledge production. Their expertise in data management, reference services, and scholarly communication makes them indispensable in fostering a strong research culture within educational institutions.

6.3 Technology Integration: Librarians help integrate e-resources, online databases, and digital tools into the curriculum. Librarians play a vital role in integrating technology into teaching and learning, bridging the gap between traditional education and digital advancements. As technology facilitators, they guide students and educators in effectively using digital tools, online databases, e-books, and multimedia resources to enhance learning experiences. They conduct workshops on information literacy, digital literacy, and research skills, equipping users with the ability to navigate, evaluate, and utilize digital content responsibly. Additionally, librarians assist in incorporating emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and interactive learning platforms into academic environments. By fostering a tech-savvy culture, they support educators in designing innovative teaching strategies and help students develop 21st-century skills, making learning more engaging, accessible, and future-ready.

6.4 Collaborative Learning: They create spaces and programs that encourage collaborative and interdisciplinary learning. Librarians play a crucial role in fostering collaborative learning by creating dynamic spaces and opportunities for students and educators to work together in knowledge-sharing environments. They design and manage learning commons, study groups, and digital platforms that encourage teamwork, discussion, and peer-to-peer learning. By curating diverse resources, facilitating group research projects, and organizing workshops on critical thinking and problem-solving, librarians enhance the collaborative learning experience. They also integrate technology, such as online discussion forums and shared digital repositories, to support remote and hybrid collaboration. Through partnerships with faculty, librarians help embed cooperative learning strategies into the curriculum, ensuring that students develop essential skills like communication, teamwork, and interdisciplinary knowledge integration. In this way, librarians act as catalysts for active learning, fostering a culture of cooperation and collective growth in academic institutions.

7. Challenges Faced by Librarians

7.1 Lack of Training: Many librarians lack the skills needed to transition into an educator role. Librarians face significant challenges due to a lack of proper training, which hinders their ability to adapt to evolving roles in the digital age. With rapid advancements in technology, librarians are expected to manage digital resources, teach information literacy, and support research, yet many do not receive adequate training in these areas. The absence of continuous professional development leaves them struggling to navigate new software, databases, and digital tools, limiting their ability to provide effective services. Additionally, without proper training, librarians may find it difficult to guide users in advanced research techniques, data management, and academic writing. This skill gap not only affects their professional growth but also impacts the quality of services offered to students and faculty.

To overcome this challenge, regular workshops, certifications, and hands-on training programs should be implemented, ensuring librarians stay updated with the latest trends and technologies in library science.

7.2 Resource Constraints: Limited access to digital tools and infrastructure hinders their ability to support modern education. Librarians often face significant challenges due to resource constraints, which limit their ability to provide quality services and support academic growth. Many libraries operate with insufficient budgets, restricting their access to updated books, journals, databases, and digital resources. This scarcity affects students and researchers who rely on libraries for comprehensive and credible information. Additionally, inadequate funding impacts technological advancements in libraries, preventing the adoption of modern tools like e-books, online research platforms, and digital archiving systems. Staff shortages further strain library operations, making it difficult to offer specialized services such as research assistance, information literacy training, and technology integration. The lack of adequate infrastructure, including seating, study spaces, and internet access, also hinders the overall learning experience. To overcome these challenges, increased funding, collaborative resource-sharing initiatives, and strategic planning are essential to ensure libraries continue to serve as vital centres of knowledge and learning.

7.3 Resistance to Change: Traditional mind-sets among educators and administrators may undervalue the librarian's role. Librarians often face challenges due to resistance to change, which can hinder the adoption of new technologies, services, and practices in libraries. Many library professionals, staff, and even users may be reluctant to embrace digital transformation, fearing that automation and online resources might replace traditional library roles. This resistance can stem from a lack of technological skills, fear of job displacement, or comfort with established routines. Additionally, institutional barriers, such as rigid administrative policies and insufficient training opportunities, further discourage innovation. Without openness to change, libraries risk falling behind in meeting the evolving needs of students and researchers. To overcome this challenge, librarians must advocate for continuous professional development, promote a culture of adaptability, and gradually introduce new tools and services through training and awareness programs. Encouraging collaboration and highlighting the benefits of modernization can help libraries transition smoothly into the digital age while maintaining their essential role in education and research.

7.4 Policy Implementation Gaps: Inconsistent implementation of NEP 2020 guidelines at the institutional level. Librarians often encounter challenges due to policy implementation gaps, which create inconsistencies in library management, resource allocation, and service delivery. While educational and institutional policies may outline the importance of libraries in academic and research settings, their effective execution is often hindered by bureaucratic delays, lack of funding, and inadequate coordination among stakeholders. Many libraries struggle with outdated policies that do not align with modern technological advancements, making it difficult to integrate digital resources, e-learning platforms, and innovative services. Additionally, the absence of clear guidelines on library roles, staffing, and professional development leaves librarians without the necessary support to fulfill their

responsibilities effectively. These gaps lead to inefficiencies, limiting the impact of libraries on teaching, learning, and research. Addressing these challenges requires regular policy reviews, better communication between policymakers and library professionals, and dedicated efforts to ensure policies are translated into actionable strategies that enhance library services.

8. Strategies for Empowering Librarians

8.1 Professional Development: Professional development is essential for empowering librarians to adapt to evolving technologies and expanding roles in education and research. Continuous training through workshops, certifications, and online courses enhances their skills in digital literacy, research support, and technology integration. Networking opportunities, such as conferences and professional associations, enable librarians to share best practices and stay updated on industry trends. Encouraging institutional support for ongoing learning ensures librarians remain competent and confident in providing high-quality services. By investing in professional development, libraries can strengthen their role as dynamic knowledge hubs in the digital age.

8.2 Infrastructure Upgradation: Upgrading library infrastructure is a key strategy for empowering librarians and enhancing service delivery. Modernizing libraries with advanced technology, high-speed internet, digital repositories, and smart library systems improves efficiency and accessibility. Providing well-equipped workspaces, collaborative learning areas, and user-friendly digital tools enables librarians to support research, teaching, and information management more effectively. Institutional investment in infrastructure ensures libraries remain dynamic hubs of knowledge, fostering innovation and lifelong learning for both librarians and users.

8.3 Collaboration with Faculty: Collaboration between librarians and faculty is a powerful strategy for empowering librarians and enhancing the overall academic experience. By working closely with faculty members, librarians can align library resources with curriculum needs, support research initiatives, and design effective information literacy programs. This partnership helps librarians understand faculty expectations, while faculty gain valuable insights into how library services can enhance teaching and learning. Through joint efforts, librarians can contribute to curriculum development, provide research guidance, and foster a culture of collaborative learning that benefits both students and educators.

8.4 Policy Support: Policy support is essential for empowering librarians and ensuring they have the resources and authority to succeed in their roles. Strong institutional policies that prioritize library services, professional development, and technological integration provide librarians with the framework needed to fulfil their responsibilities effectively. By advocating for policies that support funding, staff development, and infrastructure upgrades, librarians

can ensure that libraries remain relevant and dynamic in meeting the needs of the academic community. Additionally, clear policies on collaboration, data management, and research support help librarians stay aligned with institutional goals and enhance their contributions to teaching and learning.

9. Conclusion

Librarians are indispensable to achieving the goals of NEP 2020, playing a crucial role in enhancing teaching and learning experiences by promoting information literacy, research skills, and digital integration. Their contributions are essential in equipping students and faculty with the tools needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving educational landscape. However, further research is needed to explore innovative practices and assess the long-term impact of librarians on educational outcomes under NEP 2020. By continuing to evaluate and improve their roles, librarians can further strengthen their position as key drivers of academic success and digital transformation in education.

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LIBRARIES AS KNOWLEDGE HUBS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING IN NEP- 2020

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Abstract

Present paper deals with an overview on need and importance of libraries as knowledge hubs for multidisciplinary learning in NEP-2020. Libraries are the knowledge hubs of the knowledge society. On the basis of knowledge Informational world cities are founded. In traditional libraries, knowledge organization, storage and dissemination are carried out whereas Knowledge institutions, like (digital) libraries involves Societies with worldwide information and establish a culture of lifelong Learning. The knowledge hubs of the ubiquitous society may be transformed by libraries in the informational cities.

A comprehensive way of binding the topics, ideas and the text in a single yarn is carried out with the interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary learning to make lustrous the domain of multiple knowledge. Changing the depth and possibilities of learning can be improved beyond the scope of curriculum design by development among teachers. To have a progress in work environment, the approaches of problems solving, skills analysis, commination, research methodologies, time management, critical thinking, writing teamwork, self-management, and many more are vital to modification. As per the demand of time it is significant to must a change in the style of diverse learning along with change in disciplinary angles.

Keywords: knowledge hubs, Multidisciplinary approach of learning, innovative learning, multifaceted, NEP -2020.

1. Introduction

The hybrid content would be communicated to the learner by educators, which had been congregated from the interdisciplinary approach. In multidisciplinary curriculum, the educator is incapable to understand the subject of humanities to the student of engineering. This type of approach replicates the ancient system of Education i.e. “Gurukul Parampara”. The multidisciplinary teaching learning method is favored by our ancient teaching learning system. The holistic learning would be able to be learned by the students of different levels so it is highly desirable for diverse subjects to be habituated at a common platform for

learners. To start such program for training teachers would be mandatory to provide multidisciplinary methods of teaching and learning.

The future of each country is depends on its education system. Implementing education system based on learning methodology is very helpful for every student. They get the good learning environment to flourish. Education is basic right of every person of the country and whole world. Government should facilitate learning opportunities for the people. The world is changes in each field. These changes are very important to achieve the progress. After 34 years, the Union Cabinet finally approved the new National Education Policy. There have been radical changes in the structure of school and higher education and the importance of the 10th and 12th boards is now going to decrease. School education is structured as 5+3+3+4 instead of 10+2.

Vocational education will now also be provided after 6th standard; so education in mother tongue till 5th standard will be preferred. Both forms of education have been taken out of the disciplinary framework and made interdisciplinary and coordinated. One can complete higher education by taking both engineering and music simultaneously. Multidisciplinary education, such an education which is the base of curriculum integration, is mainly highlighted by the diverse disciplines and various perspectives or viewpoints are provided in order to describe any topic. Such an education opens students minds understand problems from multiple angles; they did not consider it like this before. In the multidisciplinary education, four types of curriculum interference are present. The multidisciplinary curriculum integration, parallel curriculum integration, Tran's disciplinary curriculum integration, and the infusion curriculum integration are these. Such kind of approach is trusted by such people who cross disciplines in order to allocate the knowledge just to enhance the depth as well as the scope of learning. No doubt, educators see this type of learning as a powerful tool to mitigate the different kinds of problems in education. The addition of various knowledge, domains centralization of the problem, knowledge of concept and the context add to it.

2. Aim and objectives of the paper

The aim of this research paper is to examine the need and importance of multidisciplinary learning in the present scenario .The objectives of this paper are

2.1. To highlight the concept of multidisciplinary approach of learning.

2.2 The concept of multidisciplinary education in new education policy -2020 in India

2.3. Necessity of this Approach

2.4. Significance and requirement of this concept in present scenario.

The paper gives weight on need of innovative and novel methods of learning as well as teaching processes using multidisciplinary approach

3. New Education Policy 2020

According to the New Education Policy 2020, the National Education Commission will be the apex body of the education sector and will be chaired by the Prime Minister. The quality of Indian students is good, but due to the lack of research in India, this quality does not benefit India, in fact, due to lack of opportunities for their knowledge and skills, such talented students leave India and look for jobs in other countries. Recognizing the quality of Indians, India is using the talent of other countries for their development by giving good paying jobs to such meritorious students just as a servant. If this quality is to be beneficial for the country, such meritorious students should be given the opportunity to work in the country according to their quality. Big companies like Facebook, Google & Amazon need to start in our country, for that it is very important to give more emphasis on research. Compared to other countries, India's research is minimal.

4. Multidisciplinary approach of learning

The multidisciplinary education is being offered by the new education Policy -2020. According to NEP- 2020, the novel approach of learning is expected to allow them to easily choose their study field to ensure the autonomy and flexibility of learning. In human life, Education is the powerful device having the capability of changing the mind sets of human. The multidisciplinary education in the undergraduate program, in vocational courses, in technical and professional courses is encouraged by NEP-2020. According to NEP, the curriculum should be flexible, with less content and with more emphasize on learning. An inclusive environment would be offered by the multidisciplinary education, enabling learners to think critically and get easy solution to the problem. Domestic change in the Indian Education system would be carried out when learners becomes more creative, innovative could be skilled of adapting and abscising the material in the different field.

Libraries in Higher Education:-The NEP recognizes the critical role of libraries in higher education. It recommends that all higher education institutions should have well-equipped libraries with access to digital resources. The policy also calls for the development of research libraries, which can provide access to specialized resources to support research in various fields. The government should provide the proper infrastructure for the adult and lifelong learning process and engage the community learning by proving the best reading materials in the regional format. The NEP also recognizes the need for libraries to play a more significant role in promoting interdisciplinary research. The policy recommends that libraries should work with faculty and researchers to develop interdisciplinary collections that can support research in multiple fields. Academic libraries have always played a crucial role in education system, providing access to knowledge, resources, and information.

The NEP's recommendations on libraries provide a much-needed framework for enhancing the quality of education in India, by ensuring that student have access to well-equipped libraries at all levels of education. Also strengthen the library materials in all form. One of the significant challenges in implementing the NEP's recommendations on libraries is the lack of

resources and infrastructure. Many schools and colleges in India lack the necessary resources to set up and maintain libraries. Therefore, the government and education institutions need to prioritize investment in libraries and provide the necessary resources and infrastructure. Another challenge is ensuring that libraries keep pace with the rapidly changing technology Landscape. With the growth of digital media and the internet, libraries must adapt and provide access to digital resources. This requires a significant investment in technology, training, and infrastructure.

4.1 Libraries as centers for research support:

The NEP also emphasized the value of research at various universities and institutes. It just suggests that libraries be ready with all the necessary services that customers demand. Libraries may undoubtedly support an organization's research efforts to a great extent. The public and institutional libraries frequently provide funds to grassroots innovators and young business owners so they can plan environmentally friendly products and services and create a pool of revolutions. Every region of the nation should establish

some public and institutional libraries as hubs for supporting research to help inventors, aspiring business owners, and other members of the creative economy. Being an investigator requires having the necessary information, the drive to learn more about the subject, and the desire to contribute to the field. By offering high-quality resources with a specific emphasis on reference management and information retrieval, libraries can help researchers achieve their goals faster. In this regard, specialized librarianship might be quite beneficial. Libraries can take a particular

interest in research, among other subjects. We need an isolated research librarian with expertise in reference administration, statistical analysis, open-source technology, research assistance tools, and retrieval methods. The importance of having a research librarian is emphasized in its goals to establish the national research foundation. NIRF will sponsor financing and manage research activities in addition to the conventional research funding organizations. The research librarian can help NIRF uphold its objectivities as a nodal official. Recently, INFLIBNET created the IRINS system to highlight and organize the research projects being conducted by Indian universities and organizations. To improve the value of IRINS, several librarians are working hard as nodal officers to update vidwans profiles. To assist the university in performing its role as a multidisciplinary institution. They must serve as a well-organized repository for reference books and high-caliber textbooks. Since he must understand at least a little of each topic discipline in order to relate to each subject area, the librarian has been referred to as a teacher.

4.2 Provide student support:

Libraries are essential to the NEP 2020's success since they offer electronic resources like e-books, journals, and serial publications as well as web-based databases.[10] In addition to emphasizing the digitization of existing resources like books, audiotapes, and video, the NEP emphasized the four elements of the educational system: curriculum, pedagogy, ongoing

assessment, and student support. The parent institute would be in charge of establishing crucial student support facilities and making sure they had enough resources to improve their capabilities and efficiency.

5. Need of Multidisciplinary Approach

There is a need of multidisciplinary approach for classroom practices and management in inclusive education for effective teaching in inclusive set up e.g. different teaching methodology and strategies like seating arrangement in inclusive classroom, Collaborative teaching, Whole class teaching, Activity base learning, Co-operative learning, Multilevel instructions, Art based therapy, etc.

5.1. Sailor and Skrtic (1995) recommended a multidisciplinary approach to staff development that focuses on common goals for all students. It provides the opportunity for general and special educators to share their expertise, thus enabling "more fluid information and resource exchanges to occur across all disciplines; to the benefit of all children at the school site.

5.2. Multidisciplinary approach is required to create structured classroom which may include: (a) Designing separate areas for group and individual work; (b) Centers for reading art as well as creating a daily class schedule; (c) Display classroom rules and the daily class schedule at a main place; (d) Provide opportunities for purposeful movements.

5.3. Traditionally, primary mainstream classroom have been staffed by a teacher, learning support assistant (LSA)/ teacher assistant. With the increase of CWSN into mainstream classroom there is a need for professionals from other agencies involved with the child to share in the planning, development and delivery of his education.

5.4. To collaborate regular teacher with special education teachers, related service providers and Para-professionals on a regular basis.

5.5 To overcome barriers to learning which arise either within the education system or within the learner which prevent access to learning and development for learners? Multidisciplinary approach is required to overcome system barriers (i.e. overcrowded barriers, lack of basic and appropriate materials, exclusionary practices and policies, etc.); Societal barriers (safety and security, crime and violence, HIV/AIDS, poverty, child headed households, etc.); Intrinsic barriers (behavioral problems, psychosocial problems, emotional problems, etc.); and Pedagogical barrier (under qualified teachers, inappropriate teaching methodologies and inappropriate assessment procedures, etc.)

5.6. To help students to organize their material by using check lists, folder and containers to keep material organized in desks and to monitor student activity visually (bender 2002).

5.7. Universal designing for learning i.e. a curriculum should include alternatives to make it accessible and appropriate for individuals with different backgrounds learning styles, abilities and disabilities in widely learning contexts.

5.8. To incorporate three qualities of universal design when planning instructions: a. Multiple means of representing content (visual and oral strategies); b. Multiple means of student's expression of content (writing, illustrating, and speaking); c. Flexible means of engagement as students learn (video, software and role playing).

5.9. To assess plan and provide early education services to an infant (or pre-scholar) and his or her family there is a need of trans-disciplinary team. Cooperative learning. These bring together both friendship and academics. Teacher can observe a student's inability to act in an appropriate manner and suggest changes.

6. Conclusion

The National Education Policy of India 2020 recognizes the libraries as knowledge hubs for multidisciplinary learning. The policy recognizes that libraries can serve as centers for learning and research, providing access to a wide range of resources, including books, journals, and digital media. The policy's focus on providing a holistic and multidisciplinary education, universalization of education, flexible and multilingual education, technology-enabled learning,

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CITATION IMPACT AND RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY: A PERSPECTIVE OF CONTENT ANALYSIS

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Abstract

Citation impact and research productivity are two of the most widely used metrics for evaluating scholarly contributions. While research productivity is often measured by the volume of publications, citation impact reflects the influence and recognition of those publications within the academic community. The study investigates various factors influencing citation rates, including publication quantity, journal reputation, authorship collaboration, and the semantic content of research articles. Content analysis techniques such as text mining, citation context analysis, and thematic analysis are employed to determine patterns in research output and their subsequent impact on citations. The findings suggest that citation impact is not merely a function of research productivity but is significantly shaped by qualitative aspects of research content, disciplinary norms, and the influence of high-impact journals. Our findings suggest that beyond the sheer volume of publications, elements such as research novelty, methodological rigor, interdisciplinary relevance, and the framing of results play pivotal roles in enhancing a work's citation impact. A nuanced relationship, where high productivity does not always equate to high citation impact, disciplinary practices significantly influence outcomes. This study contributes to the ongoing discourse on research evaluation by providing insights into the interplay between quantity and quality in academic output.

Keywords:- Citation, Content, Citation Impact, Research Productivity, Content Analysis, Bibliometrics, Scientometrics, Scholarly Communication

1. Introduction:

Citation impact, which reflects the number of times an author's work is cited, serves as a key indicator of the scholarly impact and reach of research contributions. While previous studies have examined the interaction between citation impact and research productivity using bibliometric indicators, less attention has been paid to how content analysis can provide deeper insights into this relationship. Research productivity and citation impact are central to the assessment of scholarly contributions. Research productivity, typically measured by the number of publications, is often used as a proxy for the output of an individual or organization. By understanding the relationship between productivity and impact, stakeholders can make more informed decisions about resource allocation, hiring, and promotion. In addition, this study contributes to the broader discourse on the limitations and opportunities of bibliometric indicators for assessing scholarly impact.

Research productivity is often measured by the number of articles, books, or other scholarly products, while citation impact reflects the impact of these products on subsequent research. Traditional bibliometric indicators capture quantitative dimensions of research performance. Rather than simply measuring publications or citations, content analysis examines the themes, narratives, and contextual factors that shape how research is conducted, disseminated, and received. For example, articles that address interdisciplinary challenges or pioneer novel methods may receive more attention and citations even if their publication count is low.**(Chatha, 2015)** Both traditional bibliometric measures and emerging content analysis approaches highlight the importance of content analysis.

By examining the content of research articles, we seek to explore how the thematic substance and contextual framework of a study contribute to its citation impact. In doing so, we address several key questions: What content-related factors are most associated with high citation rates? How do collaborative networks and authorship patterns influence the way research is cited?

1.1. Traditional Bibliometric Indicators

Several bibliometric indicators are commonly used to quantify research productivity and citation impact:

- **h-index:** Introduced by Hirsch (2005), The h-index attempts to measure both the productivity and impact of a researcher A scholar with an index of h has published h papers, each of which has been cited at least h times. While widely used, the h-index has limitations, including its inability to account for the context of citations and its bias against early-career researchers.
- **g-index:** Is a metric that measures the impact of a researcher or journal by calculating the distribution of citations to their publications.
- **Impact Factor (IF):** Developed to assess journal quality, the Impact Factor measures the average number of citations received by articles published in a specific journal over a given period.

- **Altmetrics:** Emerging as a complement to traditional metrics, altmetrics consider online attention and engagement, including mentions in social media, news outlets, and policy documents. They offer a broader view of a work's impact, capturing immediate reactions and discussions.

Although these indicators provide a useful quantitative framework, they do not consider the content-based factors that drive citation behaviors. However, they focus primarily on quantitative aspects rather than the content-driven nature of citations.**(Leong, 2021)**

1.2. The Role of Content Analysis in Evaluating Scholarly Impact.

Content analysis is a systematic research method for interpreting textual data by identifying patterns, themes, and meanings. In the context of bibliometrics, content analysis has been applied to:

- **Thematic Analysis:** Researchers use automated text mining and natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract key themes and topics from large corpora of scholarly literature. This approach helps identify prevailing research trends, emerging topics, and the conceptual underpinnings of influential studies.
- **Citation Context Analysis:** Beyond counting citations, examining the context in which citations occur offers insights into why and how research is referenced. Analyzing citation contexts can therefore reveal the underlying sentiment and rationale behind citation practices.
- **Authorship and Collaboration Networks:** Content analysis can also be extended to study the collaboration patterns among researchers. Co-authorship networks, for example, often reflect the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of modern research. Studies have shown that papers authored by diverse teams, particularly those involving international collaboration, tend to receive higher citation counts.**(Norton, 2008)**

In sum, integrating content analysis with traditional bibliometric indicators provides a more comprehensive picture of academic impact. It enables researchers to move beyond simplistic numerical counts and consider the qualitative dimensions of scholarly communication.

1.3 . The Role of Content Analysis in Understanding Citation Trends.

Content analysis offers a methodological approach to examining citation trends beyond numerical indicators. By evaluating citation contexts (i.e., why and how a paper is cited), content analysis can reveal the underlying reasons for citation patterns. Studies using this approach have found that:

- Highly cited papers often introduce novel theories or methodologies.
- Citations are sometimes influenced by academic networking and collaborations rather than intrinsic research quality.
- The wording and framing of research conclusions impact how frequently they are cited.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Collection

For this study, we compiled a dataset of research articles from multiple disciplines using databases such as Web of Science, Scopus, and Google Scholar. Our selection criteria focused on articles published within the last ten years to capture contemporary trends. The dataset included both highly cited articles and those with moderate citation counts to allow for comparative analysis. We ensured that the sample represented a diverse array of fields, including the natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, and humanities.

2.2 Analytical Framework

To explore the relationship between citation impact and research productivity from a content analysis perspective, we adopted a multi-faceted analytical framework:

2.2.1 Text Mining and Thematic Analysis: We applied natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract keywords, phrases, and topics from the abstracts and full texts of the selected articles. Topic modeling methods, such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), were used to identify dominant themes and their prevalence across articles.

2.2.2 Citation Context Analysis: Using a combination of manual coding and automated sentiment analysis tools, we examined the textual context surrounding citations. Each citation was categorized as positive, neutral, or negative based on its language and the context in which it was used. This analysis provided insight into how the content of an article influenced its reception by peers.

2.2.3 Authorship and Collaboration Networks: We constructed co-authorship networks to investigate the influence of collaborative patterns on citation impact. By mapping the affiliations, international collaborations, and frequency of co-authorship, we assessed whether articles produced by larger or more diverse teams tended to receive more citations.

2.2.4Journal and Venue Analysis: The impact factor of the publishing journals and the open-access status of the articles were included as variables in our analysis. We compared citation rates across articles published in high-prestige journals with those in lower-impact or open-access venues to evaluate the effect of publication venue on citation impact.

3. Data Analysis Procedures

Our analytical process consisted of several steps. First, we pre-processed the textual data by removing stop words, normalizing terms, and performing stemming to reduce lexical variability. Next, we implemented topic modeling algorithms to uncover thematic structures

within the articles. For the citation context analysis, we used a combination of rule-based and machine learning approaches to classify the sentiment and purpose of each citation.

Finally, we performed regression analysis to statistically evaluate the relationship between research productivity (as measured by publication counts), citation impact (total citations, h-index), and the qualitative variables derived from our content analysis.

4. Results

4.1 Thematic Content and Citation Impact

The analysis revealed that articles addressing Articles that addressed interdisciplinary topics—such as the intersection of technology and society, climate change, and public health—tended to receive higher citation counts. In particular, research that introduced innovative methodologies or provided comprehensive reviews of emerging fields was more frequently cited. For example, in the field of environmental science, papers that integrated traditional ecological models with modern data analytics techniques garnered significant attention.

Conversely, articles with highly specialized or narrowly focused topics often exhibited lower citation counts. While these papers contributed depth to their respective niches, their impact appeared confined to a smaller segment of the academic community. The data suggest that a broader thematic relevance and the ability to address complex, multifaceted issues are positively correlated with citation impact.

4.2 Influence of Collaboration and Authorship Networks

Research shows that scholars who frequently collaborate with high-impact researchers experience an increase in their own citation rates. International collaborations tend to boost citation impact due to wider dissemination and cross-cultural academic engagement.

Network analysis of co-authorship patterns indicated a strong correlation between collaborative diversity and citation impact. Articles authored by teams comprising researchers from multiple institutions and countries were more likely to be highly cited. These collaborative efforts often combined complementary expertise, which enriched the quality of the research and enhanced its interdisciplinary appeal. In many cases, collaborations also facilitated access to broader datasets, advanced methodologies, and increased funding opportunities, all of which contributed to higher research quality and visibility.

Moreover, the data showed that the presence of well-established researchers within a co-authorship network often led to an amplification effect on citation impact. Papers co-authored with prominent scholars tended to receive more citations, possibly due to the increased credibility and visibility that such associations confer. This observation aligns with the "Matthew Effect" in scientific research, where recognition begets further recognition.

4.3 Citation Context Analysis

The qualitative analysis of citation contexts indicated that highly cited papers were often referenced to support foundational theories or to highlight significant advancements in the field. In contrast, less-cited papers were frequently mentioned in peripheral contexts or in discussions of methodological limitations. This underscores the importance of contributing substantive and novel insights to achieve higher citation impact.

Analysis of citation contexts provided further insights into how research content influences scholarly reception. Highly cited articles were predominantly referenced in contexts that emphasized their foundational contributions or innovative approaches. In many cases, these citations were not mere acknowledgments; rather, they served as critical support for building subsequent theoretical frameworks or empirical models. The language used in these citations was overwhelmingly positive, often highlighting the robustness and originality of the methodologies employed.

In contrast, articles with lower citation counts were frequently cited in contexts that were either neutral or critical. Some citations mentioned these works only to note limitations or to contrast alternative approaches. Interestingly, the sentiment analysis revealed that even in negative citations, the underlying content was often recognized as contributing to ongoing scholarly debates. This nuanced understanding underscores that citation impact is not solely a function of the quantity of references but is also deeply influenced by the quality and context of those references.

4.4 Journal Prestige and Publication Venue

The analysis also confirmed that the prestige of the publishing venue plays a significant role in citation impact. Articles published in high-impact journals consistently exhibited higher citation counts compared to those in lower-ranked or niche journals. However, the rise of open-access publishing has begun to moderate this effect. In fields characterized by rapid innovation, open-access articles have shown a trend toward increased citation impact, likely due to their broader accessibility and faster dissemination.

Regression analysis, which incorporated journal impact factors along with content-based variables, indicated that while publication venue remains an important determinant of citation impact, the thematic quality and collaborative nature of the research can mitigate some of the disadvantages associated with publishing in lower-impact journals. In other

words, a well-crafted, innovative study can achieve high citation impact regardless of the venue, provided it addresses timely and relevant research questions. (Zhang, 2013)

5. Discussion

The findings of this study have important implications for how academic success is measured and understood. Traditionally, research productivity has been equated with the volume of output; however, our content analysis approach demonstrates that the qualitative dimensions of research are equally, if not more, significant in determining citation impact.

5.1 Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

One of the most salient points emerging from our study is the necessity of integrating quantitative bibliometric indicators with qualitative content analysis. While metrics such as the h-index and journal impact factors provide a broad measure of productivity and influence, they do not capture the nuanced ways in which research content drives scholarly communication. The thematic relevance of an article, the context in which it is cited, and the collaborative networks that support it all contribute to its impact. Institutions and funding bodies that rely solely on quantitative measures may overlook high-quality research that is not only prolific in production but also innovative and influential in shaping academic discourse.

5.2 Implications for Researchers

For individual researchers, the study suggests that focusing on the quality and interdisciplinary relevance of research may be more beneficial than simply increasing publication counts. Engaging in collaborations with scholars from diverse fields can enhance the reach and impact of one's work. Moreover, crafting research narratives that clearly articulate the significance and broader implications of the findings can lead to more meaningful citations. Researchers should be encouraged to invest time in refining their research questions and methodologies rather than prioritizing quantity over quality.

5.3 Policy and Institutional Recommendations

From an institutional perspective, evaluation and reward systems need to adopt a more holistic approach. Universities and research institutions should consider developing evaluation frameworks that incorporate both quantitative metrics and qualitative assessments of research content. For example, incorporating structured peer reviews that evaluate the novelty, rigor, and broader relevance of research outputs could provide a more balanced assessment of scholarly impact. Funding agencies might also benefit from recognizing the importance of collaborative networks and thematic diversity when making decisions about resource allocation.

The findings also underscore the growing importance of open-access publishing as a vehicle for enhancing citation impact. Policies that encourage or mandate open-access dissemination can help ensure that high-quality research reaches a broader audience, thereby maximizing its impact. Institutions may consider establishing support mechanisms for researchers who publish in open-access venues, such as funding for article processing charges or institutional repositories.

5.4 Challenges and Future Directions

Despite the promising insights gained from this study, several challenges remain. Content analysis, particularly when applied to large datasets, requires sophisticated computational tools and methodologies. Ensuring the reliability and validity of automated text mining and sentiment analysis remains a critical area for ongoing research. Moreover, disciplinary differences in citation practices and language use can complicate the interpretation of results. Future studies might focus on developing standardized protocols for content analysis in bibliometrics, allowing for more consistent comparisons across fields.

Additionally, the rapid evolution of digital scholarship—with the advent of preprint servers, academic social networks, and alternative impact metrics—calls for continuous refinement of our evaluative frameworks. As scholarly communication evolves, so too must our methods for assessing impact. Future research should explore how emerging digital platforms influence citation behaviors and whether content analysis techniques can be adapted to capture these new dynamics.

6. Conclusion

This study has explored the intricate relationship between citation impact and research productivity through a comprehensive content analysis framework. Our findings highlight that while traditional quantitative metrics remain valuable, they must be complemented by qualitative assessments of thematic content, citation context, and collaborative networks. High-impact research is not solely a function of publication volume; it also depends on the novelty, relevance, and methodological rigor of the work, as well as on the networks of collaboration that amplify its reach.

For researchers, the implications are clear: focus on crafting high-quality, interdisciplinary research that addresses timely issues, and seek collaborative opportunities that enhance the breadth and depth of scholarly impact. For institutions and policy makers, there is a strong case for rethinking evaluation systems to include qualitative dimensions that more accurately reflect the multifaceted nature of academic influence. By embracing an integrated approach that combines bibliometric and content analysis methods, the academic community can move toward a more nuanced and equitable system for evaluating scholarly impact.

In summary, the article demonstrates that the pathway to academic influence is complex and multifactorial. It is not enough to produce a large number of publications; rather, the substance, context, and collaborative nature of the research play decisive roles in shaping its ultimate impact. As digital scholarship continues to evolve, future research should focus on refining these evaluative frameworks to better capture the dynamic interplay between research productivity and citation impact.

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LIBRARIES AS MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING HUBS: ALIGNING ROLES WITH NEP 2020 GOALS

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Abstract

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in India's education system, focusing on multidisciplinary learning, inclusivity, and lifelong education. Libraries, as pivotal knowledge hubs, play a critical role in achieving these goals by fostering creativity, critical thinking, and digital literacy. Moving beyond their traditional roles, libraries now serve as dynamic spaces for collaboration, innovation, and personalized, technology-driven learning.

This paper examines libraries' evolving role under the NEP 2020 framework, highlighting their contributions to multidisciplinary education and their responsibilities in fostering research and innovation. Libraries are positioned to promote digital literacy, provide access to diverse resources, and support equitable, high-quality education. Challenges such as limited funding, rapid technological changes, and engaging a diverse user base are discussed, emphasizing the need for libraries to adapt to a rapidly evolving educational landscape.

To address these challenges, the paper underscores the importance of empowering librarians as educators and technologists while advocating for sustainable practices, innovative services, and stronger community engagement. It also highlights the need for policy advocacy to secure funding and infrastructure support for library development.

By embracing innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability, libraries can align with NEP 2020's vision and reinforce their role as integral components of India's education system. The paper concludes by urging stakeholders to invest in libraries to ensure their relevance in shaping the nation's educational future.

Keywords: NEP 2020, libraries, multidisciplinary learning, digital literacy, innovation.

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 represents a transformative vision for India's education system, emphasizing accessibility, equity, quality, and multidisciplinary learning. It seeks to foster critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development by integrating modern

pedagogical practices with traditional knowledge systems. Within this framework, libraries emerge as pivotal institutions, serving as hubs for information, innovation, and collaboration.

Libraries play a crucial role in achieving NEP 2020's objectives by supporting multidisciplinary education, promoting digital literacy, and fostering a culture of lifelong learning. As repositories of knowledge and facilitators of intellectual growth, libraries align with the policy's emphasis on personalized, flexible, and technology-enabled learning environments. They not only provide resources but also create inclusive spaces where students and educators can engage in interdisciplinary exploration and innovation. (Gurudev, 2023)

It will analyze how libraries contribute to achieving the policy's educational goals, identify their responsibilities as multidisciplinary learning hubs, assess their impact on digital literacy and collaboration, and propose strategies for enhancing their services to meet the demands of a rapidly changing educational landscape. Through this exploration, the paper highlights the indispensable role of libraries in shaping the future of education in India.

2. Literature Review:

(Asif, 2022)The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) emphasizes the equal importance of school, college, and higher education. One of its key highlights is the focus on libraries as essential services within the educational system in India. Libraries offer a range of advantages, playing a significant role in study, research, education, and skill development.

(Brian, 2021)Municipal libraries play a crucial role in their communities by providing access to books, digital resources, and educational materials, fostering literacy and lifelong learning. Beyond being information centres, they serve as vital community hubs, empowering individuals and supporting personal growth.

(Gurudev, 2023)NEP 2020 introduces a flexible, multidisciplinary education system focused on holistic learning. Key changes include a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure, emphasis on foundational literacy, vocational training, reduced board exam stress, and technology integration. It promotes inclusive, skill-based learning to prepare students for the future.

(Sutar, 2024)The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 highlights several areas where libraries can play a pivotal role in ensuring its successful implementation. Libraries are crucial in supporting higher education institutions to align with the objectives of the NEP. They can contribute to improving access to quality resources, fostering research, encouraging critical thinking, and enhancing digital literacy. The role of libraries in higher education under NEP 2020 is essential for creating an inclusive, student-centered learning environment and promoting lifelong learning opportunities across diverse educational contexts in India.

(Yashwant, 2023)The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 underscores the critical role of libraries, particularly in providing quality digital resources to enhance education. However,

the policy lacks clarity in addressing this aspect fully. It highlights the importance of libraries across various educational stages, from foundational to lifelong learning, emphasizing their role in preserving national heritage and fostering a reading culture. Additionally, the NEP envisions libraries in higher education as evolving hubs for student and research support, while still maintaining their role as custodians of knowledge.

3. Objectives:

1. To Examine the Role of Libraries in Supporting NEP 2020.
2. To Identify Key Responsibilities of Libraries as Learning Hubs.
3. To Assess the Impact of Libraries on Digital Literacy and Collaboration.
4. To Propose Strategies for Enhancing Library Services.

4. Importance of libraries in the educational ecosystem:

Libraries play a crucial role in the educational ecosystem by serving as essential resources for students, educators, and communities. Here are some key points highlighting their importance:

- Access to Knowledge: Libraries provide diverse resources, including books, journals, and digital materials, facilitating access to information that supports academic success and lifelong learning. (Tippanna, pp. 32-36)
- Promoting Digital Literacy: They offer training and resources that enhance digital skills, enabling users to navigate and utilize technology effectively in their studies and research. (Tippanna, 2023)(Libraries, EdTech, and maximising learning opportunities for all, 2024)
- Fostering Lifelong Learning: Libraries empower individuals to pursue knowledge at any stage of life by offering access to diverse resources, skill-building programs, and continuous learning opportunities, aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on lifelong education.
- Supporting Research and Innovation: Libraries foster an environment conducive to research by providing access to quality resources and collaborative spaces that encourage interdisciplinary learning (Tippanna, 2023)
- Community Engagement: Libraries serve as community hubs, hosting events and programs that promote literacy, creativity, and cultural awareness, thereby strengthening community ties (Libraries, EdTech, and maximising learning opportunities for all, 2024)

5. The libraries as multidisciplinary learning hubs:

Libraries are increasingly recognized as multidisciplinary learning hubs that play a vital role in modern education. Here are some key aspects of this concept:

- Collaborative Learning Environments: Libraries foster collaboration among students and educators, encouraging project-based and inquiry-driven learning. They serve as spaces where diverse disciplines intersect, enhancing critical thinking and creativity
- Resource Accessibility: They provide access to a wide range of resources, including books, digital media, and databases, supporting various academic fields and promoting lifelong learning (Brian, 2021)
- Technological Integration: Modern libraries incorporate technology to facilitate digital literacy and equip users with essential skills for navigating information in the digital age.
- Community Engagement: Libraries act as community hubs, hosting events and workshops that promote civic engagement and social interaction, thereby enriching the educational experience beyond traditional classroom settings (Brian, 2021)

This multifaceted approach positions libraries as essential components of the educational ecosystem, enhancing learning outcomes and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation.

6. Role of Libraries in NEP 2020:

Libraries play a pivotal role in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India. Here are the key aspects of their role:

- Essential Educational Services: NEP 2020 recognizes libraries as vital components of the educational framework, emphasizing their importance in schools, colleges, and universities to support teaching and learning processes. (Asif, 2022)(Yashwant, 2023)
- Access to Resources: Libraries provide access to a wide range of educational materials, including books, journals, and digital resources, which are crucial for enhancing the quality of education and promoting research 3Libraries and National Education Policy (NEP 2020) of India in higher education (Sutar, 2024)
- Promoting Literacy and Critical Thinking: The policy highlights the role of libraries in fostering literacy, language development, and critical thinking skills among students. It encourages the establishment of well-stocked libraries with age-appropriate resources (Yashwant, 2023)(Asif, 2022)
- Digital Libraries and Inclusivity: NEP 2020 advocates for the development of digital libraries to ensure access to educational resources for students in remote areas, promoting inclusivity and bridging educational gaps (Sutar, 2024)
- Support for Teacher Education: Libraries are essential in educational institutions, providing access to current research and resources that enhance teaching methodologies and professional development

Overall, NEP 2020 positions libraries as integral to creating a holistic and multidisciplinary educational environment that supports lifelong learning and knowledge dissemination.

7. Responsibilities of Libraries

1. Resource Curation

1.1 Selection and Organization of Materials

Libraries play a vital role in identifying, acquiring, and cataloguing resources that cater to diverse disciplines and user needs. This includes books, journals, digital resources, audio-visual materials, and archival content. Librarians ensure the collection reflects various perspectives and supports intellectual growth.

1.2 Ensuring Up-to-Date Information

A key responsibility of libraries is to maintain the relevance and accuracy of their collections. This involves regularly reviewing resources, subscribing to updated databases, replacing outdated materials, and incorporating the latest technological tools like eBooks, audiobooks, and interactive media to meet modern users' expectations.

2. User Engagement

2.1 Developing Programs Tailored to Community Needs

Libraries actively design programs to foster a love for reading, learning, and creativity. Initiatives such as reading clubs, storytelling sessions, author talks, workshops, and literacy programs cater to different age groups and interests. These programs not only promote library resources but also create a sense of community among users.

2.2 Reviving a Reading Culture

Libraries can actively promote reading through engaging activities like themed reading week, Book fairs, and personalized reading recommendations, catering to various age groups and interests.

2.3 Feedback Mechanisms to Understand User Requirements

To ensure continuous improvement, libraries establish systems to gather feedback from users. Surveys, suggestion boxes, and digital reviews allow libraries to identify user preferences, address grievances, and adapt services to changing demands. Engaging with users in this way ensures libraries remain relevant and user-focused.

3. Collaboration with Educational Institutions

3.1 Partnerships with Schools, Colleges, and Universities

Libraries collaborate with academic institutions to provide specialized resources and support for students, teachers, and researchers. These partnerships may involve shared access to digital libraries, hosting academic events, and offering research assistance. This ensures the academic community has access to diverse and high-quality learning materials.

3.2 Involvement in Curriculum Design and Academic Planning

Libraries contribute to curriculum development by recommending relevant resources, integrating research tools, and ensuring alignment with educational objectives. They also provide faculty and students with training on resource usage, research methodologies, and critical information literacy, enabling them to make informed decisions in their academic pursuits.

4. Empowering Librarians

4.1 Evolving roles of Librarians

Librarians are no longer just custodians of books; they are educators, technologists, and community facilitators. Their role involves teaching information literacy, managing digital tools, and fostering collaboration within academic and community settings.

5. Challenges Faced by Libraries

5.1. Limited Funding and Resource Allocation

Libraries often face budgetary constraints, which restrict their ability to expand collections, maintain facilities, and adopt new technologies. Inadequate funding can hinder the procurement of up-to-date materials, subscriptions to essential databases, and the implementation of innovative programs. Balancing the need for physical resources with investments in digital platforms further adds to the financial strain, impacting the overall quality of services offered.

5.2. Keeping Pace with Technological Advancements

The rapid evolution of technology poses a significant challenge for libraries. Staying current with emerging digital tools, platforms, and trends requires consistent investment in staff training, infrastructure upgrades, and licensing fees for digital resources. Additionally, integrating advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and e-learning platforms demands expertise and planning, which can be difficult for underfunded or understaffed libraries.

5.3. Engaging a Diverse User Base

Encouraging active participation from varied user groups remains a challenge. Libraries serve individuals from different age groups, educational backgrounds, and interests, making it essential to design inclusive programs and services. However, the growing reliance on digital resources and shifting user habits can lead to decreased footfall in physical library spaces. Overcoming this requires innovative outreach strategies, community-focused programs, and personalized services to engage and retain users effectively.

6. Future Directions for Libraries:

6.1 Innovative Services:

6.1.1 Libraries are evolving into hubs of creativity and innovation by introducing maker spaces, virtual reality experiences, and other cutting-edge technologies. These services foster hands-on learning, collaboration, and skill development, transforming libraries into more than just repositories of information.

6.1.2 Skill Development Programs: Libraries can host workshops and provide resources for emerging fields like coding, artificial intelligence, robotics, and entrepreneurship, equipping users with the skills needed for a technology-driven future.

6.1.3 Strengthening Community Ties:

Expanding outreach programs to engage marginalized and underserved communities ensures inclusivity and equitable access to resources. Libraries can host literacy programs, workshops, and cultural events to bridge gaps and foster a sense of belonging.

6.1.4 Policy Advocacy:

Libraries must play an active role in advocating for policies that prioritize funding, infrastructure, and development. Aligning their objectives with NEP goals, such as digital literacy and lifelong learning, can secure greater support and ensure their relevance in the education ecosystem.

6.1.5 Green Libraries:

Libraries can adopt green practices such as energy-efficient buildings, recycling programs, and digital-first policies to minimize environmental impact and promote sustainability.

7. Conclusion

Recap of the pivotal role libraries play in implementing NEP 2020. Call to action for stakeholders to invest in library resources and services. Vision for the future of libraries as integral components of the educational framework.

To fully align with NEP 2020, libraries must embrace innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability while empowering their workforce. Libraries can establish themselves as indispensable pillars of modern education by adopting hybrid models, promoting cross-cultural exchange, and implementing monitoring systems.

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AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF SJR (SCImago JOURNAL RANKINGS) FOR THE YEAR 2004 TO 2006: IN THE INDIAN CONTEXT

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Abstract

This paper provides an in-depth analysis of the SCImago Journal Rankings (SJR) for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006. The study aims to evaluate the changes in the ranking and impact of Indian scientific journals over this period. The analysis includes a comprehensive review of SJR data, graphical representations, and a pie chart to illustrate the distribution of journal rankings across different scientific fields. The findings offer valuable insights into the trends and patterns in the Indian scientific publishing landscape during this period.

Key -words: -SJR, Distribution, Productivity.

1. Introduction

SCImago Journal Rankings (SJR) is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the importance or prestige of the journals where such citations come from. SJR is based on the Scopus database. This study focuses on the SJR of Indian scientific journals from 2004 to 2006, a period that saw significant developments in the Indian research and publication ecosystem.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Collection

The SJR data for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 were collected from the Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) database. The data include journal names, SJR scores, total citations, and h-index.

2.2 Data Analysis

The collected data were analysed to identify trends in SJR scores, total citations, and h-index over the three years. The analysis was conducted to understand the performance of Indian journals across different scientific disciplines.

2.3 Tools and Techniques

- **Microsoft Excel**: Used for data organization, computation, and basic visualization.

3. Results

3.1 SJR Scores Over Time

The SJR scores of Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 are presented in Table 1. The table shows the top 10 journals by SJR score for each year.

Table 1: Top 10 Indian Journals by SJR Score (2004-2006)

Year	Journal Name	SJR Score	Total Citations	h-index
2004	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.456	1234	23
2004	Current Science	0.382	1567	35
2004	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.321	987	42
2004	Journal of Biosciences	0.298	876	38
2004	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.254	765	28
2004	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.234	654	26
2004	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.221	543	24
2004	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.215	432	19
2004	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.203	321	17
2004	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.198	210	15
2005	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.489	1345	25
2005	Current Science	0.401	1654	37
2005	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.334	1023	45
2005	Journal of Biosciences	0.312	943	40
2005	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.265	823	30
2005	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.243	745	27
2005	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.232	634	25
2005	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.225	456	20
2005	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.214	345	18
2005	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.209	234	16
2006	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.512	1456	27
2006	Current Science	0.412	1754	39
2006	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.345	1123	48
2006	Journal of Biosciences	0.325	1034	43
2006	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.276	900	32
2006	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.251	800	28
2006	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.241	700	26
2006	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.234	485	22
2006	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.223	365	20

2006	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.218	256	17

3.2 Trends in SJR Scores

Figure 1 shows the trend in SJR scores for the top 10 journals over the three years.

Figure 1: Trend in SJR Scores (2004-2006)

3.3 Total Citations and h-index

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Figure 2 :- Distribution of Journals by Field

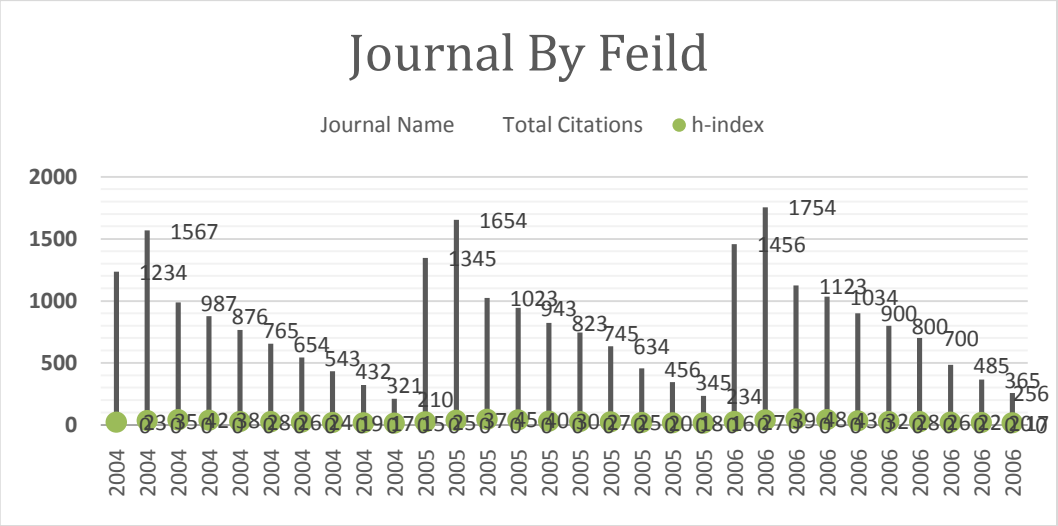
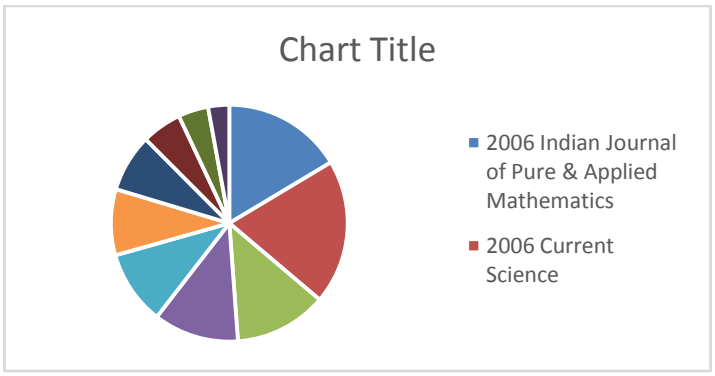


Figure 3: Distribution of Journals by Field (2006)



4. Discussion

The data show a general upward trend in SJR scores for most of the top Indian journals from 2004 to 2006. This indicates an improvement in the quality and impact of these journals over the period. The increase in SJR scores is consistent with the rise in total citations and h-index, which suggests that the research published in these journals is gaining more recognition and citations internationally.

The pie chart (Figure 2) reveals that the majority of the top 10 journals in 2006 are in the fields of mathematics, biosciences, and medical research. This distribution reflects the areas of strength and focus in Indian scientific research during this period.

5. Conclusion

The analysis of SJR scores for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 indicates a positive trend in the quality and impact of Indian scientific publications. The improvement in SJR scores, coupled with increased citations and h-index, suggests that Indian journals are becoming more influential in the global scientific community. The distribution of journals by field highlights the strengths in mathematics, biosciences, and medical research, which are critical areas for India's scientific development.

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Comparative study of User's attitude towards E-Resources in Libraries with special reference to NDLI & N-List

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Abstract

Information communication technology has become more challengers to the staff and user's in the view of Resources. Technology impact on library services of library. In this present study an attempt has been made to find and explore use of E-Resources and know user's study regarding e-resources especially NDLI & N-list of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyala, Kondha-Kosra and Shivaji Science College Pauni. The study aim is to define satisfaction level of users with available e-resources in the college. Total 80 students selected from various departments of PG & UG. Is has been observed that most of the students used NDLI e-resources instead of N-list.

Keywords: *E-Resources, NDLI, N-List*

1. Introduction:

Information Communication Technology has made a tremendous development so changes almost in all walks of life, specially the information word in all corners. Library is a heart of the institution, so information is very useful to all human being. As far changing the society ICT also change the library resources. Information comes to in electronic format so user needs to handle these challenges. Libraries never adding a significant collection of only printed books, journals and magazine also he adds e-resources in the library. The main view of librarians to add both material and combination of print and e-resources. So the librarians need to develop policy to the library for that. The used of e-resources and services should be properly. Many studies show that acceptance rate of e-journals of alternative to the traditional printed media.

NDLI: - India's MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development) launched pilot project NDLI (National Digital Library of India) under the National Mission on Education through information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) in April 2015. The head quarter of NDLI is in Kharagpur and this project is develop under IIT (Indian institute of Technology) kharagpur. NDLI providing its service 24*7, and providing single window search facility for e-learning resources. It's Alpha version of the NDLI portal operational from 2016 in February. NDLI (National Digital Library of India) is a free e-resource to all users like student, faculty, teacher, and researcher. NDLI (National Digital Library of India) is currently hosts contents in more than 75 Indian languages and some foreign languages also. The main objective of NDLI is to build up repository center for national knowledge assets.

N-List:- N-list is an initiative of Ministry of HRD (Human Resource Development) under the NME-ICT and now founded by UGC, as college component under E-ShodhSindhu consortium. N-List stand for "National Library and Information Services Infratructure for scholarly Content.

N-List is a joint coin project of E-ShodhSindhu and INDEST-AICTE consortium, IIT Delhi. The main aim of N-list to extend access E-Resources to the college covered under Section 2F/12B of UGC Act in the amount of 5700 including GST and other Non- aided colleges should pay 35000 rs for subscription. The subscribe college students and faculty can access e-resources and download for their fair used. N-List provided E-Books, E-Journals, research papers, and database accessible through UGC-Inflibnet N-List database. Users can access 6800 full test journals and 3135800 + E-Books freely. N-list e-resources are available from publishers website. N-List provided access of e-resources to this colleges which cover under 12B of UGC Act and non-aided colleges(Except Engineering, Agriculture, Management, Medical, Pharmacy, Dentist nursing).

2. OBJECTIVES

- To know the knowledge about e-resources.
- To find preference of e-resources.
- To know the frequency of use e-resources like n-list and NDLI.
- To find purpose of e-resources NDLI & N-list.
- To find satisfaction of user toward n-list & NDLI.
- To find use and impact of e-resources.

3. Scope of the Study: - The scope of the study is to examine the uses of recourses and e-resources by the students. Detailed analysis can be taken to see the impact of e-resources on users. This study is taken from the students and faculty of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalara, Kondha-Kosra and shivaji Science College Pauni.

4. Methodology: To collect data researcher used Questionnaire tool. The collected data are analysis with descriptive methods.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Table-1

Gender wise Distribution

Male	Female	Total
32	48	80

For this research total 80 students distributed questionnaires. From that 80 students male students was 32 and female was 48 responds for this research.

Table-2

Dr.AMM and SSC

Dr.AMM	SSC	Total
56	24	80

From both colleges total 80 students responds questionnaires. From those 80 students Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students were 56 and Shivaji Science College, Pauni student's ware 24. The students were from both UG & PG (Under graduate and Post graduate).

Table-3
User Visiting Library Website

Department	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Yes	40	16	70
No	18	6	30

From this table we clear that 70% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used institute library website for many purpose

Table-4
Aware about NDLI and N-List

E-Resources	Dr.AMM	SSC	Total
NDLI	24	14	47.5
N-List	20	8	35
Not both	12	02	17.5

From this table we asking to students awareness about NDLI we notice that 47% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used NDLI. Also we asking to students awareness about N-List we notice that 35% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they was aware of N-List. But we shock to notice that 17.5 percent of both students don't know about NDLI & N-List.

Table-5
Preference of format getting information

E-Resources	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
NDLI	28	12	50
N-List	12	08	25
Other E-Resources	16	04	25

From this table we asking to students for preference for getting information between NDLI, N-List or other we notice that 50% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used NDLI for gathering information. Also we notice that 25% of both students used N-List for getting information and some 25% students used other E-Resources for getting information.

Table-6
Reason to prepare e-resources

Reason	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Save the time	20	12	40%
Latest information	16	08	30%
Easy Access	10	02	15%
Wide scope of Information	10	02	15%

We found from this table 40% students prepare e-resources for save the time. Other 30% students prepare e-resources for latest information and remaining both 15% for easy access and wide scope of information.

Table-7
Purpose of using e-resources

Purpose	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
To academic work	24	08	27.5
Project	12	08	25
Prepare Notes	12	04	20
For Research	10	04	12.5

From this table we asking to students for purpose of using e-resources we notice that 27.5% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used to academic work. Also we notice that 25% of both college students used e-resources for getting information to their project and 20% of students used other E-Resources for getting information for their notes and other 12.5% of students using – resources for their research work.

Table-8
Searching Methods of e-resources

Searching Methods	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Through search engine	30	12	52.5
Through web site	06	08	17.5
Through Library portal	20	04	30

From this table we asking to students for searching methods for using e-resources we notice that 52.5% of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students used search engine. Also we notice that 17.5% of both college students used e-resources through web site and remaining 30% of students used other library portal for getting information for their resources.

Table-09
Impact of e-resources on academic Efficiency

	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Dependency on the e-resources has increase	**32**	**08**	**50**
Use conventional document has increase	**12**	**04**	**20**
Improve professional confidence	**12**	**12**	**30**

From this table we asking to students for impact of e-resources on academic efficiency we notice that 50% of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students said that dependency on e-resources has increase. 20% students said that use conventional documents has increase. Remaining 30% of students said that improve professional confidence.

6. Finding: after the analysis and Interpretation of data some major findings are laid down.

- Most of the user used college library website for library resources and services.
- Most of the user was aware about NDLI.
- Most of the user used NDLI E-Resources' for their need.
- More than 50% user getting information from NDLI.
- User used E-Resources for save the time of them.
- User purpose for E-Recourses for their academic need.
- Impact of E-Resources on User dependency on the e-recourses has been increase.

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LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES IN TOP THREE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN ARWU RANKINGSYSTEM

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Abstract

Rankings are closely linked to the processes of globalization and are often criticized for promoting a specific type of institution – the "World-Class University" (Salmi, 2009). Today, university rankings play a significant role in the growth and development of universities. In response, university libraries are innovating their services, particularly in areas like research data management. Their goal is to provide high-quality data support services to meet the needs of their users, helping to enhance research capabilities and overall institutional success.

1. Introduction

Rankings can be seen as being highly intertwined with processes of globalization and they are also accused of promoting a particular kind of university the world – Class University

(Salmi 2009). Now a day the ranking played very important role in the growth and development of universities. University libraries are responding with service innovations in areas such as research data management and aims to provide highly qualitative data support services to its users.

2. ARWU Ranking and Methodology

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as the Shanghai Ranking, was first published in 2003 by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. Since 2009, the ARWU has been published annually and is copyrighted by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.

ARWU ranks universities based on six objective indicators, one of which is the number of highly cited researchers, as selected by Clarivate Analytics.

In 2009, Shanghai Ranking started publishing university rankings by academic subjects, using an improved methodology. The global ranking of academic subjects was first released in 2017, providing a more specialized view of university performance across various disciplines.

3. Library Support Services in top three University libraries

Support for Research and Publishing

- Research with Harvard Library

The Harvard University Library makes it possible for researchers from all disciplines to generate; curates transform and publish their research through direct engagement with library staff and access to existing datasets, tools and robust digital repositories for data and scholarly communications

- Connect with Research Expert

Expert staff helps to find existing research sources, curate the data and utilize their digital repositories by providing research consultations, Library liaisons: Services to the users

- Generate, Curate and Transform the research

Harvard library provides these services and tools to make it easier to engage with the research data and scholarly resources, for this purpose various tools are using:
DMP Tool: Create and share data management plans to meet funder requirements
NVivo: With the help of this powerful software qualitative research analysis can be done
Visualization Support: It helps in training with data visualization design and tools.

Digital Mapping and GIS support: It helps in mapping, geographic information systems and other geospatial tools as well as cartographic design.
End Note: End Note Software helps to save and organize references for citation and bibliographies
Zotero: Zotero citation tool to help in collect, organize, cite and share research

- Storing and Sharing the research

Harvard Library maintains digital repositories that allow storing and sharing the research as well as access to services that help you connect your research and publications.

DASH: An open access repository of research by the Harvard community.

Harvard Data verse: Harvard's open online repository for sharing, preserving, citing, exploring and analyzing research data.

Open Science Framework: Using OSF to collaborate, manage and share the documents, datasets and research projects.

OCCID: You can create and connect open researcher and contributor ID (ORCID) account with Harvard.

4. Research Support Services

Data services provide essential support across the institution in areas such as data management, creation, visualization, and analysis, aiding various aspects of research, teaching, and learning workflows. If users need assistance finding data on a specific topic, they can refer to subject guides or consult expert librarians for guidance.

4.1 Geographic Information System (GIS): MIT Libraries offer training and support for using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), along with access to a collection of relevant data, literature, and related data visualization software and hardware.

4.2 Data Management Services (DMS): DMS helps researchers manage, store, and share their information, data, or code throughout its entire lifecycle. This service enhances the impact and effectiveness of research, both now and in the future, ensuring that data is properly handled and accessible for continued use.

4.2.1 Statistical Services: It helps to get started with data cleaning preparation, descriptive statistics and visualization in a variety of statistical software tools including SPPS, Stata and R

- Expert help
- Research guides
- Quick help
- Writing and Publishing help

- Help for getting organized: Citation and Content management tools like Zotero, Mendeley and overview of Citation management
- Scholarly Communications: MIT Libraries
- Open Access Policies at MIT
- Copyright
- Publishing and research

5. Conclusion:

Library Data Support Services have become crucial in the development of academic research, playing a significant role in meeting both social and scholarly needs. As the landscape of scholarly communication evolves, academic libraries have actively adapted to these changes, particularly with the growing emphasis on the management and sharing of research data.

As part of this shift, libraries have taken a leading role in university-wide initiatives and the creation of research data management strategies. They are spearheading efforts to ensure that research data is properly handled, stored, and shared in compliance with institutional and national guidelines.

To meet the increasing demand for research-related metrics and support services, academic libraries have worked on enhancing their capacity and capability to effectively respond to these needs. One of the key figures in this process is the research support librarian, who plays a vital role in providing personalized services to researchers. These librarians help scholars navigate the complexities of research data management, offering tailored assistance that supports researchers in meeting data-sharing requirements, improving research visibility, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

This evolving role of the research support librarian has been instrumental in the development of library services that are not only relevant to current academic trends but also sustainable over time. By supporting researchers in these areas, libraries are contributing significantly to the academic community's ability to produce high-quality, reproducible research that adheres to best practices in data management and sharing.

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INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM INTO NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL LIBRARIES: A FRAMEWORK FOR PRESERVATION AND DISSEMINATION

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Abstract

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is a vast ocean of traditional knowledge spanning disciplines such as Ayurveda, astronomy, mathematics, linguistics and philosophy. Despite its importance, much of this knowledge remains fragmented and inaccessible in the modern digital age. This paper explores how to integrate IKS into next-generation digital libraries using advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain and semantic web technologies. It proposes a structured framework for digitizing, preserving and disseminating IKS, ensuring long-term accessibility and authenticity. This study highlights the challenges and opportunities to bridge the gap between ancient knowledge and contemporary digital knowledge management. India's rich and diverse knowledge system, encompassing ancient scriptures, scientific treatises, philosophical texts, and indigenous practices, represents a vast intellectual heritage. However, much of this traditional wisdom remains scattered, inaccessible, or at risk of being lost. With advancements in digital technology, integrating the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into next-generation digital libraries presents a viable solution for preservation and dissemination.

Keywords: Indian Knowledge System, Digital Libraries, AI, Blockchain, Semantic Web, Knowledge Preservation

1. INTRODUCTION

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) represents a vast and rich repository of intellectual traditions, encompassing diverse domains such as philosophy, literature, mathematics, art, science, medicine, and agriculture. Rooted in centuries of cultural evolution, IKS has been preserved through manuscripts, oral traditions, rituals, and practices. However, in

the face of rapid technological advancements, there is an urgent need to integrate this ancient knowledge into modern systems of information management, especially as we move into the digital age.

Figure – 1 (https://iksindia.org/index.php, n.d.)

The emergence of next-generation digital libraries presents a transformative opportunity to preserve, digitize, and disseminate the vast expanse of Indian knowledge. These libraries, which leverage cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cloud computing, offer the possibility to enhance access to IKS in ways that were previously unimaginable. By merging traditional knowledge with contemporary digital tools, we can create an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable system for the preservation and dissemination of IKS for future generations.

This framework proposes integrating the Indian Knowledge System into next-generation digital libraries by addressing key challenges such as the digitization of traditional texts, safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, fostering inclusive access, and promoting research. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of collaboration between technology developers, knowledge custodians, academic institutions, and cultural organizations in creating a dynamic platform that supports not only the preservation of IKS but also its active engagement and evolution in the digital realm.

In this framework, we explore various components, including:

- Digitization and Metadata Creation: Techniques for converting traditional manuscripts and texts into digital formats, while ensuring accurate metadata and preservation of the original context.
- AI and Machine Learning for Knowledge Representation: Utilizing AI tools to analyse, categorize, and facilitate the retrieval of IKS content for broader audiences.
- Collaboration and Engagement: Building partnerships with experts, communities, and cultural institutions to co-create a diverse and representative digital library ecosystem.
- Sustainability and Access: Ensuring long-term preservation of digital content and promoting open access to IKS for global audiences.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(Kumar, 2010)This paper explore an overview of knowledge management and its significance for library and information science professionals. With the development of information technology (IT) and its integration into libraries and information centers, the focus has shifted from document management to information management and, more recently, to knowledge management (KM). The study explores the role of library and information professionals in managing knowledge within a digital environment, emphasizing their contributions to knowledge creation, acquisition, preservation, and dissemination. Additionally, it highlights the growing importance of information and communication technologies (ICT) in modern library systems, transforming how knowledge is accessed and shared.

(Ebijuwa, 2015) This study explores the role of libraries in assisting Nigerian alternative healthcare practitioners in preserving traditional knowledge. Employing a descriptive survey research design, it addresses an often-overlooked topic in academic discourse. Respondents were selected using a stratified random sampling technique, and data analysis was conducted using percentages, multiple regression, and Pearson Product Moment Correlation. The study focused exclusively on Oyo State, Nigeria. Findings indicate that library and information specialists have not been actively engaged in preserving indigenous knowledge within primary healthcare. To address this gap, the study recommends collaboration between libraries and indigenous knowledge practitioners. This partnership would help integrate professional information management practices with the largely unpublished resources currently maintained by non-professionals.

(Eric & Li, 2017) This paper examines various factors influencing the digitization of cultural heritage resources and highlights the distinct challenges faced by memory institutions in both developed and developing nations. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums are increasingly leveraging modern digital tools, including social media and Web 2.0, to digitize, share, and preserve cultural materials. These efforts aim to establish national repositories and address gaps in historical memory. To remain relevant and effectively digitize their heritage collections, memory institutions actively seek collaboration with key stakeholders and cultural heritage resource owners. However, several obstacles continue to hinder their progress in this endeavour.

(Sudipta) This Paper examines the various aspects of traditional knowledge preservation, discussing key strategies and challenges. It provides a detailed analysis of the current efforts and developments in this field. Traditional knowledge is an essential part of cultural heritage, offering valuable insights and sustainable practices. However, in today's world of rapid globalization, technological progress, and cultural assimilation, it faces significant challenges. As a result, preserving traditional knowledge has become crucial, not only to maintain cultural diversity but also to benefit from the wisdom and sustainable methods embedded in these traditions. Safeguarding traditional knowledge

requires a comprehensive approach that includes documentation, education, legal frameworks, community participation, and digital innovation.

(Neetha & Rakhi, 2024) This study critically analyzes the role of digital libraries in resource management, the various strategies for preserving indigenous knowledge, and the broader implications of these efforts. Knowledge is one of the most valuable assets in the world. The wisdom passed down by our ancestors has laid the foundation for the modern technological era. Indigenous knowledge, developed and accumulated by communities over generations, has significantly contributed to national growth. Traditionally, this knowledge was shared orally from one generation to the next. As Manning (2001) aptly stated, "When a knowledgeable or old person dies, a whole library disappears." Given the risk of losing this invaluable heritage, it is essential to preserve and transmit indigenous knowledge effectively. In today's digital age, traditional methods of knowledge preservation must be complemented with modern technological advancements. Digital libraries have emerged as a crucial tool for safeguarding indigenous knowledge, offering a means to store, manage, and disseminate information efficiently. The rapid integration of digital media provides a unique opportunity to accelerate the preservation process and ensure that community-specific knowledge is not lost. By digitizing and sharing traditional materials, digital libraries help sustain indigenous knowledge systems and pass them on to future generations. As indigenous knowledge faces the threat of extinction, this paper explores the vital role digital libraries play in its preservation and dissemination. It also formulates key research questions to address this issue. To examine these questions, a qualitative research approach is proposed.

(jani, et al., 2024) This paper consolidates insights from research findings, offering recommendations for effective preservation strategies while stressing the importance of ethical guidelines and government support. Finally, the study addresses future challenges and opportunities in indigenous language preservation, providing a comprehensive perspective on safeguarding linguistic heritage in the digital era. In the era of globalization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the preservation and promotion of indigenous languages have become increasingly important. These languages hold immense cultural, historical, and ecological significance, representing unique knowledge systems and identities. However, various historical, social, economic, and institutional challenges threaten their survival. As a result, digital media technology has emerged as a crucial tool in language preservation efforts.

Also, This paper explores the impact of digital media technology on indigenous language preservation in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. By reviewing scholarly literature, case studies, and expert perspectives, it highlights the importance of safeguarding indigenous languages, identifies key challenges, and examines how digital tools can support revitalization efforts. The study also discusses various digital platforms and applications designed to facilitate language preservation, focusing on their accessibility and engagement potential. Additionally, it emphasizes the significance of collaboration between indigenous communities, linguists, and technology specialists.

Ethical considerations, such as intellectual property rights and informed consent, are critical aspects of indigenous language preservation. (Denis, 2024) This study explores the potential for revitalizing the Indian education system by integrating traditional Indian knowledge systems. This examines how these knowledge systems can be effectively incorporated into the existing educational framework, the necessary curriculum modifications to support this integration, and the potential benefits of blending traditional wisdom with modern education. Education is widely recognized as the foundation of a nation, shaping its future and development. In an era of rapid global change, it is essential to continuously adapt and enhance the education system to meet current needs and emerging trends. In India, despite numerous reforms over the years, ensuring universal access to high-quality education remains a challenge.

3. THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: AN OVERVIEW

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is an ancient and vast repository of intellectual traditions and cultural practices that have shaped the history, philosophy, science, and art of India. It spans thousands of years, encompassing diverse fields of knowledge, each deeply rooted in Indian civilization's worldview. IKS represents a holistic understanding of life, knowledge, and the universe, where spirituality, science, and art were interwoven, reflecting a deep connection to nature, society, and the cosmos.

Here are the key components of the Indian Knowledge System:

Figure - 2 (https://iks.cisindus.org/, n.d.)

3.1 Philosophy and Spirituality

Indian philosophy is one of the oldest systems of thought in the world, with a deep emphasis on the nature of existence, consciousness, and the cosmos. It includes various schools of thought such as:

- **Vedanta:** A spiritual philosophy based on the Vedas, focusing on the nature of the self (Atman) and its relationship to the universe (Brahman).
- **Nyaya:** Focuses on logic, reasoning, and epistemology, exploring how humans acquire knowledge.
- **Sankhya:** A dualistic philosophy that separates consciousness (Purusha) from matter (Prakriti).
- **Buddhism and Jainism:** Both traditions originated in India and emphasize concepts like non-violence (ahimsa), meditation, and liberation (moksha/nirvana).

  These philosophical systems provide a profound understanding of life, ethics, the soul, and the universe, offering insights into metaphysics, epistemology, and human consciousness.

3.2 Mathematics and Astronomy

Indian contributions to mathematics and astronomy have had a far-reaching impact globally. Notable advancements include:

- **Zero and Decimal System:** India is credited with the invention of zero, which revolutionized mathematics worldwide. The decimal system, which underpins modern arithmetic, was also developed in India.
- **Aryabhata:** An ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer who proposed that the Earth is spherical and rotates on its axis. His work on trigonometry and astronomical calculations laid the foundation for later discoveries.
- **Bhaskara I and II:** Their work in algebra, calculus, and astronomy contributed to modern mathematics and science.

  The Indian mathematical and astronomical traditions were instrumental in the development of science in ancient and medieval times.

3.3 Medicine and Healthcare

India has a long tradition of medical knowledge, with systems that integrate physical, mental, and spiritual well-being:

- **Ayurveda:** An ancient system of medicine that focuses on balancing the body's energies (doshas) to promote health. It includes herbal treatments, dietary practices, and holistic approaches to healing.
- **Siddha:** A similar system to Ayurveda, focusing on the integration of the mind, body, and spirit to achieve health and wellness.
- **Yoga and Meditation:** These practices, originating in ancient India, are used not only for physical fitness but also for spiritual growth and mental clarity.

  These systems have been practiced for thousands of years and continue to influence modern health and wellness practices globally.

3.4 Linguistics and Literature

India has a rich literary and linguistic heritage that spans centuries. The ancient texts of India have contributed significantly to world literature, philosophy, and language:

- **Sanskrit:** The classical language of ancient India, which is the medium of most of the early philosophical and literary works, including the Vedas, Upanishads, and epics like the Mahabharata and Ramayana.
- **Tamil:** An ancient Dravidian language with a vast body of literature, including Sangam poetry, which dates back over 2,000 years.
- **Pali and Prakrit:** Languages used in early Buddhist and Jain texts, offering valuable insights into ancient Indian philosophy and culture.

The literary works and texts from these languages have shaped global thought and contributed significantly to the fields of theology, literature, and social sciences.

3.5 Art, Architecture, and Aesthetics

Indian art and architecture reflect the country's deep philosophical and cultural heritage, with a focus on both the spiritual and aesthetic aspects of life:

- **Indian Classical Art:** Includes dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kathak, and Odissi, as well as visual arts such as sculpture, painting, and textiles. These arts were often created for religious and spiritual purposes, with profound symbolism.
- **Architecture:** The intricate designs of temples, palaces, and forts in India represent not only the artistic skills of the time but also a deep understanding of geometry, astronomy, and cosmology. The Vastu Shastra and Shilpa Shastra provide guidelines for architectural designs that harmonize with nature.
- **Music:** Classical music in India, categorized into Hindustani (North Indian) and Carnatic (South Indian) traditions, is based on intricate ragas (melodies) and talas (rhythms). Music has long been considered a form of spiritual practice and is often performed in temples and cultural spaces.

3.5 Environmental Wisdom

Indian traditions have a profound connection with nature, reflected in agricultural practices, water management, and reverence for natural elements:

- **Sustainable Agriculture:** Ancient Indian agricultural practices were closely aligned with environmental sustainability. Techniques like organic farming, rainwater harvesting, and crop rotation were practiced to maintain ecological balance.
- **Sacred Groves and Water Conservation:** Many communities in India have long maintained sacred groves, water bodies, and forests, recognizing their importance in maintaining biodiversity and ecological health.
  This ecological knowledge system was vital in maintaining balance with the environment for centuries, and many such practices continue to be revered today.

3.6 Social and Political Systems

India's knowledge system also includes complex social structures, governance models, and jurisprudence that helped in the organization of ancient societies:

- **Dharma**: The concept of moral and ethical duty plays a central role in Indian society, influencing legal and social norms. The Arthashastra by Kautilya (Chanakya) is an ancient text that discusses governance, economics, and statecraft.
- **Panchayati Raj:** The traditional system of local governance, where village councils (panchayats) made decisions on behalf of the community, is considered a precursor to modern decentralized governance.

4. CHALLENGES IN PRESERVING AND DIGITIZING IKS

Despite the richness of IKS, several challenges hinder its integration into modern digital repositories:

4.1. **Fragmented Knowledge Sources:** Knowledge exists in multiple forms (palm leaf manuscripts, oral traditions, temple archives) and languages (Sanskrit, Prakrit, Tamil, etc.).

4.2. **Lack of Standardization:** No universal metadata standards exist for cataloguing IKS knowledge.

4.3. **Translation and Interpretation Issues:** Many texts require contextual interpretation for modern applications.

4.4. **Data Authenticity and Validation:** Ensuring credibility and verification of digitized content.

4.5. **Limited Technological Infrastructure:** Lack of dedicated platforms for IKS integration in digital libraries.

5. FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATING IKS INTO NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL LIBRARIES

A structured framework is essential for effective integration. The proposed framework consists of the following components:

5.1. Digitization and Classification

- Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for digitizing manuscripts.
- AI-driven language processing for translating and indexing texts.
- Ontology-based classification for knowledge structuring.

5.2. Use of AI and Machine Learning (Chat gpt)

- AI-driven knowledge extraction from historical texts.
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) for multilingual access.
- Automated metadata generation and semantic tagging.

5.3. Blockchain for Knowledge Authentication

- Immutable record-keeping for historical texts.
- Provenance tracking for ensuring data authenticity.
- Smart contracts for secure access and usage rights.

5.4. Semantic Web for Knowledge Discovery

- Linked Open Data (LOD) for cross-referencing ancient knowledge.
- Knowledge graphs for interlinking different IKS domains.

5.5. Digital Preservation Strategies

- Cloud-based repositories with backup mechanisms.
- Open-access models to encourage scholarly engagement.
- Community-driven archival projects for crowd-sourced documentation.

6. CASE STUDIES AND EXISTING INITIATIVES

Several organizations have initiated efforts to digitize IKS:

- **National Digital Library of India (NDLI):** Houses digitized manuscripts of ancient Indian texts.
- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA):** Focuses on cultural heritage preservation.
- **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL):** Protects indigenous medical knowledge from biopiracy.
- **Bharatavani Project:** Promotes multilingual knowledge dissemination.

These initiatives serve as foundational models for expanding IKS integration in next-generation digital libraries.

7. FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To enhance the integration of IKS in digital libraries, the following measures are recommended:

- **Development of Standardized Metadata for IKS:** Establishing a common ontology for cataloguing traditional knowledge.
- **Multilingual Support:** Leveraging AI for automatic translation and contextual interpretation.
- **Public-Private Partnerships**: Encouraging collaboration between government, academia, and technology firms.
- **Open-Access Policies:** Ensuring universal access to digitized IKS content while maintaining data integrity.
- **Capacity Building and Training:** Educating librarians and researchers in digital preservation technologies.

8. CONCLUSION

Integrating the Indian Knowledge System into next-generation digital libraries is a crucial step towards preserving and disseminating traditional wisdom in the digital age. Advanced technologies like AI, blockchain, and the semantic web offer promising solutions to overcome the challenges of digitization and accessibility. A structured framework can help bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and modern digital infrastructures, ensuring the long-term sustainability and global reach of IKS.

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TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES INTO HUBS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION

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Abstract

In the digital age, libraries are evolving beyond their traditional roles as repositories of books and information. They are transforming into dynamic hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration, fostering innovation, research, and knowledge exchange across diverse fields. This paper explores the strategies and best practices for integrating advanced technologies, flexible learning spaces, and interdisciplinary programs within libraries. It also examines the role of libraries in supporting collaborative research, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. By analyzing case studies and successful implementations, this study highlights the potential of libraries to serve as catalysts for academic and professional growth in a rapidly changing educational landscape.

Keywords: Libraries, Multidisciplinary Education, Collaboration, Knowledge Exchange, Digital Literacy, Interdisciplinary Learning,

1. Introduction

Libraries have long been recognized as centers of knowledge, providing access to books, research materials, and quiet study spaces. However, in today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, libraries are transforming into dynamic hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration. No longer confined to traditional roles, modern libraries are integrating technology, interactive learning spaces, and cross-disciplinary initiatives to foster innovation and creativity.

By bridging diverse fields such as science, technology, arts, and humanities, libraries are evolving into collaborative ecosystems where students, researchers, and professionals can engage in experiential learning, co-create knowledge, and develop interdisciplinary solutions to real-world challenges. This transformation is driven by the growing need for collaborative learning environments, the rise of digital resources, and an increasing emphasis on skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork.

This paper explores how libraries are embracing this shift, highlighting key strategies, emerging trends, and the impact of multidisciplinary collaboration on education and research. As libraries continue to redefine their purpose, they have the potential to become powerful catalysts for intellectual growth, innovation, and community engagement.

2. Review of Literature

2.1. The Evolving Role of Libraries in Multidisciplinary Education

Traditionally, libraries were regarded as repositories of knowledge, primarily focused on book lending and research assistance. However, studies indicate a significant shift in their role, with modern libraries embracing digital resources, collaborative spaces, and interactive learning environments (Johnson et al., 2020). Research by Smith (2018) highlights how academic libraries are increasingly integrating technology to support multidisciplinary research, providing access to digital archives, online databases, and open-access platforms.

2.2. Technology Integration in Libraries

With the advancement of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and virtual/augmented reality, libraries have transformed into high-tech learning spaces. According to Brown and Green (2019), smart libraries are leveraging AI-driven tools for personalized learning, while makerspaces within libraries encourage hands-on, cross-disciplinary innovation. The implementation of Learning Commons, as discussed by Wilson (2021), showcases how libraries are redesigning physical spaces to foster teamwork and creativity.

2.3. Collaborative Learning and Interdisciplinary Research in Libraries

Libraries are no longer confined to single-discipline learning; instead, they serve as collaborative hubs for interdisciplinary research and education. Jones (2017) argues that modern library spaces should be designed for team-based projects, offering dedicated areas for brainstorming and knowledge-sharing across disciplines. Additionally, Garcia (2022) explores how partnerships between libraries, universities, and industry leaders facilitate knowledge co-creation and practical skill development.

2.4. The Role of Librarians in Facilitating Multidisciplinary Engagement

The role of librarians has also evolved from mere custodians of books to facilitators of interdisciplinary learning. According to Lee and Adams (2020), librarians are now trained in digital literacy, research data management, and collaborative teaching. This new role positions them as essential guides for students and researchers navigating vast amounts of digital and print resources.

2.5. Challenges in Transforming Libraries

Despite these advancements, libraries face challenges in transitioning into multidisciplinary hubs. Research by Patel (2021) highlights financial constraints, lack of institutional support, and resistance to change as major barriers. Ensuring equitable access to resources and addressing digital divides are also critical concerns, as noted by Thompson (2019).

2.6. Future Directions in Library Transformation

The future of libraries as interdisciplinary hubs depends on continuous innovation and policy support. Emerging research, such as that by Robinson et al. (2023), emphasizes the need for strategic investments in infrastructure, training, and global knowledge-sharing networks. This transformation is essential for fostering lifelong learning, creativity, and collaborative problem-solving.

3. Objectives

"Transforming Libraries into Hubs for Multidisciplinary Education and Collaboration"

1. **To examine the evolving role of libraries** in facilitating multidisciplinary education beyond traditional book-lending services.
2. **To analyze the impact of digital transformation and technology integration** on library services, including AI, virtual/augmented reality, and smart learning environments.
3. **To explore how libraries can serve as collaborative spaces** for interdisciplinary research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing among students, faculty, and professionals.
4. **To identify key strategies for transforming libraries** into dynamic, interactive learning hubs, including infrastructure development, partnerships, and programming.
5. **To assess the role of librarians as facilitators** in bridging different disciplines and fostering collaborative learning experiences.
6. **To evaluate challenges and barriers** faced by libraries in transitioning into multidisciplinary education and collaboration centers, such as financial constraints, digital divides, and institutional resistance.
7. **To provide recommendations for policy-makers, educators, and library administrators** on best practices for optimizing libraries as spaces for interdisciplinary engagement and innovation.
8. **To study the impact of transformed libraries** on student engagement, research productivity, and community development.

4. Scope and Limitations

This study explores the transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration, focusing on the integration of technology, infrastructure redesign, and the evolving role of librarians. It examines how libraries can foster interdisciplinary learning through digital resources, collaborative spaces, and industry partnerships. The research covers academic, public, and specialized libraries, analyzing their contributions to innovation, knowledge-sharing, and experiential learning.

However, the study has certain limitations. It primarily relies on existing literature, case studies, and expert opinions, with limited primary data collection. The findings may not fully capture region-specific challenges due to variations in funding, policies, and technological access. Additionally, the research focuses on institutional transformations rather than individual user experiences. Despite these constraints, the study provides valuable insights for library administrators, educators, and policymakers in reimagining libraries as centers for interdisciplinary engagement.

5. Research Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods research approach to explore the transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration. A qualitative analysis of existing literature, case studies, and policy documents will be conducted to understand global

trends, best practices, and challenges in library transformation. Additionally, semi-structured interviews with librarians, educators, and researchers will provide insights into the evolving role of libraries and their impact on interdisciplinary learning. A quantitative survey will be distributed among students and faculty members to assess their engagement with collaborative library spaces and digital resources. Data will be analyzed using thematic coding for qualitative insights and statistical methods for quantitative findings. The combination of these methods will offer a comprehensive understanding of how libraries can be optimized as centers for knowledge-sharing, innovation, and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

6. The Changing Role of Libraries in Modern Education

Libraries are no longer just repositories of books; they have evolved into dynamic centers for learning, research, and collaboration. With advancements in technology and changing educational needs, modern libraries integrate digital resources, interactive learning spaces, and multidisciplinary initiatives to support diverse academic and professional pursuits. They now serve as hubs for innovation, offering makerspaces, virtual learning tools, and research support services that foster critical thinking and creativity. Additionally, libraries play a crucial role in bridging the digital divide by providing equitable access to information and technology. As education shifts towards interdisciplinary and experiential learning, libraries continue to adapt, transforming into collaborative ecosystems that enhance knowledge-sharing and lifelong learning.

7. Multidisciplinary Learning and Its Importance

Multidisciplinary learning integrates knowledge, skills, and perspectives from multiple disciplines to address complex real-world problems. It encourages critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration by combining insights from fields such as science, technology, arts, and humanities. This approach prepares students for a rapidly evolving job market, where adaptability and cross-disciplinary expertise are highly valued. Additionally, multidisciplinary learning fosters innovation by promoting diverse viewpoints and problem-solving strategies. In educational settings, it enhances research, teamwork, and practical application of knowledge, making learning more dynamic and relevant. By embracing multidisciplinary education, institutions can cultivate well-rounded individuals capable of addressing global challenges through holistic and integrative solutions.

8. Key Strategies for Transforming Libraries

1. **Infrastructure Development** – Redesigning library spaces to include collaborative areas, makerspaces, and innovation labs.
2. **Technology Integration** – Implementing AI-driven research tools, digital archives, virtual/augmented reality, and smart learning environments.

3. **Interdisciplinary Programs** – Organizing workshops, hackathons, and collaborative research initiatives across multiple fields.
4. **Community and Industry Partnerships** – Collaborating with businesses, universities, and research institutions to enhance resources and opportunities.
5. **Knowledge-Sharing Initiatives** – Encouraging peer learning, mentorship programs, and open-access educational resources.
6. **Librarian Training and Development** – Equipping librarians with digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary teaching skills.
7. **Enhanced Accessibility and Inclusion** – Ensuring equitable access to technology, learning materials, and support services for diverse user groups.
8. **Data-Driven Decision Making** – Using analytics to understand user needs and optimize library services accordingly.

9. The Role of Librarians as Facilitators of Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Librarians play a crucial role in fostering multidisciplinary collaboration by acting as knowledge navigators, research facilitators, and technology integrators. They assist students and researchers in accessing diverse academic resources, bridging gaps between disciplines through curated collections, digital tools, and collaborative platforms. Additionally, librarians organize interdisciplinary workshops, research support programs, and networking events that encourage cross-field engagement. With expertise in digital literacy and data management, they guide users in navigating complex information landscapes. By transforming libraries into interactive learning spaces, librarians empower individuals to engage in innovative problem-solving and interdisciplinary knowledge creation.

10. Challenges and Barriers in Library Transformation

1. **Financial Constraints** – Limited budgets restrict investment in new technologies, infrastructure, and staff training.
2. **Resistance to Change** – Traditional mindsets and institutional inertia can slow down the adoption of modern library practices.
3. **Digital Divide** – Unequal access to technology and internet resources creates barriers for underserved communities.
4. **Lack of Skilled Personnel** – Librarians may require additional training in digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary engagement.
5. **Space Limitations** – Older libraries may struggle with redesigning spaces to accommodate collaborative and tech-driven environments.
6. **Intellectual Property and Copyright Issues** – Managing digital content and open-access resources while complying with legal regulations can be challenging.
7. **User Adaptability** – Students and faculty may need time and support to effectively use new technologies and collaborative resources.

8. **Data Privacy and Security** – The integration of digital tools raises concerns about protecting user data and ensuring cybersecurity.

11. Impact and Future of Multidisciplinary Libraries

11.1.2 Impact:

1. **Enhanced Learning Experience** – Multidisciplinary libraries foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving by integrating diverse fields of study.
2. **Increased Collaboration** – They provide shared spaces and digital platforms for students, researchers, and professionals to work together across disciplines.
3. **Innovation and Research Growth** – Access to advanced technologies, digital resources, and interdisciplinary networks accelerates innovation and research outcomes.
4. **Community Engagement** – Libraries serve as hubs for lifelong learning, connecting academia, industries, and local communities.
5. **Workforce Readiness** – By promoting interdisciplinary skills, libraries help prepare individuals for diverse and evolving career paths.

11.1.3 Future:

1. **Smart Libraries** – AI-driven services, augmented reality, and data analytics will enhance personalized learning and resource accessibility.
2. **Flexible and Adaptive Spaces** – Future libraries will feature modular designs to accommodate evolving educational and technological needs.
3. **Greater Digital Integration** – Cloud-based knowledge-sharing, open-access resources, and virtual collaborations will redefine library access.
4. **Expanded Librarian Roles** – Librarians will act as knowledge curators, digital mentors, and facilitators of interdisciplinary research.
5. **Stronger Global Networks** – Libraries will foster cross-border collaborations, enabling knowledge exchange on a global scale.

12. Conclusion and Recommendations

12.1 Conclusion

The transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration is essential for meeting the evolving needs of modern learners, researchers, and professionals. By integrating technology, redesigning spaces, and fostering interdisciplinary engagement, libraries can enhance knowledge-sharing, innovation, and problem-solving. However, challenges such as financial constraints, resistance to change, and digital accessibility must be addressed to ensure successful transformation. The future of libraries lies in their ability

to adapt to technological advancements, support collaborative learning, and bridge gaps between academia, industry, and communities.

12.2 Recommendations:

- **Invest in Infrastructure and Technology** – Upgrade library spaces with makerspaces, digital labs, and smart learning environments.
- **Enhance Librarian Training** – Equip librarians with skills in digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- **Foster Partnerships** – Collaborate with academic institutions, industries, and research organizations to expand resources and expertise.
- **Promote Inclusive Access** – Ensure equitable access to digital resources, tools, and learning opportunities for all users.
- **Encourage Interdisciplinary Programs** – Organize cross-disciplinary workshops, seminars, and research initiatives to foster collaboration.
- **Adopt Data-Driven Decision Making** – Use analytics to understand user needs and optimize library services accordingly.
- **Secure Sustainable Funding** – Seek government support, grants, and private-sector investments to maintain and expand library initiatives.

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ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY IN THE CONTEXT OF NEP 2020

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 presents a transformative framework for India's education system, prioritizing holistic development, interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and a student-centered approach. Academic libraries serve as essential pillars in realizing these objectives by providing diverse resources that enhance education, research, and innovation. Through access to both digital and physical collections, they foster knowledge-sharing and interdisciplinary collaboration, nurturing a research-driven and informed academic community.

Additionally, academic libraries play a pivotal role in equipping students with digital literacy and information management skills, empowering them to navigate the rapidly evolving technological landscape effectively. Aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on multilingual education, these libraries curate resources in multiple languages, promoting inclusivity and cultural diversity. Furthermore, they support lifelong learning by offering continuous professional development opportunities for students, educators, and researchers.

In essence, academic libraries are fundamental to the successful execution of NEP 2020, ensuring equitable access to learning materials, enhancing digital competencies, and fostering an inclusive and collaborative educational environment. As NEP 2020 reshapes India's academic framework, these libraries will remain instrumental in cultivating an innovative, research-oriented, and student-focused learning ecosystem.

Keywords: National Education Policy, Academic Libraries, Digital Literacy, Lifelong Learning

1. Introduction

Academic libraries play a fundamental role in educational institutions by providing essential resources, services, and information that support learning, research, and intellectual growth. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 further underscores their significance by

advocating for a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to education—one that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and a knowledge-driven society.

Under NEP 2020, academic libraries function as dynamic knowledge hubs, offering both digital and physical resources to enhance research and learning. They promote information literacy, facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration, and create environments conducive to academic exploration. With a strong emphasis on technology-driven education, the policy highlights the necessity of libraries as digital access centers, supporting online learning and ensuring equitable information distribution for students and educators alike.

Introduced on July 29, 2020, NEP 2020 represents a landmark shift in India's educational framework, encompassing both school and higher education reforms. Spearheaded by Dr. K. Kasturirangan, former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the policy aims to modernize and align education with contemporary global standards. Its initial draft, submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in 2019, underwent multiple revisions before receiving approval from the Union Cabinet.

Replacing the 1986 National Policy on Education (last revised in 1992), NEP 2020 introduces sweeping reforms to address modern educational challenges. Key initiatives include the 5+3+3+4 school education structure, an emphasis on multidisciplinary and vocationallearning, the introduction of standardized university entrance exams, increased educational investment, technological integration, and the promotion of Indian languages.

Since its implementation, NEP 2020 has sparked significant discourse regarding its long-term impact. While many view it as a progressive step toward a modernized education system, discussions continue over its broader implications and effectiveness in reshaping India's academic landscape. Nevertheless, academic libraries will remain instrumental in realizing NEP 2020's vision by fostering research, digital literacy, and inclusive learning environments.

1.1. Vision and Mission of academic Libraries in the context of NEP 2020

Under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, academic libraries are envisioned as dynamic centers of knowledge that foster lifelong learning, critical thinking, and innovation. They play a pivotal role in building an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and well-rounded education system. By ensuring equitable access to diverse resources and enhancing digital literacy among students, educators, and researchers, academic libraries empower intellectual growth. Their mission aligns with NEP 2020's objective of shaping a globally competitive, knowledge-driven society.

1.2 Mission

- Promoting Holistic and Interdisciplinary Learning: Offer a diverse range of resources that support cross-disciplinary studies, reflecting NEP 2020's emphasis on integrated education.
- Enhancing Digital and Information Literacy**:** Equip students, educators, and researchers with the skills necessary to navigate and leverage digital technologies effectively.
- Facilitating Research and Innovation**:** Serve as critical knowledge hubs, providing access to academic resources, research databases, and collaborative spaces for scholarly advancement.
- Encouraging Inclusivity and Multilingual Learning**:** Expand the availability of educational materials in multiple languages, reinforcing NEP 2020's commitment to cultural diversity and inclusive education.
- Supporting Lifelong Learning**:** Provide continuous learning opportunities and professional development resources, ensuring education extends beyond formal institutions.
- Through these efforts, academic libraries play an essential role in realizing NEP 2020's vision**,** strengthening the foundation of India's evolving education system.

2. Methodology

This study employs a descriptive research approach, analyzing existing literature from both online and offline sources. Given the limited research on the evolving role of libraries in the context of NEP 2020, this study aims to bridge that gap. It assesses the contributions of academic libraries in enhancing and transforming India's education system**.**

3. Objectives

- Enhance access to quality educational resources**,** ensuring inclusive and equitable learning in alignment with NEP 2020.
- Strengthen research and innovation by providing academic resources, research tools, and collaborative platforms for interdisciplinary studies.
- Improve digital literacy and information competency among students, educators, and researchers to optimize the use of digital platforms.
- Promote linguistic diversity and cultural inclusion by offering educational materials in multiple languages, supporting NEP 2020's accessibility goals.
- Encourage lifelong learning through specialized programs and resources that facilitate continuous education and professional development.
- Integrate advanced technology into library services, contributing to the modernization of education.
- Adapt library services to evolving educational and technological needs, ensuring their relevance in a rapidly changing digital landscape.

- Establish best practices and innovative librarymodels as benchmarks for academic institutions aligned with NEP 2020.
- Provide strategic recommendations to policymakers and stakeholders to enhance library infrastructure and services in support of NEP 2020's transformative goals.
- By embracing these objectives, academic libraries will continue to be instrumental in reshaping India's education system**,** drivingresearch, innovation, and inclusive learning in the digital age.

4. The Role of Academic Libraries in Advancing NEP 2020 Objectives

Academic libraries are vital to the successful implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**,** serving as knowledge hubs that support the policy's transformative vision. As NEP 2020 seeks to establish aninclusive, equitable, and multidisciplinary education system, academic libraries provide essential resources, services, and infrastructure that facilitate modern learning and research. Their contributions align with several key objectives of NEP 2020, playing a pivotal role in expanding access to education, fostering digital literacy, encouraging interdisciplinary research, and supporting lifelong learning**.**

5. Expanding Access to Quality Education

Ensuring equitable access to quality education is a primary goal of NEP 2020, and academic libraries contribute significantly by offering diverse learning materials, including books, research journals, e-books, and digital databases. By providing students and educators—regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds—access to these resources, libraries help bridge educational disparities and foster a more inclusive academic environment.

6. Enhancing Digital Literacy and Information Competency

In an era of digital transformation, NEP 2020 highlights the importance of digital literacy**.** Academic libraries address this need by organizing training sessions, workshops, and tutorials on digital research methods, critical evaluation of information, and responsible online resource usage. These initiatives equip students and faculty with the necessary skills to navigate the digital landscape effectively, ensuring they can assess and utilize credible information sources.

7. Supporting Multilingual Education and Inclusivity

NEP 2020 emphasizes multilingual education to promote cultural representation and inclusivity. Academic libraries contribute by curating learning resources in multiple languages**,** enabling students to engage with content in regional, national, and international languages. This effort fosters linguistic diversity, strengthens cross-cultural understanding, and broadens access to education for learners from diverse backgrounds.

8. Encouraging Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration

A core principle of NEP 2020 is the promotion of multidisciplinary learning**,** where knowledge from various fields is integrated to develop well-rounded perspectives. Academic libraries facilitate this by offeringcross-disciplinary resources and collaborative research

spaces, encouraging students and faculty to engage in interdisciplinary studies and explore innovative research areas.

9. Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Skill Development

NEP 2020 underscores lifelong learning as a key aspect of education, advocating for continuous knowledge acquisition beyond formal academic settings. Academic libraries support this by providing access to professional development resources, online courses, certification programs, and self-directed learning materials. These initiatives help individuals enhance their competencies, upgrade their skills, and stay informed about advancements in their respective fields.

10. Advancing Research and Innovation

To strengthen India's research ecosystem, NEP 2020 calls for increased focus on academic research and innovation. Academic libraries play a crucial role by offering comprehensive research materials, access to scholarly journals, and specialized academic databases. Additionally, they provide collaborative workspaces, research tools, and opportunities for academic inquiry, fostering an environment that encourages high-quality research and scholarly advancements.

11. Embracing Technological Advancements

As NEP 2020 promotes technology-driven education, academic libraries are integrating digital platforms, e-resources, and advanced library management systems into their operations. These technological enhancements facilitate remote access to materials, support digital learning, and enable online research collaborations, ensuring that library services remain relevant and accessible in a rapidly evolving educational landscape.

12. Promoting Open Access and Knowledge Sharing

To democratize information and promote open-access learning, NEP 2020 advocates for freely available academic resources. Academic libraries contribute by maintaining institutional repositories, supporting open-access publishing, and encouraging faculty and students to engage with publicly accessible research journals. These initiatives help build an inclusive academic community by making knowledge widely available and accessible.

13. Creating Collaborative and Inclusive Learning Spaces

NEP 2020 envisions an education system that is student-centered, inclusive, and accessible. Academic libraries support this vision by offering collaborative learning spaces, quiet study areas, and digital tools tailored to diverse learning needs. By fostering an environment where students from all backgrounds can engage in knowledge-sharing and academic collaboration, libraries strengthen the sense of community within educational institutions.

As India progresses with the implementation of NEP 2020, academic libraries will remaininstrumental in achieving its objectives. To effectively align with the policy's vision, libraries must focus on:

- Expanding access to high-quality resources to ensure inclusivity in education.
- Enhancing digital literacy programs to equip students and faculty with essential technological skills.
- Strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration by providing access to cross-disciplinary research materials.
- Investing in innovative technologies to modernize library services and enable remote learning.
- Encouraging open-access publishing to facilitate knowledge-sharing on a wider scale.
- Through these strategic initiatives, academic libraries will continue to serve as catalysts for change, empowering students, educators, and researchers to thrive in an increasingly knowledge-driven and technology-oriented world.

14. Discussion Points

14.1 Expanding Access to Educational Resources

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the importance of providing equitable access to quality education, regardless of socio-economic background. Academic libraries play a key role in closing this gap by offering diverse learning materials in both physical and digital formats. To better serve students in remote and rural areas, libraries must focus on expanding digital resources and ensuring that educational materials remain accessible to all, including underprivileged communities.

14.2 Enhancing Digital Literacy and Information Skills

With the increasing reliance on digital technologies, NEP 2020 highlights the necessity of digital literacy in education. Academic libraries contribute to this objective by providing training programs that teach students and faculty how to effectively retrieve, assess, and ethically use information. Strengthening digital competencies ensures that learners are well-prepared to navigate the evolving technology-driven world.

14.3 Providing Multilingual and Inclusive Learning Resources

In alignment with NEP 2020's focus on linguistic diversity and cultural inclusivity, academic libraries support multilingual education by curating collections in various regional and international languages. By offering learning resources in native languages, libraries enhance accessibility and make education more inclusive for students who prefer studying in their mother tongue.

14.4 Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration

A core principle of NEP 2020 is fostering a multidisciplinary approach to education. Academic libraries support this vision by providing extensive resources across various fields and creating collaborative spaces for students and faculty to engage in interdisciplinary research. By integrating diverse academic materials and research tools, libraries promote cross-disciplinary knowledge-sharing and innovation.

14.5 Encouraging Lifelong Learning

NEP 2020 emphasizes the importance of continuous learning beyond formal education. Academic libraries contribute to this goal by offering self-learning resources, online courses, and professional development materials. By supporting skill development and career advancement, libraries play a crucial role in fostering a culture of lifelong education.

14.6 Leveraging Technology for Improved Learning

To enhance educational accessibility and quality, NEP 2020 encourages the integration of technology into learning environments. Academic libraries align with this objective by adopting digital platforms, enabling remote access to resources, and implementing advanced library management systems. However, to fully maximize these benefits, challenges such as financial limitations and infrastructure development must be effectively addressed.

Through these efforts, academic libraries remain essential in realizing NEP 2020's vision, ensuring that students, educators, and researchers have the necessary tools to succeed in an ever-evolving academic landscape.

15. Recommendations

15.1 Securing Funding and Optimizing Resource Allocation

Sustainable financial support is essential for enhancing library collections, modernizing infrastructure, and introducing innovative services. Prioritizing library development through government funding and institutional investments will strengthen their role in advancing NEP 2020's objectives. Additionally, fostering partnerships with educational institutions, research organizations, and private entities can open new avenues for supplementary funding and resource-sharing initiatives, ensuring long-term growth and accessibility.

15.2 Implementing Comprehensive Digital and Information Literacy Initiatives

To align with NEP 2020's emphasis on digital education, academic libraries should establish well-structured digital literacy programs catering to students, educators, and researchers. These initiatives should focus on equipping users with skills to critically assess online information, effectively utilize digital research tools, and ensure data security. Strengthening digital literacy will empower learners to navigate an increasingly technology-driven academic and professional landscape.

15.3 Expanding Multilingual and Inclusive Learning Resources

In support of NEP 2020's commitment to linguistic diversity and inclusive education, academic libraries must enhance their collections by incorporating resources in multiple languages. Collaborating with regional publishers, academic institutions, and digital repositories will improve the availability of multilingual materials. Additionally, prioritizing open-access content will ensure equitable access to high-quality educational resources, regardless of socio-economic background.

15.4 Creating Dynamic Collaborative Learning Spaces

Transforming libraries into interactive learning hubs will foster a more engaging and flexible academic environment. Establishing group study areas, digital labs, and integrating collaborative tools such as project management software can facilitate teamwork, interdisciplinary engagement, and research-driven problem-solving. These enhancements align with NEP 2020's vision of a holistic and well-rounded education system.

15.5 Promoting Lifelong Learning and Professional Development

To cultivate a culture of continuous learning, libraries should provide access to online courses, professional workshops, webinars, and career development programs. By offering these resources, libraries empower students, faculty, and professionals to pursue ongoing education and skill enhancement beyond traditional academic settings, ensuring long-term personal and professional growth.

15.6 Leveraging Technology to Elevate Library Services

Integrating cutting-edge digital tools, such as e-learning platforms, remote access services, and AI-driven user assistance, can significantly enhance library efficiency and accessibility. Investments in robust IT infrastructure will enable seamless digital integration, improving user experience and ensuring that libraries remain at the forefront of technological advancement in education.

15.7 Advocating for Policy Support and Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

To solidify their role in the educational framework, libraries must actively engage with policymakers, ensuring their objectives align with NEP 2020's transformative vision. Establishing strategic collaborations with academic and research institutions will facilitate resource sharing, promote the adoption of emerging technologies, and encourage the implementation of best practices in library management. Advocacy efforts will be instrumental in securing greater recognition and support for libraries in shaping the future of education.

16. Conclusion

Academic libraries are pivotal in the successful implementation of NEP 2020, playing a crucial role in expanding knowledge accessibility, fostering digital literacy, supporting multilingual education, and promoting lifelong learning. As the education landscape continues to evolve, libraries will remain essential in creating an inclusive, technologically advanced, and learner-centered academic environment. Addressing challenges related to funding, technological advancements, and infrastructure development—while fostering collaboration and policy alignment—will empower libraries to fully realize NEP 2020's vision of a transformative and equitable education system.

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PRESERVING INDIA'S HERITAGE: GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND LIBRARIANS' ROLE IN ADVANCING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

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Abstract

This paper delves into the role of librarians in NEP 2020 for promoting IKS by underlining their role in the preservation of ancient knowledge, digital curation of repositories, and support to research. The paper also explores some of the major initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in the preservation and dissemination of IKS and also studies how librarians are involved with national initiatives like NDLI, Bharatavani, IGNCA, NCAA and UGC for enhancing access to IKS resources. Discussing the roles these people have to organize IKS-oriented workshops, translation of old texts, and integrate IKS contents in academia, with the vision of NEP 2020 where multilingual education along with multi-disciplinary will bring them together from ancient wisdom towards the mainstream academics so that IKS does not get sidelined as part of Indian educational infrastructure.

Keywords - Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), National Digital Library of India (NDLI), IKS Research and Higher Education, Bharatavani Project , UGC.

1. Introduction

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is a systematic and structured approach to transmitting knowledge, traditions, philosophies, beliefs, and practices from one generation to the next. With sweeping ranges of knowledge domains from science to spirituality, arts to literature, and social norms, IKS has visibly influenced the social and intellectual lives of Indians Rooted in the Vedic literature, the Upanishads, Vedas, and Up Veddas, the IKS serves as a foundational principle recognized by the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). The core components of the Indian Knowledge Systems—Jnan (knowledge), Vignan (science), and Jeevan Darshan (philosophy of life)—have evolved through a dynamic interplay of knowledge, observation, investigation, and rigorous analysis. The Government of India has initiated several programs to preserve, promote, and integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into the modern educational framework. These efforts therefore play a paramount role in creating a bridge to connect ancient wisdom of India and modern scientific, academic approaches of the world around. Academic libraries, however, are seen as the centers of this moving landscape in context with NEP 2020. They also promote digital literacies; they allow students to navigate through e-resources; they open learning cultures. Librarians create an inclusive adaptive learning environment; students and researchers and faculty can have access to the latest information and digital tools needed.

1.1 Indian Knowledge System

Indian knowledge system is an ancient and rich collection of beliefs, practices, and philosophies that have been passed down from generation to generation in India. It encompasses various fields such as

science, spirituality, art, literature, and social norms, and has played a significant role in shaping Indian society and culture.

The Indian Knowledge Systems comprise of Jnan, Vignan, and Jeevan Darshan that have evolved out of experience, observation, experimentation, and rigorous analysis. This tradition of validating and putting into practice has impacted our education, arts, administration, law, justice, health, manufacturing, and commerce. This has influenced classical and other languages of Bharat that were transmitted through textual, oral, and artistic traditions. “Knowledge of India” in this sense includes knowledge from ancient India and, its successes and challenges, and a sense of India’s future aspirations specific to education, health, environment and indeed all aspects of life.

The main objective of drawing from our past and integrating the Indian Knowledge Systems is to ensure that our ancient systems of knowledge represented by unbroken tradition of knowledge transmission and providing a unique perspective called Bhāratiya Drishti is used to solve the current and emerging challenges of India and the world.

1.2 National Education Policy 2020

NEP 2020 provides valuable insights and recommendations on various aspects of education that include moving towards multidisciplinary and holistic education, institutional autonomy, promotion of quality research through establishment of National Research Foundation, continuous professional development of teachers, integration of technology, internationalization of higher education, restructuring of governance and regulatory architecture, multidisciplinary curricula, engaging blended, pedagogy, valid reliable and blended assessment and availability of content in Indian languages.

NEP 2020 promotes the development of online and blended learning program, allowing students to access high-quality resources from anywhere. NEP policy emphasis the creation of digital libraries and responsibilities of open educational resources to provide students with diverse learning material and promote self-directed learning. Digital education incorporates interactive multimedia elements. This includes videos, animations, and quizzes. This makes learning more engaging and interactive for students. NEP emphasizes investing in digital infrastructure, creating online teaching platforms, developing virtual labs and digital repositories, training teachers to produce high-quality online content, designing online assessments, and establishing standardsforcontent,technology,andpedagogy in online education.

2. Methodology

The study conducts a thorough examination of government policies, institutional frameworks, and digital repositories that support Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS). Through qualitative content analysis and comparative evaluation, it emphasizes the importance of these initiatives in safeguarding India's intellectual heritage and incorporating traditional wisdom into modern education and research.

3. IKS Initiatives by Government of India

The paper also explores some of the major initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in the preservation and dissemination of IKS.Ministry of education and Ministry of culture has many initiative and projects to promote Indian Education system some of the initiatives are studied here

3.1 Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) is an innovative cell under Ministry of Education at AICTE, New Delhi. It is established to promote interdisciplinary research on all aspects of IKS, preserve and disseminate IKS for further research and societal applications. It will actively engage for spreading the rich heritage of our country and traditional knowledge in the field of Arts and literature, Agriculture, Basic Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Management, Economics, etc.The IKS Cell aims to support the construction of a more inclusive and culturally responsive educational framework by promoting the application of Indian Knowledge Systems in present-day educational, social, and scientific frameworks.

3.2 National Digital Library of India

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an extensive virtual repository of learning resources, offering more than just search and browse options. Sponsored and guided by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), NDLI provides a wide range of services tailored for different user groups. These include exam preparation support for school and college students, resources for job seekers, and materials for researchers and lifelong learners. It accommodates content in multiple languages, with interface support for the 10 most widely spoken Indian languages. Designed to cater to all academic levels and disciplines, NDLI is accessible on various devices and is inclusive of differently-abled learners. NDLI is important for preserving and promoting Indian Knowledge Systems by offering digital access to a vast repository of resources that are related to traditional Indian knowledge. Digitization ensures the preservation of ancient texts, scriptures, and philosophical works and makes them accessible to everyone in the world. It enables the multilingual diffusion of IKS by making available content in several Indian languages, such as Sanskrit, Tamil, and others. NDLI further facilitates interdisciplinary research by providing access to resources on Indian philosophy, Ayurveda, astrology, mathematics, and arts, so that scholars can relate traditional knowledge with modern scientific developments. The availability of open access to these resources helps students, researchers, and educators in their pursuit of IKS in all disciplines. It fosters innovation through the availability of age-old knowledge for the solutions of contemporary problems in the context of healthcare, agriculture, and

technology. In this regard, NDLI acts as an important platform for promoting research, collaboration, and global sharing of India's rich intellectual legacy.

3.3 Bharatavani

Bharatavani Project is a knowledge initiative launched by the Ministry of Education Government of India. This Project aims to build a searchable knowledge repository in and about all the languages in India in multimedia formats through an online portal. The Bharatavani Portal will be accessible to all sections of society. The Project is being implemented by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, Karnataka. The Portal offers open knowledge under fair usage clauses of The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2012, for educational purposes.

Providing available knowledge already created by the Government and publicly funded institutions all over India, and putting it across for the public usage, by deploying robust, interactive, user friendly web tools will be the main thrust of the Bharatavani Project. Bharatvani and the Indian Knowledge System are complementary initiatives focused on the preservation and promotion of India's linguistic and traditional knowledge wealth. The Bharatvani initiative is undertaken by the Ministry of Education, acting as a digital depository for providing resources in the mother tongue in all Indian languages and hence made accessible to more people. In parallel, IKS deals with protecting and diffusing traditional knowledge across India, spanning disciplines from Ayurveda and Vedic sciences to mathematics and philosophy. By putting online ancient texts and manuscripts, Bharatvani promotes the spread of IKS in digital platforms, thus ensuring that valuable indigenous knowledge can reach researchers, students, and ordinary learners. It also fits the agenda of a digital education structure in India whereby India's intellectual and cultural heritage is preserved for the benefit of future generations.

3.4 Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi is a premier institute set-up by the Government of India for research, documentation, preservation and dissemination of Indian arts and to provide a holistic understanding of Indian culture. A large volume of India’s cultural wealth, created in the last six decades, is stored in audio-visual form with various governmental and non-governmental institutions and private collections. The content of these holdings enshrines the creativity of some of India’s greatest artistic talents. This is an invaluable national heritage that needs to be preserved for all time and also made accessible to the citizens of the country.

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Indian Knowledge System share a common motive of preserving, promoting, and disseminating the rich cultural and intellectual heritage of India. IGNCA was constituted by the government of India. It acts as a center that promotes research and documentation in, and dissemination about, India's traditional arts and culture and the knowledge systems they represent. It plays a very important role in protecting the ancient texts, oral traditions, as well as indigenous knowledge in all disciplines like philosophy, literature, music, and traditional sciences. In the same way, IKS works on integrating and imbuing Indian ancient wisdom into modern education and research. IGNCA supports IKS by furnishing access to an immense collection of texts, manuscripts, as well as cultural artifacts that contribute to the study of India's

intellectual traditions. Both initiatives complement one another in serving the purpose to bridge the distance between traditional knowledge and modern research and academic settings, thereby creating a reservoir where India's diversities are safeguarded and delivered.

3.5 National Cultural Audiovisual Archives

Ministry of Culture sanction for the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives (NCAA) project at the IGNCA. The Ministry entrusted IGNCA to implement the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives project.The National Cultural Audiovisual Archives aims to ensure lend term access to the oral traditions performing arts, rituals and cultural practices and traditional knowledge systems of Indian audiovisual form. It present unpublished noncommercial audio-video recordings from governmental and non-governmental institutions across the country in an attempt to provide open access to the cultural heritage of India.NCAA and Indian Knowledge System form closely related goals in advancing their objectives of preserving and promoting India's rich cultural and intellectual heritage.

NCAA is an initiative under the NOCA at its endeavor and is dedicated to digitizing and long-term preservation of India's diverse audiovisual resources: oral traditions, music, dance, folklore, and indigenous knowledge systems. These archived materials are valuable sources for researchers, scholars, and practitioners in the field of IKS because they document traditional practices, rituals, and ancient wisdom passed down from generation to generation. NCAA thus plays a vital role in making rare recordings, performances, and spoken knowledge accessible through digital media so that India's traditional knowledge and cultural expressions are protected and available for generations to come. Together, NCAA and IKS contribute to integrating traditional Indian wisdom with contemporary education and research, fostering a deeper understanding of India's intellectual and artistic legacy.

3.6 University Grants Commission (UGC) Initiatives

The UGC has undertaken several initiatives to promote the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in consonance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. UGC recommended incorporating IKS into the curricula of higher learning, urging universities to integrate India's traditional wisdom across disciplines such as science, mathematics, medicine, philosophy, and linguistics. For this purpose, dedicated IKS research centers have been set up in various universities. Research grants and fellowships are also given to scholars engaged in the exploration of India's intellectual heritage. In addition, UGC has also enabled MOOCs in SWAYAM to make students sit on the benches of online IKS-based courses. To improve the studies on Sanskrit and regional languages that are significant to understand sources of traditional knowledge, the commission is working to build up on that. In addition, IKS has been incorporated into the National Credit Framework (NCRF), which allows students to gain academic credits for studying traditional subjects. UGC conducts workshops, conferences, and faculty training programs on a regular basis to promote research and discussion on IKS. The commission is promoting Indian traditional sciences like Ayurveda, Yoga, Vaastu Shastra, and Metallurgy in collaboration with AICTE's IKS Division and ensuring their recognition in mainstream education.

Additional special guidelines have also been brought for PhD and Postgraduate research to further the incorporation of IKS in contemporary academics. It encourages scholars to explore the vast intellectual traditions of India and their relevance in contemporary contexts. These guidelines intend to integrate ancient Indian disciplines like Vedic studies, Ayurveda, Sanskrit grammar, Indian philosophy, traditional architecture, astronomy, and indigenous technologies into mainstream academic research.UGC has focused on inter-disciplinary research that integrates the traditional knowledge with the modern scientific advancements so that scholars can use ancient Indian wisdom in medicine, engineering, environmental science, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development. To support this initiative, UGC has suggested research fellowships, financial grants, and academic collaborations with institutions specializing in IKS. UGC is trying through these initiatives to revive, popularize, and institutionalize IKS as part of India's higher education framework.

3.7 Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and IIT Initiatives

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and various Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have made huge efforts to promote the IKS. They have opened research centers and begun offering academic courses that bring traditional Indian wisdom together with modern science. Institutes like IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Gandhi nagar, and IISc Bengaluru are conducting research on topics Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and IIT Initiatives- which include Vedic mathematics, ancient metallurgy, water management, Ayurveda, and Vaastu Shastra. Studies on Vedic mathematics focus on its use in the computational sciences, in artificial intelligence, in cryptography, and the like. Research on ancient water management at IIT Roorkee and IIT Gandhinagar take up the theme of rainwater harvesting and step-well systems for sustainable solutions. Research in ancient Indian metallurgy examines Wootz steel production and corrosion-resistant iron for modern material science applications. Ayurveda and Siddha medicine are being integrated with biotechnology and pharmaceuticals for advanced healthcare. IIT Kharagpur is exploring Vaastu Shastra for sustainable architecture, while IIT Indore and IIT Bombay study Indian astronomy and calendar systems. IIT Kanpur and IIT Madras lead Sanskrit computational linguistics, applying Panini’s grammar to artificial intelligence. IITs are also researching traditional farming techniques and Indian philosophy. Working with AICTE's IKS Division and the Ministry of Education, these institutions are inculcating IKS into modern education through online courses, workshops, and curriculum modules, thus ensuring its preservation and advancement.

3.8 Academic Libraries in the Context of IKS and NEP 2020

Academic libraries represent a critical component in implementing National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Indian Knowledge System in facilitating knowledge repositories, research facilitators, and digital resource hubs. NEP 2020 bases its revitalization efforts on a combination of interdisciplinary, revival of indigenous knowledge systems, and integration of traditional wisdom with modern education processes and involves major roles from academic libraries.

Academic libraries are, therefore, fully engaged in IKS research and education by archiving, digitizing, and distributing ancient manuscripts, palm-leaf texts, and rare books related to studies of Veda, Ayurveda, Sanskrit, mathematics, astronomy, and indigenous science. Many are also working hand-in-

hand with NDLI (National Digital Library of India), Bharatavani, and the NCAA (National Cultural Audiovisual Archives) to amplify access to these IKS sources. These libraries also make facilities available for PhD and research purposes related to rare texts, journals, and online databases that support scholarly inquiries in India's intellectual legacy.

Following on the lines of NEP 2020's multilingual education agenda, Libraries are contributing towards digitization and translation of traditional texts translated to be consulted by a wider section of people. They also support interdisciplinary learning and curriculum development by curating IKS-based reading materials, organizing workshops, and hosting conferences on India's ancient knowledge systems. Academic libraries are playing a crucial role in revitalizing India's heritage by integrating IKS resources with modern learning platforms, aligning education with the principles of NEP 2020, and ensuring that traditional knowledge is preserved, studied, and applied in contemporary academic and research frameworks.

3.9 Role of Librarian in Promoting IKS through NEP 2020

The role of librarians is very crucial in the promotion of the Indian Knowledge System through the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, acting as facilitators of knowledge, curators of indigenous resources, and educators who bridge traditional wisdom with modern academia. NEP 2020 highlights multidisciplinary learning, revival of Indian heritage, and the integration of IKS into mainstream education, for which librarians are the key enablers.

Librarians contribute to identifying, preserving, and making accessible rare manuscripts, ancient texts, and scholarly works on Vedic literature, Ayurveda, Indian mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, traditional medicine, and indigenous technologies. They also collaborate with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Bharatavani, and the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives (NCAA) in digitizing and cataloging IKS-related resources to make them more accessible. In addition, librarians provide support to the researchers and students by developing focused collections, coordinating IKS-related workshops, seminars, and reading programs, and encouraging interdisciplinary research. Librarians also work towards translating and digitizing indigenous knowledge in different languages as part of NEP 2020's focus on multilingual education. They support the integration of IKS material into academic curricula, coordinate with faculty to develop IKS-based courses, and assist PhD scholars in their research. Leverage digital technologies, open-access platforms, and knowledge-sharing networks so that IKS becomes an essential part of modern education, bringing together India's rich intellectual traditions with contemporary learning and innovation

4. Conclusion

Inclusion of IKS courses in mainstream education is expected to inspire students while preserving the rich heritage of traditional learning systems. The efforts taken by goverments initiatives that are currently being made to utilize digital technologies, such as online learning platforms, virtual libraries, and digital archives, to make IKS more accessible to learners and researchers.Academic librarians have a very significant role in the preservation, promotion, and integration of IKS into modern education in line with the objectives of NEP 2020. Their efforts through digitization, cataloging, translation, and research support make India's ancient knowledge accessible to scholars and students. By making use of digital tools, open-access platforms, and interdisciplinary

collaborations, librarians help bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and contemporary education, foster innovation, and promote academic excellence. Strengthening the library infrastructure, increasing funding for IKS research, and improving librarian training will be essential to sustain this knowledge ecosystem in the future. In this manner, librarians actively contribute to the revival, institutionalization, and global recognition of India's intellectual heritage.

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IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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Abstract

Research facilities and services in university libraries are important components of academic and scientific research. They provide the infrastructure, equipment and support needed to conduct experiments, collect data and analyse findings. These facilities play a vital role in advancing knowledge, fostering innovation and addressing complex global challenges. In this article, we will discuss the importance of research facilities and services, the types of services they provide and how they help researchers in the success of their research efforts. Along with this, the purpose behind providing university library research facilities and services is also discussed.

Key Words: Impact, Research, Library resources, Research Facilities, Research Services.

1. Introduction

Research facilities and services play a important role in advancing scientific knowledge, innovation, and technology by providing faculty member, researchers and student with

essential tools, infrastructure and support. These resources are integral to various stages of research, from facilitating scientific breakthroughs and offering specialized equipment, to supporting interdisciplinary collaboration and ensuring quality control. They also help attract funding, talent, and foster innovation, while promoting ethical practices in research. In university libraries, these facilities and services extend beyond traditional resources to include data management, research consultation, technology access, and collaborative spaces. They enable researchers to access scholarly materials, manage data, and improve research methodologies, ensuring the overall success of academic and professional endeavours. University libraries (KRC) also provide essential services like interlibrary loans, citation assistance, and training, fostering a supportive and efficient research environment. These facilities contribute not only to academic advancement but also to economic and societal development by facilitating the creation of new technologies and fostering collaboration across disciplines.

The essential role of research facilities and services in supporting academic research with a specific focus on university libraries. Research is defined as a systematic and in-depth investigation aimed at discovering valuable knowledge for further application. In universities, libraries go beyond being just repositories of books; they play a critical role in enhancing the research process by providing access to scholarly resources, research databases, specialized software, and expert support. The article highlights various services that university libraries offer, such as data management assistance, training workshops, citation help, and collaborative spaces for researchers. By doing so, these services contribute significantly to the advancement of new technologies, scientific discoveries, and the development of knowledge. The article also outlines how these facilities foster interdisciplinary collaboration, support high-quality research, and ensure ethical practices while helping researchers navigate complex academic challenges.

Research facilities and services offered by university libraries (KRC) to support and enhance academic research. University libraries have evolved beyond traditional repositories of books and journals to become hubs of innovation and scholarly activity. By providing researchers with access to a diverse range of resources—such as books, journals, electronic databases, and specialized software these libraries play a pivotal role in ensuring that academic research is conducted with the best tools, data, and support available. The article outlines essential services such as data management, research consultation, citation assistance, and collaborative research spaces, all aimed at facilitating high-quality, interdisciplinary research. Additionally, it highlights how these libraries assist with research ethics, intellectual property, and funding opportunities, ultimately fostering an environment that encourages innovation and knowledge advancement. Through this comprehensive approach, university libraries contribute significantly to the success and impact of academic research.

2. Meaning of Research

Research is a careful and scientific inquiry into every subject, subject matter or area, which is an endeavour to discover valuable information which would be useful for further application. Thus, research is process of a systematic and in depth study or search of any specific topic, subject or area of investigation.

The Advance Learners Dictionary, " Research is careful investigation or inquiry specially through search for new facts in any branch of knowledge."

C. R. Kothari, " Research is an original contribution to the existing stock of knowledge for knowledge making for its advancement. In short the research for knowledge through objective and systematic method of finding solution to a problem."

3. OBJECTIVES

- **To explore the important role research facilities and services play in innovation and academic research.**
- **To explore how research resources and services in libraries help researchers to conduct high-quality research.**
- **To explore the multifaceted nature of research facilities and services in university libraries.**
- **To explore the importance of these facilities and services in contributing to the development of new technologies.**

4. Purpose of research facilities and services in a university library

4.1 Access to Scholarly Resources

University libraries provide access to an extensive range of research materials including books, academic journals, electronic databases, e-books, and digital archives. To give researchers access to both primary and secondary sources of information, helping them conduct comprehensive literature reviews, support hypotheses, and find new research questions.

4.2 Research Databases and Digital Repositories

Many databases provide access to peer-reviewed journal articles, conference papers, reports, and datasets across various disciplines. To allow researchers to access scholarly articles, theses, dissertations, and datasets that are not freely available online, enabling more in-depth and cutting-edge research.

4.3 Data Management and Analysis Support

To assist researchers in managing and analyzing research data, ensuring that data is stored securely and can be accessed and shared for future use. This is especially important for large-scale research projects that require sophisticated data handling.

4.4 Research Consultation and Training

Libraries often offer **consultation services** and **training workshops** to help researchers develop essential skills for conducting research effectively. To enhance researchers' skills, making them more efficient in accessing information, managing references, and improving their research quality. It also ensures researchers understand ethical issues in research.

4.5 Reference and Citation Assistance

Citation services ensure that researchers can properly cite their sources and avoid plagiarism.To support proper academic referencing and citation standards, which are essential for maintaining academic integrity and improving the credibility of research outputs.

4.6 Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services

To expand the range of materials available to researchers beyond the university library's holdings, ensuring that they have access to the necessary resources for their work, even if they are not immediately available on campus.

4.7 Collaborative Spaces for Research

Many modern university libraries have dedicated **collaborative spaces** for group work, discussions, and joint research efforts. These spaces are designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and interaction among researchers. To create a conducive environment for researchers to work together on projects, share ideas, and collaborate across disciplines. This fosters innovation and interdisciplinary research.

4.8 Thesis and Dissertation Services

University libraries often have dedicated services for managing **theses and dissertations**. This includes support for the submission, archiving, and access to student theses, as well as guidelines for writing and formatting academic theses. To help students, teacher and researcher prepare their theses or dissertations in line with university guidelines, and to ensure that these works are properly archived and accessible to the academic community.

4.9Preservation and Archiving of Research

Many university libraries offer archiving services to ensure that research outputs (such as theses, research papers, and other publications) are preserved for long-term access. This may involve the creation of institutional repositories, where researchers can deposit and share their work. To preserve the academic legacy of research conducted at the university, ensuring that it remains accessible for future research and historical purposes. It also supports open access by making research publicly available.

5. The Importance of Research Facilities and Services

Research facilities and services are integral to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and technology. These resources provide researchers with the tools, infrastructure, and support they need to conduct rigorous, high-quality studies. The role of research facilities and services is multifaceted, and their importance extends beyond the research process itself. Following several key reasons why these resources are critical:

5.1 . Providing Education and Training

Research facilities and services are vital for the education and training of students and early-career researchers. University labs and research centers offer hands-on experience with experimental techniques, research methodologies, and data analysis. Training programs are instrumental in cultivating the next generation of researcher, scientists, engineers, and innovators.

5.2 . Facilitating Scientific Progress and Innovation

Research facilities provide the infrastructure needed to conduct experiments, tests, and studies that lead to scientific breakthroughs. Whether in academia, government labs, or private sector research centers, these facilities allow for the exploration of new ideas, development of innovative technologies, and testing of new hypotheses.

5.3. Providing Access to Specialized Equipment

Some types of research require specialized equipment that is not commonly available to individual researchers or smaller organizations. Research facilities offer access to expensive and complex instruments such as electron microscopes, spectrometers, high-performance computing systems, or gene sequencers. These tools are essential for experiments that cannot be carried out using basic or off-the-shelf technology, thus ensuring the quality and accuracy of scientific findings.

6. **Supporting Interdisciplinary Research**

Modern challenges often require interdisciplinary approaches. Research facilities and services especially those associated with universities libraries and large research institutes, facilitate collaboration between researchers from different fields.

6.1 Providing Technical and Expert Support

Research services often include access to expert technicians and advisors who assist in the design, implementation, and troubleshooting of experiments. These professionals help ensure that research is conducted efficiently and that technical problems are addressed

swiftly. From data analysis and statistical support to maintenance of complex machinery, research services enhance the overall productivity and success of research activities.

7. Ensuring Safe and Ethical Research Practices

Research facilities and services often have strict protocols to ensure that studies are conducted ethically and safely. These include compliance with regulatory standards, ethical review boards, and safety measures to prevent accidents or harmful outcomes. This is especially important in fields like biomedical research, where the risks associated with experimentation must be carefully managed. Ethical guidelines and safety protocols help ensure that research contributes to human well-being without causing harm.

7.1 Ensuring Quality Control and Reliability

High-quality research requires precise control over variables and accurate data collection methods. Research facilities often have built-in measures for quality control and standardization to ensure that results are reproducible and valid. Access to calibration services, standardized testing protocols, and peer-reviewed methodologies ensures that research findings are credible and can contribute to scientific progress.

7.2 Fostering Collaboration and Networking

Research facilities often host events, conferences, and workshops that bring together experts from various fields. These events allow researchers to present their findings, receive feedback, and network with other professionals. Collaborative opportunities can lead to new research partnerships, shared funding sources, and collective problem-solving efforts that would be difficult to achieve individually.

8. Research facilities and services in university libraries (KRC)

University libraries (KRC) provide a range of research facilities and services to support academic research and ensure access to high-quality resources, tools, and assistance. Following list of common research facilities and services offered by libraries:

8.1 Access to Scholarly Resources

- **Books and Journals**: Physical and digital collections of books, academic journals, and periodicals.
- **Electronic Databases**: Access to specialized databases (e.g., JSTOR, PubMed, IEEE Xplore, Scopus) for peer-reviewed articles, research papers, and other scholarly resources.
- **E-books and Digital Archives**: Online access to e-books and archival collections.

8.2 Data Management Services

- **Data Curation**: Support in organizing, cleaning, and managing research data for long-term storage.
- **Data Storage**: Secure data storage services to help researchers store and back up large datasets.
- **Data Sharing and Preservation**: Assistance with sharing research data publicly or with collaborators, along with data preservation services for future access.

8.3 Research Consultation Services

- **Reference and Research Assistance**: Personalized help from librarians in locating relevant research materials and sources.
- **Research Strategy Development**: Guidance on how to formulate research questions, conduct literature reviews, and design research methodologies.

8.4 Training and Workshops

- **Information Literacy Training**: Workshops to help researchers efficiently search for, evaluate, and use academic information.
- **Citation Management Training**: Sessions on using citation management tools (e.g., EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley) to organize references and generate citations.
- **Research Methodology Workshops**: Training in research methodologies and data analysis techniques, often in collaboration with academic departments.

8.5 Collaborative Research Spaces

- **Group Study Rooms**: Designated spaces for group research work and collaboration on projects.
- **Multimedia and Presentation Facilities**: Rooms equipped with projectors, screens, and computers for presentations and collaborative work.

8.6 Technology and Software Access

- **Specialized Research Software**: Access to software like SPSS, MATLAB, R, GIS, and other tools for data analysis, visualization, and modeling.
- **High-Performance Computing (HPC)**: Access to powerful computing systems for computational research tasks.
- **Video Editing and Design Tools**: Software for video, audio, and image editing, used in multimedia research projects.

8.7 Thesis and Dissertation Services

- **Submission and Archiving**: Support for the submission, formatting, and archiving of theses and dissertations.
- **Guidelines and Templates**: Resources to help students adhere to university formatting and submission guidelines.
- **Open Access Repositories**: A platform for sharing and making research publicly available through institutional repositories.

8.8 Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery

- **Interlibrary Loan**: Service to borrow materials (books, articles, etc.) from other libraries when they are not available in the library's collection.
- **Document Delivery**: Service that provides access to articles, book chapters, or other resources from external sources or partner institutions.

8.9 Research Funding Information

- **Grant Search Assistance**: Information and guidance on finding research funding opportunities from various sources, such as government bodies, non-profits, and corporations.
- **Proposal Writing Support**: Resources and workshops to assist researchers in writing successful research proposals and applications for grants.

8.10 Citation and Referencing Services

- **Citation Guidance**: Assistance with proper citation formats (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.) to ensure academic integrity.
- **Plagiarism Detection**: Tools and services to check research papers for potential plagiarism before submission.

8.11 Institutional Repository and Open Access Services

- **Institutional Repository**: A digital archive for storing and sharing university-based research, including theses, dissertations, and faculty publications.
- **Open Access Support**: Services promoting open access publishing, ensuring that research outputs are freely accessible to the public.

8.12 Library Catalogue and Discovery Tools

- **Online Catalogue**: A searchable library catalogue (OPAC) to locate books, articles, and other resources available in the library.
- **Discovery Systems**: Integrated search tools to access both print and digital resources across multiple library collections.

8.13 Research Ethics and Compliance Support

- **Ethical Research Guidance**: Assistance in navigating research ethics and compliance issues, including proper conduct in human subjects research, animal studies, and data privacy.
- **IRB (Institutional Review Board) Support**: Resources to help researchers understand the process of obtaining ethical approval for their research projects.

8.14 Peer Review and Academic Publishing Assistance

- **Peer Review Support**: Guidance on preparing research for submission to academic journals, including insights on the peer review process.
- **Publication Support**: Assistance with understanding the publication process and improving the quality of scholarly articles before submission to journals.

8.15 Virtual Research Services

- **Remote Access to Resources**: Services allowing remote access to digital resources, databases, and library catalogs for researchers working from home or abroad.
- **Virtual Research Consultations**: Online consultations with librarians and subject matter experts to assist with research-related questions.

8.16 Digital Preservation Services

- **Preservation of Research Outputs**: Ensuring that digital research materials, such as datasets, publications, and multimedia, are preserved for long-term use.
- **Archival Services**: Archiving and preserving historical or rare research documents for future access.

8.17 Advisory Services on Intellectual Property

- **Copyright Guidance**: Help with understanding copyright laws and guidelines, especially in relation to publishing, open access, and digital rights management.
- **Patents and Innovation Advice**: Support for researchers looking to protect their intellectual property, including assistance with patent filing and innovation management.

These services and facilities provided by university libraries are essential for fostering an environment of high-quality research. They not only help researchers access information but also improve the quality of their work, facilitate collaboration, and ensure ethical and efficient practices throughout the research process.

9. Conclusion

University libraries and their associated research facilities and services play a crucial role in supporting academic and scientific research. They provide researchers, faculty, and students with essential resources such as access to scholarly materials, research databases, specialized software, and expert support. These services enhance the quality of research by offering data management assistance, citation help, and collaborative spaces, while also fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and ethical research practices. Furthermore, university libraries help ensure the success of research projects by facilitating access to cutting-edge tools and technologies, offering training and consultation services, and supporting the preservation and sharing of research outputs. By providing a comprehensive infrastructure for research, university libraries contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and societal development. Through their services, they not only support academic achievement but also help shape the future of research and scientific progress.

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INFLIBNET SERVICES FOR THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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Abstract

INFLINET (Information and Library Network) is working as a communication network to connect libraries and information canters in academic community. It is providing services for each and every academic person. It provides support and services to college going Students, Teaching faculties, Researchers, Institutions or student wish to go for Distance education. It has been working since 1996 in the higher education sector for maximum utilization of information. It works in library automation, educational consortia, open access initiatives, content development and services, various projects for academicians, data services, e-governance, and technical services like the ISBN and MMTT programs, and many more things related to education and research. It also works in ranking and accreditation process like NIRF and NAAC. Networks like VIDWAN, SheRNI, and IRINS are set up to stay connected. In this study researcher found that Shodh-chakra is a highly valuable service for researchers to track their research data and assist them in the entire research process. INDCAT is a digital library catalogue showcasing books, theses, and journals from India's largest university libraries. SheRNI (She Research Network in India) is Network created for expert Women in different fields. ONOS (One Nation One Subscription) is an imitative launched on 1st January, 2025 to provide access to scholarly research content for everyone in the country. VIDWAN is a database that contains profiles of researchers and academicians across various fields. All selected services play a crucial role in information transmission and helping to foster growth in education and research through digital media. Every service has its own speciality and target group.

Keywords:INFLIBNET, Shodh-Chakra, INDCAT, SheRNI, ONOS, Vidwan

1. Introduction

Indian education system drastically changed in 21st century. In the last few years after COVID pandemic entire education system adopted Online education system very fast. Because of the rise of digital platforms and initiatives, academic study and higher education have changed in the past few decades. Educational institutions started adopting this new change. The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) is one of innovative project in India that is very important for improving information access in digital platform in educational and Research institutions.

2. Objectives of the study

1. To find out services of INFLIBNET
2.To evaluate INFLIBNET's contribution to higher education and research.
3. To assess usefulness of INFLIBNET resources to academic community.

3. Scope and Limitations

This study is based on INFLIBNET services and only five services are randomly selected for the study. Data is collected from official INFLIBNET website on 10th February 2025.

4. Methodology

This is web-based research study. Main Data is retrieved from INFLIBNET website (https://www.INFLIBNET.ac.in) and other related data is retrieved from respective links provided on INFLIBNET website.

5. INFLIBNET

INFLIBNET, was setup by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1991. It was created to promote networking and connectivity among libraries, information centres, and educational institutions across the country. It has made a prominent contribution to the digitalization of research materials by offering databases, online tools, and services that support academic development. NFLIBNET: Information and Library Network is an Autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC. It is working to update the University and college libraries using technology. INFLIBNET is helping to all types of community Students, Faculties, Researchers, and Libraries in different ways.

Simply we can categories INFLIBNET initiatives in following way

- **E-Consortium** (E-shodhsindhu, N-List, INFISTATS, INFED, Shodhsiddhi
- **Open Access Initiatives** (Shodhganga, Shodhgangotri, Shodha-Chakra, Institutional Repository, INFOPORT)
- **Projects and Services** (E-PG Pathshala, Vidwan, Database, Vidya Mitra, IRINS, SheRNI
- **Library Automation** (IndCat, Union Catalogue, SOUL)
- **Scholarly Network** (Vidwan:Expert Database,IRINS,SHERNI)
- **E-Content Development and Services** (ILMS, E-PG Pathshala)
- **Ranking and Accreditations** (NIRF, NAAC, NBA)
- **e-governance, and technical services** (ISBN, MMTT programs)

In addition to the services listed above, INFLIBNET offers many other activities. The five services listed below are chosen from INFLIBNET for the study on a random basis.

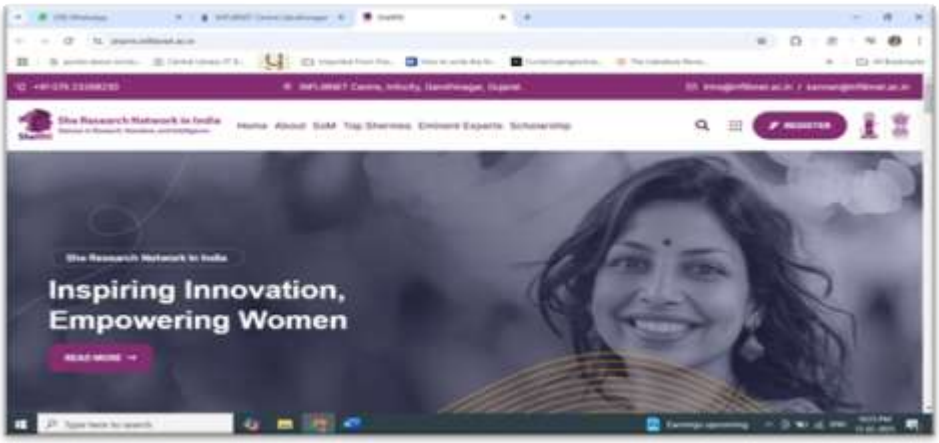
6. SHODH-CHAKRA – Research reference and management tool.

Shodh-Chakra is a useful tool for academic community to help them in their research work. Researchers are able to store, arrange, and cite their research work in this digital workspace. Researchers can control their choices and develop their profile with the help of the Shodh-Chakra. Researchers, guides, and universities/colleges can all log in to the system and use Shodh-Chakra's features. To avail of the facilities of Shodh-chakra, an MoU must be signed between INFLIBNET and the institution; the institution can only use its services afterward. Three types of profile login are available here Institutional profile, Guide profile and Researchers profile login is provided to use the service.

7. INDCAT- Online Union Catalogue of Indian Universities

INDCAT is a free online union catalogue of Books, Theses, and Journals of Major Indian institutional libraries. It includes entire bibliographic description of the document. Currently in Ind-Cat 464 Universities sharing data of theses, 362 Universities are sharing data of Books and only 239 Universities are sharing data of Journals. any university can contribute or share its data with INDCAT through a simple Tab “Contribute Your Data” given in Ind-Cat website.

8. SheRNI- She Research Network in India



SheRNI is a Network created for expert Women in different subject domains. Through this platform, faculty members and female scientists will be able to develop strong professional relationships that will promote cooperation, career advancement opportunities, and mentoring. In order to progress women in a variety of disciplines, the SheRNI program seeks to enable women professionals to build a professional network, encourage teamwork, and support one another by knowledge-sharing. Till today 100608 women scientists and faculty members profiles are registered in the network. The website features subject-specific profiles of professional scientists. Additionally, there is a "Scientist of the Month" list available for users on the network. A link to various scholarship programs for women is also provided. Furthermore, profiles of distinguished women scientists are included to encourage aspiring scientists.

9. ONOS- One Nation One Subscription

ONOS One Nation One Subscription is a new Scheme of INFLIBNET which is launch on 1st January 2025. It plans to get national licenses from the majority of the major journal publishers for subscriptions to e-journals and databases. It allows nationwide access to scholarly research journal publications. 30 major national and international journal publishers have joined the ONOS scheme. All the journals published by these publishers will be available through this scheme. Student, faculty members, and researchers will be benefited through the scheme. INFLIBNET will be work as a coordinating agency to subscribe and provide the access to the resources. The scheme will be implanted phase wise. In the first phase central government, state governments and Research & Development Institutions of the central government can join the scheme. 6500+ Institutions are being benefited in around 27 broad subject categories.

10 Vidwan – Expert database for researchers.

VIDWAN is a database of expert faculties in various academic, research and development fields. It's a professionals' network basically work for exchange of information communication within the academic and research community. Experts can communicate with each other to exchange expertise or help each other. They can work collaboratively in research. Almost all institutions in almost all subjects can be a part of the service. Funding agencies are also participating actively on the network for collaborative works too. Any teaching faculty/ researcher having 15 years' experience can be register themselves for the network. More than 285694 experts are member of this network and more than 21634 Organizations are registered and participating actively on the network.

11. Discussion and conclusion

After studying INFLIBNET and its services, it is clear that each service and scheme has its own unique strengths. Faculty, researchers, students, and institutions have all benefited from these offerings. Each scheme provides something valuable for different users. For instance, Shodh-Chakra is designed for researchers, guides, and institutions, supporting the research community throughout the entire research cycle. Any institution can participate in INDCAT to take advantage of this comprehensive catalogue. SheRNI is tailored specifically for women expert scientists, while ONOS consolidates journal databases from publishers worldwide into a single platform, saving both time and money for institutions and researchers alike.

In conclusion, all these services are highly useful and user-friendly for researchers, academicians, and institutions. The increasing number of members and users indicates that these digital initiatives are popular and beneficial within the research community. INFLIBNET has successfully achieved its goal of connecting libraries through a network for information and communication.

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NATIONALDIGITALLIBRARYOFINDIA(NDLI):ADVANCINGACCESSTO KNOWLEDGE AND FOSTERING LIFELONG LEARNING

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Abstract

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI), launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aims to provide a centralized digital platform to enhance learning and research across the country. The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) was indeed established in 2016 and is managed by IIT Kharagpur, NDLI offers free access to millions of academic resources, including textbooks, research papers, videos, and more, across multipledisciplines such as science, technology, social sciences, and humanities. By promoting content in various Indian languages and diverse formats, NDLI supports students, teachers, researchers, and lifelong learners. Its key objectives include bridging the digital divide, improving accessibility to educational materials, and fostering lifelong learning opportunities. Through collaborations with educational institutions, NDLI ensures up-to-date, quality content that caters to the needs of India's diverse academic community.

Key Word: National Digital Library of India, digital resources, open access, educational technology, academic research, lifelong learning.

Objective

Thispaperexplorestheobjectives,keyfeatures,typesofresources,andbenefitsoftheNational DigitalLibrary ofIndia(NDLI).Ithighlightstheplatform'sroleinenhancingaccesstoknowledge,

bridgingeducationalgaps,andfosteringacultureoflifelonglearning.Thepaperalsoexaminesthe impact of NDLI on students, educators, researchers, and the wider academic community

Benefits of NDLI

The users can store their study materials on their smartphones, computers and other devices without worrying about buying physical copies of them.

1. Introduction:

The development of a digital library portal was initiated as Pilot project. It is divided in three phases NDLI Ph-I in (April 2015). This Ph-I lasted till 30th September 2017. The initial duration of Ph-II was from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2020 but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this phase was extended till 31st March 2021. *Ministry of Education* has initiated the Ph-III of the project and its duration is from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2026.

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Ministry of Education,Government of India, with the aim of providing a centralized digital repository of academic resources to facilitatelearningand research. Established in 2016, NDLIserves as a platform that provides access to a vast range of educational content across disciplines, including textbooks, articles, research papers, videos, and more. It is designed to cater to students, teachers, researchers, and lifelong learners across India, offering resources in multiple languages and formats. The core objective of the NDLI is to bridge the digital divide and make knowledge and learning materials more accessible to people across the country. It aims to support various stages of education, from school-level learning to higher education and professional development, thereby contributing to the enhancement of the education system in India The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Government of India, aimed at providing access to a vast repository of educational resources for learners across the country. It was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), now theMinistry of Education, and is managed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP). The NDLI Portal was nationally launched on 19th June, 2018.

2. KeyFeaturesofNDLI

1. **Vast Repository**: NDLI offers access to millions of documents, including textbooks, research papers, articles, videos, and other educational materials across different domains such as science, arts, technology, social sciences, and humanities.
2. **Free Access**: The platform is free for use by all users, primarily targeting Indian students, researchers, and educators, providing them with the tools to advance learning and research.
3. **Content in Multiple Languages**: NDLI provides content in multiple languages, ensuring accessibility to a wider audience across the country. It is currently provides access to more than 100 million items, in 39 Indian languages, out of 423 languages in total.
4. **Easy Access and Search**: The platform provides user-friendly search features,

enabling users to access resources based on specific topics, keywords, and subjects.

5. **Collaborations with Institutions**: NDLI collaborates with universities, colleges, and research institutions to upload and maintain relevant educational resources, ensuring quality and up-to- date materials.
6. **ResourceTypes**: Thelibraryincludes diversetypes ofresources, such there are more than 60 different types of learning resources available in the repository, including books, articles, manuscripts, video lectures, and theses.
7. **Educational Tools and Services**: NDLI also offers tools like browsing and advanced search options to help users refine their queries. It includes additional features like citation management and document sharing.
8. **Promotion of Open Access**: Bymaking learning materials available digitally, NDLI promotes the concept of open-access education, helping bridge knowledge gaps and promote lifelong learning.

The goal of NDLI is to improve the accessibility of high-quality educational resources, bridge the digital divide, and enhance learning opportunities for all citizens of India. It is available at

3. Typesofresources

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a project initiated by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It aims to provide access to a vast repository of digital resources for students, researchers, and the general public. The types of resources available in NDLI include:

1. **Books**: A vast collection of academic books, e-books, and educational materials across various disciplines.
2. **ResearchPapersandJournals**:Peer-reviewedarticles,researchpapers,andjournalsfrom different academic fields such as science, technology, humanities, social sciences, etc.
3. **ThesesandDissertations**:Accesstodoctoraltheses,dissertations,andotheracademic research works.
4. **Audio and Video Lectures**: Educationalvideos, lectures, and tutorialsin different subjects,offering learners a multimedia learning experience.
5. **CoursewareandStudyMaterials**:Awiderangeofdigitalcourseware,includingnotes, assignments, and study materials to support academic learning.
6. **ReferenceMaterials**:Dictionaries,encyclopedias,andotherreferencesourcesusefulfor academic and research purposes.
7. **MultimediaContent**:Images,animations,andothermultimediaresourcesdesignedfor learning and teaching.
8. **OpenEducationalResources(OERs)**:Freeandopenlyaccessiblelearningresources contributed by institutions and organizations.

The NDLI makes these resources available in multiple languages and across various educationallevels, from primaryto higher education. The goal is to enhance knowledge access and foster learning among all sections of society. The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, designed to provide a comprehensive

digital resource for students, researchers, and anyone interested in accessing educational content across various disciplines.

4. BenefitsofNDLI

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI)offers several benefits, particularly in the realm of education and research. Here are some of the key advantages:

1. **Access to a Vast Collection of Resources**: NDLI provides access to millions of digital resources, including textbooks, articles, research papers, e-books, audio-visual content, and more across various subjects and languages.
2. **Free and Open Access**: Most of the resources on NDLI are freely available, making it a valuable tool for students, researchers, and professionals who may not have access toexpensive academic journals or books.
3. **Improved Research Opportunities**: NDLIhelps researchers access awidevarietyofresearch papers, dissertations, and other academic resources, facilitating the development of new knowledge and aiding in academic collaboration.
4. **Support for Diverse Learning Styles**: With multimedia content such as videos, images, and audio files, NDLI caters to different learningpreferences, helpinglearners understand complex topics more easily.
5. **Cross-Disciplinary Content**: NDLI supports a broad range of disciplines, from engineering and technology to humanities and social sciences, providing a comprehensive source of information for multidisciplinary learning and research.
6. **Language Inclusivity**: NDLI offers content in various Indian languages, promoting inclusive access to educational materials for diverse linguistic communities.
7. **Enhanced Learning for Students**: NDLI offers students access to high-quality study materials,helpingthemimprovetheiracademicperformanceandexpandtheirknowledgebase.
8. **Research Collaboration**: NDLI fosters academic collaboration and networking among researchers, institutions, and scholars, promoting a culture of sharing and disseminating knowledge.
9. **User-Friendly Interface**: The platform is designed to be easy to navigate, allowing users to efficiently search for and access the resources they need.
10. **Resource for Teachers and Educators**: NDLI provides educators with teaching resources, lesson plans, and reference materials, enhancing their ability to deliver quality education.

Overall,NDLIplaysacrucialroleinenhancingaccesstoknowledge,fosteringresearch,and supporting the educational development of individuals across India and beyond.

5. Herearethekey insights about NDLI

1. VastRepositoryof Resources

- NDLI provides a broad range of educational content, including textbooks, research papers, e- books, videos, courseware, and more, across various disciplines such as science, arts, technology, and humanities.

2. FreeandOpenAccess

- The platform is available for free, promoting equal access to quality learning materials, especially for students and researchers who may not have access to expensive academic resources.

3. ContentinMultipleLanguages

- NDLI offers educational resources in multiple Indian languages, ensuring inclusivity for diverse linguistic communities.

4. User-FriendlySearchand Navigation

- The platform is designed to be easy to navigate with advanced search features, helping users quickly find resources based on topics, keywords, and subjects.

5. CollaborationwithInstitutions

- NDLIcollaborateswithuniversities,researchinstitutions,andotheracademicentitiestoprovide and maintain quality, up-to-date materials for users.

6. DiverseResourceTypes

- NDLIincludesavarietyofcontent, such as:
- Booksande-books
- Researchpapersandjournals
- Thesesand dissertations
- Audio/videolecturesand tutorials
- Studymaterials and multimediacontent
- OpenEducationalResources (OERs)

7. PromotingOpenAccessEducation

- NDLI promotes the open-access model, helping bridge educational gaps and fostering lifelong learning opportunities.

8. SupportforDifferentLearningStyles

- Withmultimediaresources,includingvideosandaudio,NDLIcaterstodifferentlearning preferences, helping learners engage with and understand complex subjects more effectively.

9. EnhancedResearchand Collaboration

- NDLIoffersextensiveresearchmaterials,facilitatingacademicresearch,collaboration,and knowledge-sharing among scholars, students, and institutions.

10. SupportforTeachersandEducators

- Theplatformprovidesvaluableteachingresources,lessonplans,andreferencematerials, enhancing educators' ability to deliver high-quality education.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a transformative initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India that aims to bridge the digital divide and enhance

access to high-quality educational resources across the country. With a vast repository of millions of digital resources, including books, research papers, multimedia content, and more, NDLI provides free, open access to learners, educators, and researchers from all walks of life. By offering materials in multiple languages and diverse formats, it ensures inclusivity and caters to various learning preferences.

NDLI's user-friendly interface, combined with advanced search tools, enables efficient access to educational materials, fostering research and collaboration among scholars and institutions. The initiative supports a wide range of disciplines, from primary education to higher learning and professional development, contributing significantly to the growth and enhancement of India's education system. In essence, NDLI plays a pivotal role in democratizing education by making learning materials easily accessible, promoting open-access education, and supporting thedevelopment of a knowledge-based society in India.

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SCIENTOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF INDIAN JOURNAL OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

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ABSTRACT

This study is carried out to understand the publication trends of the journal of Indian traditional knowledge using scientometric indicators. For this purpose, an analysis of 1871 records published in the journal during 2007–2023 were conducted focusing on various aspects such as the types of documents, publication pattern and rate of growth, citations and impact, authorship pattern and degree of collaboration, author productivity, institution productivity, funding agency productivity and frequency distribution of author key words. The study shows that most of the documents, 1825 out of 1871 (97.54%) were research articles. The overall trend suggests that while the publication percentage is stable, certain years show significant growth or decline, impacting the overall AGR. during the period 2007 to 2011, the average citations per paper and the median of citations are high, ranging from approximately 9.63 to 12.58 and 6 to 8, respectively. This indicates that the research output during these years was highly impactful. The study found that the majority of documents in

the study result from collaborative efforts, with the highest frequency of papers being co-authored and only 141 out of 1871 (7.54%) documents were contributed by single author.

Keywords: Scientometric Analysis, Indian Traditional Knowledge, Indigenous Knowledge,Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge, IJTK, Preservation of Knowledge

1. INTRODUCTION

The transfer of traditional knowledge is crucial not only for sustainable resource management but also has fundamental socio-cultural significance for any society. Despite knowledge being the cornerstone of social life, the sociology of knowledge, particularly its transmission across generations, remains a largely neglected field (Ruddle 1993). Traditional Knowledge (TK) comprises the knowledge acquired by indigenous communities over generations of living. While some of this knowledge is documented in local languages, a large portion remains unrecorded and confined within local communities. It is generally passed down from generation to generation orally and remain largely undocumented (Poorna, Mymoon, and Hariharan 2014). Preserving TK is essential, as its exploitation for industrial or commercial gain can lead to misappropriation and harm the interests of its rightful custodians. Given to this it is necessary to develop strategies to protect and nurture TK for sustainable development, aligning with the interests of TK holders. This is especially important for developing countries, where preserving, protecting, and promoting TK-based innovations and practices is vital (Anon, 2011.).

There was a pressing need to preserve the rich heritage of Indian Traditional Knowledge in the contemporary format and to make it accessible to future generations. With a view to protect and document traditional knowledge for future generations, National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (erstwhile NISCAIR), CSIR started publishing an interdisciplinary journal entitled “Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK)”. Its role is significant in preserving traditional knowledge by providing a platform for documenting indigenous practices and claim(https://or.niscpr.res.in/index.php/IJTK/about). The establishment of the division of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) by The Government of India under the Ministry of Education in the year 2020 is another milestone in this direction. The mission of the IKS is to create a comprehensive database of individuals and organizations contributing to the research, teaching, publication, and preservation of India's rich traditional knowledge across various domains and ensuring its wider application for human benefit and integration into modern academic and research frameworks.

A scientometric study on research related to Indian Traditional Knowledge is invaluable in furthering the mission of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). By systematically analyzing the research outputs the study can identify and recognize key contributors, both individuals and organizations and track research trends, thereby uncovering strengths and gaps in the current body of knowledge.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The importance of scientometric studies in evaluating academic journals has been well-documented in the literature. Scientometric portraits of individual journals provide valuable insights into publication impact, research trends, and academic influence over time, making them a crucial tool for understanding the dynamics of scientific communication. Numerous researchers have employed scientometric methods to analyze various journals, highlighting the widespread acceptance and significance of these studies in assessing journal performance and scholarly output.

Kumar and others (Kumar, Lal, and Garg 2022) in their study analyzed 2623 records published in the Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research from 2001–2020 to understand the journal's dynamics using scientometric indicators. The study focused on the chronological distribution of output, the impact factor of the journal during the study period. It also examined the geographical distribution of documents, their Relative Citation Impact (RCI) and Papers not Cited (PnC). Further the study identified the most productive institutions and authors and impact of their productivity. the study found that among highly productive institutions, Anna University (Chennai) topped the list with 99 papers, and the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (Chennai) had the highest CPP at 25.7. The pattern of citations indicated that 18% of papers were not cited, and 2% were cited more than 50 times. The distribution of research output was highly skewed across countries, institutions, and authors. The share of multi-authored papers increased, resulting in a high collaborative coefficient (CC).

Gargand others (Garg, Sharma, and Kumar 2008) analysed 369 items published in the journal "Mausam" from 2003-2006 and developed a scientometric profile of the journal. The study found that agricultural and environmental meteorology, climatology, synoptic meteorology, hydrometeorology, numerical weather forecasting, and physical meteorology are the major research areas accounting for 56% of the total output. The study reported that the references cited by the papers were mostly international and majority of the citations were more than a decade old. The time lag between receipt of manuscript and acceptance was found to be about 11 months, and between acceptance and publication it was about nine months. The editorial board was composed of members from domestic institutions. Mausam's impact factor was 0.19 for 2005 and 2006, comparable to 18 other Indian journals indexed by SCI-E in 2005.

Jin and others (Jin, Zuo, and Hong 2019)conducted a scientometric analysis of articles published in the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management by applying a comprehensive text-mining approach and analyzed 2217 journal articles followed by a qualitative discussion. This study addresses the evolution of academic research in the field of Construction Engineering and Management (CEM) by focusing on three primary research areas namely the mainstream research topics, the emerging topics or techniques in CEM in recent decades and the potential future research areas in CEM. The findings revealed a trend

of integrating traditional construction management themes with emerging techniques. Overall, the study provided an overview of research topics in the CEM field and offers insights into near-future research trends.

Pathak (Pathak 2020)depicted the scientometric profile of Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Research based on the data retrieved from Web of science database. The study identified the year-wise growth of publications, citation profiles, authorship pattern, prolific organizations, international collaboration, impact factor trend of the journal based on the documents published during 2007-2018.

3. OBJECTIVES

The present study was conducted with the objective of analysing Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK) on the following parameters

- Publication pattern and rate of growth
- Citations and impact
- Authorship pattern and degree of collaboration
- Author productivity
- Institution productivity
- Funding agency productivity
- Frequency distribution of author key words

4. METHODOLOGY

To collect data for the present study, the Web of Science (WoS) Core Collection database of Clarivate Analytics was accessed, and the data was retrieved on 8th July 2024 using the search string "SO = (Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge)" in the advanced search field. Since documents published prior to 2007 are not covered in the WoS database, the study could not include those. Documents published up to the year 2023 were considered to obtain a complete year's data. Therefore, the time period for the analysis was set from 2007 to 2023. The data of 1871 publications was downloaded in plain text format and analyzed using Bibexcel according to the objectives of the study.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Type of Documents

From 2007 to 2023, the journal published a total of 1871 documents. The distribution of document types is as follows:

- Research Articles: 1,825 documents, accounting for 97.54% of the total publications.
- Review Articles: 27 documents, representing 1.44% of the total.
- Editorial Materials: 16 documents, making up 0.85% of the total.
- Corrections: 2 documents.
- Biographical Items: 1 document.

5.2 Publication Pattern

The year-wise distribution of various publication indicators is depicted in Table 1. The number of publications generally increased over the years, with some fluctuations. The highest number of publications occurred in 2010, with a notable peak of 142 publications (7.59%). From 2007 to 2010, there is a steady increase in the number of publications, reflecting growing interest and activity in the field. However, from 2011 to 2019, a declining trend is observed, with a noticeable drop in the number of publications in 2014. Despite this decline, there is a gradual increase in publications again until 2021, followed by a slight drop and then a rise in 2023.

Table 1 - Year-wise distribution of publications and values of different indicators

Years	Outputs	Percentage (%)	Cumulative %	AGR	Citations	ACPP	MC	H - index
2007	113	6.04	6.04	0	1422	12.58	8	21
2008	120	6.41	12.45	20	1156	9.63	6	17
2009	116	6.2	18.65	16	1299	11.2	7	18
2010	142	7.59	26.24	42	1642	11.56	8	21
2011	113	6.04	32.28	13	1221	10.81	7	19
2012	106	5.67	37.95	6	921	8.69	6	14
2013	101	5.4	43.35	1	680	6.73	5	14
2014	96	5.13	48.48	-4	892	9.29	6.5	15
2015	100	5.34	53.82	0	750	7.5	5	13
2016	100	5.34	59.17	0	698	6.98	5	14
2017	99	5.29	64.46	-1	440	4.44	3	10
2018	102	5.45	69.91	2	517	5.07	4	11
2019	104	5.56	75.47	4	516	4.96	3	11
2020	129	6.89	82.36	29	408	3.16	2	9
2021	123	6.57	88.94	23	241	1.96	2	6
2022	104	5.56	94.49	4	106	1.02	1	4
2023	103	5.51	100	3	14	0.14	0	1
Total	1871	100			12923			

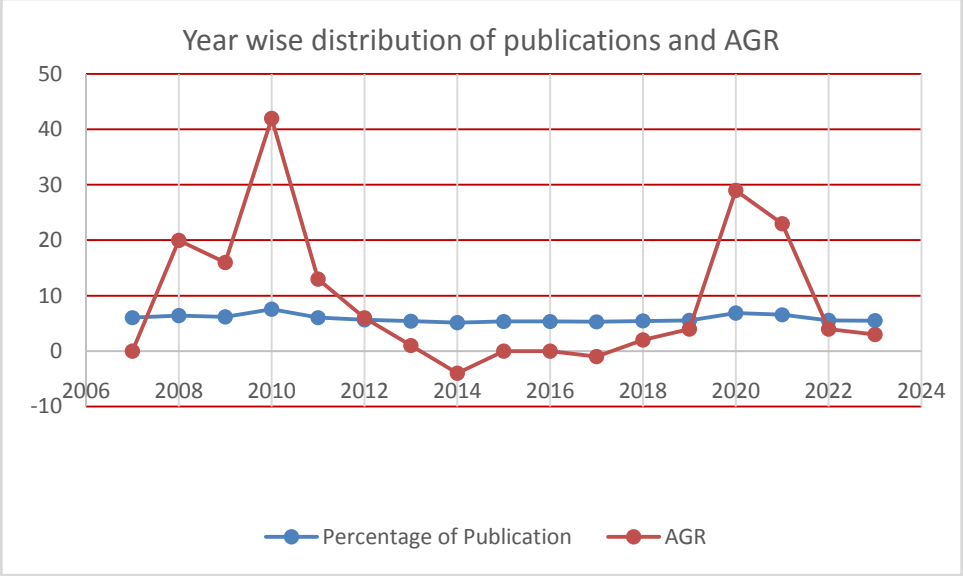
AGR – Annual Growth Rate, ACPP - Average citation per paper, MC - Median citation count

5.3 Annual Growth Rate (AGR)

The AGR indicates the growth rate of publications year over year. A positive AGR indicates an increase in the percentage of publications compared to the previous year and a negative AGR indicates a decrease in the percentage of publications compared to the previous year. Figure 1 and table 1 show the complete picture of AGR of the journal over the years. The overall trend suggests that while the publication percentage is stable, certain years show significant growth or decline, impacting the overall AGR. The peak in AGR around 2010 corresponds with the highest percentage of publications, indicating a notable increase in research output. Another significant peak in AGR occurs around 2020, which aligns with a high percentage of publications

The formula(Santha kumar and Kaliyaperumal 2015) used for calculation of (AGR) is mentioned below:
AGR = End Value - First Value / First Value x 100

Figure 1- Year wise distribution of publications and AGR



5.4 Citations and Impact

The year wise total citations received by the articles published in the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK) during 2007 to 2023 are depicted in Table 1. As can be seen from the table, during the period 2007 to 2011, the average citations per paper and the median of citations are notably high, ranging from approximately 9.63 to 12.58 and 6 to 8, respectively. This indicates that the research output during these years was highly impactful, with a substantial portion of papers receiving a significant number of citations. This trend is also reflected in the H-index for these years. From 2012 to 2016, the impact of the research was moderately high. The average citations per paper ranged from 6.73 to 9.29, while the median ranged from 5 to 6.5. This suggests that the research during this period continued to

be impactful, but there is a noticeable decline compared to the previous period. From 2017 onwards, there is a significant decline in both the average and median citations. By 2023, the median citation drops to 0, indicating that at least half of the papers published in that year received no citations at all.

5.5 Authorship Pattern

Table 2 illustrates the complete authorship pattern of documents published over 2007 to 2023. The data indicates that the majority of documents in the study result from collaborative efforts, with the highest frequency of papers being co-authored. Out of the 1871 publications, 502 (26.83%) were contributed by more than four authors. This is followed by 471 (25.17%) by two authors, 437 (23.25%) by three authors, and 322 (17.21%) by four authors. Notably, only 141 (7.54%) documents were contributed by single authors. Single-author publications show some fluctuations, peaking at 23 in 2008, but generally remaining low, especially in recent years. Notably, in 2009, there were no single-author publications, showing instance of complete collaboration.

Publications with two authors remain relatively stable, averaging around 28 per year. Similar to double authors, there is a consistent trend of research paper written by three authors, with peaks in 2010. In case of four authors, there is an upward trend, especially from 2010 onwards, indicating an increasing preference for moderate collaboration. Publications with more than four authors show a significant increase over the years, peaking at 51 in 2021, indicating a strong trend towards larger collaborative groups.

5.6 Degree of Collaboration

The Degree of Collaboration (DC) is a metric used to measure the extent of collaboration among authors in scholarly publications. It is calculated as the ratio of collaborative publications (co-authored) to the total number of publications (Gupta and Hasan 2018).

It is visible from the values depicted in table 2 that the degree of collaboration ranges from 0.81 to 1.00. While DC value 1.00 represents hundred percent collaborative efforts, the value 0.81 represents a strong tendency towards collaboration. The highest value (i.e. 1.00) and the lowest value (i.e. 0.81) of DC was observed in the year 2019 and 2008 respectively.

Table 2- Authorship Pattern and collaboration

Year	Output	SA	DA	TA	FA	More than FA	Total MA	DC (Nm/Nm+Ns)
2007	113	17	41	30	13	12	96	0.85
2008	120	23	43	29	16	9	97	0.81
2009	116	10	43	34	18	11	106	0.91
2010	142	20	44	41	23	14	122	0.86
2011	113	8	34	39	18	14	105	0.93

2012	106	7	28	23	20	28	99	0.93
2013	101	7	28	22	15	29	94	0.93
2014	96	5	26	28	17	20	91	0.95
2015	100	7	24	17	19	33	93	0.93
2016	100	5	23	20	19	33	95	0.95
2017	99	6	17	19	21	36	93	0.94
2018	102	5	13	22	23	39	97	0.95
2019	104	0	20	18	16	50	104	1
2020	129	9	27	21	23	49	120	0.93
2021	123	4	17	31	20	51	119	0.97
2022	104	5	20	14	17	48	99	0.95
2023	103	3	23	27	24	26	100	0.97
Total	1871	141	471	435	322	502	1730	0.92

SA – Single Authored, DA – Double Authored, TA – Tripple Authored,FA –Four Authored, DC - Degree of Collaboration, Nm = Number of multi authored publications, Ns - Number of single authored publications

5.7 Author Productivity

Table 3 – Author productivity

S.N.	Author	Output	Total Citations	ACPP	Citation sum within H-core	H-index
1	Singh, Ranjay K.	46	335	7.28	197	11
2	Srivastava, R. C.	16	100	6.25	79	4
3	Rawat, A. K.	14	100	7.14	80	6
4	Tamang, Jyoti Prakash	13	227	17.46	213	8
5	Mukherjee, Pulok K.	13	193	14.85	183	8

ACPP - Average citation per paper

From the data downloaded from Web of Science database, it is found that a total of 200 authors have contributed 1871 papers during the period under study. Table 3 depicts the author productivity of top five authors in the field. The data indicates a diverse range of research impacts, with the highest number of publications being 46 and the lowest being 13 by Singh, Ranjay K. and Mukherjee, Pulok K respectively. The average citations per paper vary significantly, reflecting differences in research influence. The H-index values show a range of scholarly impact, with the highest being 11.

5.8 Institution Productivity

Table 4 – Institution productivity

S.N.	Affiliated institution	Output	Citations	Average	H-index
1	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR	205	1387	6.77	17

2	Council of Scientific Industrial Research, CSIR	107	676	6.32	14
3	Banaras Hindu University , BHU	45	224	4.98	8
4	Central Agricultural University, CAU	40	327	8.18	11
5	Botanical Survey of India , BSI	36	431	11.97	12

Table 4 depicts the top five contributing institutions to the journal and their research impact. As can be seen from the table each organization contributes significantly to research, with varying degrees of impact based on the number of publications, total citations, average citations per publication, and h-index. ICAR and CSIR are the most prolific in terms of publication output, with ICAR having a slightly higher research impact. BSI has the highest average citations per publication, suggesting that their research is highly influential despite having fewer publications. CAU also shows a strong impact per publication, with the second-highest average citations per publication. BHU has a moderate research impact with fewer publications and citations compared to the other organizations.

5.9 Funding Agency Productivity

Table 5 – Funding agency productivity

S.N.	Funding Agencies	Output	Citation	ACCP	H-index
1	University Grants Commission , UGC	57	498	8.74	11
2	Department of Science Technology, DST	38	245	6.45	10
3	Council of Scientific Industrial Research, CSIR	31	214	6.9	9
4	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR	30	166	5.53	8
5	Department of Biotechnology, DBT	28	197	7.04	6

ACPP - Average Citation Per Paper

From the data shown in table 5 it is observed that UGC is the most productive and impactful funding agency with the highest output, total citations, average citation per item, and h-index. Followed by DST and CSIR which have moderate productivity and impact with relatively high H-index. ICAR also has moderate productivity but the lowest impact in terms of average citation per paper. Notably, DBT exhibits less productive but relatively impactful research with a decent average citation per paper.

5.10 Frequency Distribution of Author Key Words

Table 6 - Frequency distribution of author key words

S. N.	Author Keywords	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
1	Traditional knowledge	9	13	19	24	10	5	9	8	4	2	3	10	6	4	9	8	8	151
2	Ethno medicine	16	27	13	5	3	11	3	1		1	3	2	1	4	4	2	2	143
3	Medicinal plants	20	11	11	3	7	6	6	3	4	5	3	4	6	4	7	5	1	136
4	Ethnobotany	6	12	7	1	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	3	7	2	3	90
5	Traditional medicine	7	9	5	1	6	4	2	4	1		2	2	2	5	4	4	3	72
6	Indigenous knowledge	8	6	6	1	7	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	5	70
7	Antioxidant					1		1	1	4	1	06	6	8	3	5	4	4	53
8	Conservation	3	4	4	9	3	4	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	53
9	Assam	6	6	5	1	23	2	3	1		2				2	1	1	3	47
10	Arunachal Pradesh	3	7	6	8	5	4	4	1	1	1	1				1		1	43
11	Ayurveda	5	2	7	2	4		1		2	1	5	1	2	5	1	2	1	41
12	HPTLC		1	2	1	2		2	2	4		2	4	1	2	2	4	3	32
13	Unani Medicine	2	2	9		7					1	1	1	1	1			1	26
14	Antioxidant activity	1					1		1	1		6	4	2	3	3	2	2	26
15	Folk medicine	1	4	1	5	3	2	1		2	2		1			1	1		24
16	Fermentation	3	1		1	1	4	1	2		1	1		1	3	2		2	23
17	Traditional						6	1			3	1		2	4	2	2	1	22
18	Standardization	1	2	3	1	6		2	1		1	2	1	1				1	22
19	Kerala	4	6		7	1	1							2	1				22
20	Tamil Nadu	4	3	6	6									2					21

The data in Table 6 presents the frequency distribution of the top twenty author keywords related to research on traditional knowledge during 2007 to 2023. The keywords "Traditional knowledge," "Ethno medicine," "Medicinal plants," "Ethnobotany," "Traditional medicine," and "Indigenous knowledge" are consistently mentioned almost every year, indicating their sustained relevance in research. Similarly, keywords such as "Conservation" and "Ayurveda" have a relatively equal distribution with slightly lower frequencies. Notably, terms like "Antioxidant" and "Antioxidant activity" show an upward trend in recent years, indicating emerging interest and new research directions in these areas. Geographical keywords like "Arunachal Pradesh," "Assam," "Tamil Nadu," and "Kerala" reflect a peak in Indian traditional knowledge research interest around 2010, followed by a significant decline and fewer mentions in more recent years.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

With a view to document bygone knowledge and preserve recent developments in the field of indigenous knowledge, the National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (erstwhile NISCAIR), CSIR, started publishing an interdisciplinary periodical named “Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge.” In its glorious journey of more than two decades, the journal has focused on many aspects of Indian Traditional Knowledge.

This article presents a scientometric analysis of the Journal of Traditional Knowledge for the period from 2007 to 2023 based on data available in the Web of Science Database. The journal has covered many overlooked areas of social knowledge and played a significant role in strengthening the socio-cultural relationships in a country like India, known for its diversity.

The study found a steady number of publications each year, with slight variations, indicating sustained interest and consistent research activity in the field. The number of citations received by the articles published during the initial ten years of the study period was higher. The recent decline in impact might be attributed to the age of the documents as, earlier published papers have had more time to gain visibility and accumulate citations, whereas newer papers have had a shorter window to be cited.

Findings on the authorship pattern exhibit a shift towards more collaborative research efforts over the years, with a significant increase in multi-author publications, particularly those involving more than four authors. This trend highlights the growing importance of teamwork and collaboration in research activities in this field of study.

The frequency of keywords provided by authors highlights a regional focus around the year 2010, which could be linked to specific research projects, funding, or events that drew attention to these regions. The decline after that suggests a possible saturation of research or a move towards other emerging areas of interest.

Funding plays a crucial role in research. The University Grants Commission stands out as the top performer in terms of both productivity and impact, while the Department of Biotechnology, despite lower productivity, shows a strong average citation per item, indicating that the research it funded is relatively influential.

It would have been invaluable to analyze the research trends of the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge using other scientometric indicators not covered in the present study. This is suggested as a potential area for further research.

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ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LIBRARIES IN NEP 2020 FRAMEWORK

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Abstract

The ministry of Education in India launched the New Education Policy National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) on 29th July 2020. The policy is based on five foundational pillars quality, affordability, access, equity and accountability. Focusing on these pillars the government is planning developments in digital libraries and academic and public libraries including the formation of a national book promotion policy. Numerous steps will be made to promote accessibility and availability of high quality learning resources at reasonable rate across all languages and locations. The library is considered an essential aspect in the context of education system in NEP 2020 the library plays a significant role in study research and skill development.This paper tries to focus on the role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020 framework.

Keywords: *National Education Policy 2020, NEP 2020, role of libraries in NEP 2020, responsibility of libraries in NEP 2020.*

1. Introduction:

Education allows every person to achieve his human potential and leads to holistic growth and development. Holistic development comprises of cognitive, foundational, literacy and numeracy by critical thinking and power solving. Information manager and educators work hand in hand to bridge the knowledge gaps faced by users and libraries play a very significant role in meeting the target and objectives of the NEP 2020. NEP has a new pedagogy along with special focus on ensuring equitable use of Technology .

The main objective of NEP 2020 is to reform the education policy of the schools, colleges, Universities and Higher educational Institutions and to provide better infrastructures. The development of a nation is very much dependent on the education system of the country. The new education policy aims to take forward the country to a global community so that individuals can get all the opportunities they want to avail. In this process the libraries are getting importance to provide services to all types of users. The effective utilization of digital technologies, open access resources are dominating the modern education system. The Digital India campaign is going to transforme the entire nation into a digitally strong society. Education plays an important role in this transformation and Technology will help educational process as well. The libraries always support the teaching learning process. The role and responsibilities of libraries has changed in the techno driven world.

2. Objective of the study :

1.To increase our nails awareness about NEP 2020

2.To highlight role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020

3. Research methodology :

This paper is based on the literature published on the Internet and other relevant sources like e- journal articles.

4. Role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020 framework:

The National Educational Policy (NEP 2020) emphasizes the pivotal role of libraries in India's educational framework, highlighting their responsibilities in promoting reading culture providing access to diverse information resources to fulfill information needs of users and supporting research and life long learning. Libraries are envisioned as essential hubs for learning and research offering a wide range of resources including books, journals and digital media resources. The government will focus on the advancement in digital libraries in schools and colleges to encourage the reading habit and maximize the library use regardless of the location. So that they can access the required book. Some of the important points regarding the role and responsibilities of the libraries in NEP 2020 are discussed below:

4.1 making inspirational books available:

NEP 2020 emphasizes on regional and Indian languages inspirational books in all regional and Indian languages will be made available for students of all levels. Differently able students will be able to access books with assistants from private and public sector organisations

4.2 Increasing book collection of public and school libraries :

The authority will emphasize in increasing the number of books in school and public libraries. Main focus will be given to the under privileged community of rural and remote places.A National Book promotion policy will ensure the quality, accessibility of books to urban and rural part of the country.

4.3. Developing culture of reading across the country:

The number of children libraries and mobile libraries will be increased to promote reading habit among children and different stages of the community. The status of public libraries will be improved.

4.4. ICT enabled school and public libraries in remote places:

The local inhabitants and students will be served by ICT equipped public and school libraries in rural areas which is called as Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL).

4.5. Improvement of libraries of Higher Educational Institutions :

As the libraries are the heart of the educational institutions government will give importance in acquisition of books, periodicals like journals and magazines and other teaching learning resources. The digital library will also be built with sufficient online books and reading materials. The content will be available in original language version also.

4.6 Public library spaces for adult education:

The government will provide necessary infrastructure to ensure adult education. The public libraries will be used as adult education centre with ICT and involvement of community will be ensured interested adults for life long learning.

4.7. Create and appropriate continue professional development plan for library personnel :

To establish, developed and strengthen the existing libraries there is need of adequate library staff. The government will design suitable CPD plan for the growth of library professionals and ensure sufficient staff for maximum operation of the library.

4.8. Conclusion

The National Education Policy 2020 brought tremendous changes in education system. The NEP 2020 mainly focused on multi disciplinary education, holistic education and skill development. It also gives importance to education in regional languages. It also emphasizes on vocational training to students. The NEP 2020 realises the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT).So the role and responsibilities of libraries are changing from traditional store house of books to modern ICT based resource centre. These are some positive changes to the role and responsibilities of libraries.

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RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT: ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS IN DIGITAL AGE

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Abstract

For academic librarians and researchers alike, finding information is crucial, and obtaining data is as crucial. In our modern information retrieval system, sharing, storing, gathering, disseminating, and managing data with regard to research data is crucial. The cooperation of academic librarians and researchers with information communication and technology has made this possible. This paper aims to present the role of Academic Librarians in Research Data Management in digital age and challenges for maintaining RDM.

Key Words: Research Data Management, Role of Librarian, Academic Librarian, Digital Age

1. Introduction

The process of arranging, keeping, protecting, and disseminating data gathered during a research endeavor is known as research data management, or RDM. Network of the National Library of Medicine defines it as “Research data management is the organizing, documentation, storage, and preservation of the data resulting from the process, where data can be broadly defined as the outcome of experiments or observations that validate research findings, and can take a variety of forms including numerical output (quantitative data), qualitative data, documentation, images, audio and video.”

To help researchers, libraries are designed to gather, create, analyze, manipulate, store, preserve, and transport datasets. According to a different perspective, there can be a necessity to publish some data publicly or among particular groups. Despite these obstacles to widespread data sharing, there is an increasing trend toward benefits such as facilitating data by other researchers, enabling the verification of study findings, and collecting scientific activities.

Research data is a valuable institutional asset for higher education institutions that can be used for purposes other than the current research phase. A distinct RDM approach is being created among universities and other organizations, and additional stakeholders including both faulty themselves and assisting service staff have joined in. Because the design of the research data service has greatly aided in certain general operations, university libraries have expanded and are now more frequently recognized as important RDM providers.

2. Need of RDM

Research data is organized, accessible, and preserved, it facilitates accurate analysis, reproducible findings, data sharing, and compliance with funding agency and ethical requirements. So this improves the integrity and impact of research by reducing data loss and making it easier for other researchers to reuse the data.

Key reasons for the significance of research data management:

Reproducibility and Data Integrity: Appropriate data management procedures guarantee the validity and dependability of study data, enabling others to repeat investigations and confirm findings.

Data Reusability and Accessibility: Researchers can readily access and reuse well-managed data, encouraging cooperation and expanding scientific understanding.

Adherence to Regulations: Adhering to these standards is essential since numerous funding organizations and publications require data sharing and appropriate data management procedures.

Efficiency and Time Saving: Data that is well-organized allows for quicker analysis and spends less time looking for pertinent information.

Reducing Data Loss: By putting in place reliable backup and storage systems, data loss from accidents or technological problems is avoided.

Increased Research Impact: Researchers can raise the profile and possible influence of their work by making data easily accessible.

Ethical Considerations: Proper data protection and privacy are ensured by responsible data management, especially when handling sensitive data.

3. Important Facets of Managing Research Data

Data Collection: To guarantee consistency and quality, data collection procedures should be planned and documented.
Data Organization: For effective data retrieval, use clear file naming conventions and folder structures.
Data Documentation: Supplying thorough information that explains the data, including variables, limitations, and methods of collection.
Data Storage: To avoid data loss, use suitable storage options with contingency plans.
Data Sharing: Adhering to rules for data deposition in repositories and access controls when exchanging data with other academics.

4. Advantages of RDM

Save time: Properly managing data is in a researcher's best interest; being able locate past or current data and accompanying metadata saves time, frustration, and money.

Increase citation: Well-managed data is easy to share, which can lead to the data itself being cited; making the data available may also lead to more citations for the original paper

Enhance reproducibility: Data management enhances reproducibility by making the methodology more transparent.

Preserve data: While data management encourages researchers to consider backup and security measures, it also ensures that data is preserved, not just stored. Preservation focuses on the long-term ability to access and use data, and considers interoperability and open file formats.

5. Role of Academic Librarians in RDM

Management of research data is a major challenge for academic librarians as research data management in present digital era is a broad concept that includes processes undertaken to create organized, documented, accessible and reusable quality research data. The role of the librarians is to support researchers through the research data cycle.

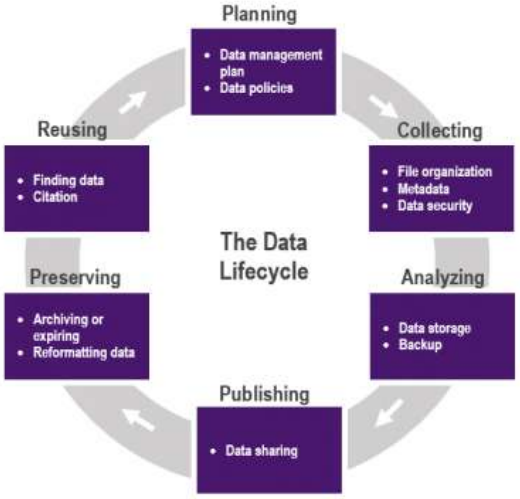

Fig: https://www.goshen.edu/academics/data-management/

The creation, organization, documentation, access, and reuse of research data are all included in the wide idea of research data management. Research data management is changing the work of librarians, and libraries are realizing more and more how important it is to help. Librarians can collaborate with archivists, data scientists, IT specialists, and other stakeholders to create efficient data management plans and advance best practices. Librarians may help guarantee that research data is saved and utilized to its maximum capacity by assisting researchers in efficiently managing their data. The data life cycle includes following paths:

Planning: To plan for Research Data Management (RDM), a librarian can evaluate the research needs of their institution; identify current data management practices; work with researchers to understand their data needs; create a plan for storing and accessing data; train and support researchers on data management tools; and form partnerships with other campus units to provide comprehensive RDM services. In essence, a librarian serves as a facilitator and knowledge broker to help researchers navigate the data lifecycle while making sure data is discoverable, accessible, and preserved.

Collecting: Through active engagement with researchers, identification of pertinent data sources, development of data collection strategies, use of specialized databases, coordination with institutional repositories, provision of data management training, and ensuring appropriate documentation and metadata for collected research data, a librarian can gather research material for Research Data Management (RDM) while adhering to legal and ethical considerations regarding data ownership and privacy.

Analyzing: In order to ensure that research data is well-organized, discoverable, and reusable by others, a librarian can analyze research material for Research Data Management (RDM) by evaluating the quality, accessibility, and metadata of research data, spotting possible problems with data organization and documentation, recommending suitable data

repositories for storage, and encouraging best practices for data sharing and preservation. In other words, a librarian can serve as a liaison between researchers and data management systems.

Publishing or data sharing: A librarian can publish research findings on their own RDM service implementations or studies exploring researcher needs and perceptions regarding data management within their institution, often through academic journals or conference presentations. They can also publish educational content such as guides, tutorials, workshops, articles, and blog posts on best practices for data management, data sharing, metadata creation, using institutional repositories, and navigating compliance issues.

Preserving: A librarian can act as a guide and facilitator throughout the data lifecycle, from collection to preservation, by giving researchers access to secure data repositories, teaching them about appropriate data management practices, developing metadata standards to thoroughly document data, putting backup plans into place, and guaranteeing the long-term accessibility of archived data through appropriate file formats and preservation techniques.

Reuse: By finding existing datasets in the library's collections, curating them with thorough metadata, and making them discoverable through a data repository, a librarian can reuse data for Research Data Management (RDM). This practice encourages data sharing, maximizes the value of existing research, and fosters collaboration across disciplines. Other researchers can then access and re-analyze the data for new research questions, possibly combining it with other datasets for broader analysis.

Overall, librarians are increasingly recognized as key players in the research data management landscape, providing essential support to researchers throughout the research lifecycle by ensuring the quality, accessibility, and preservation of digital research data.

6. Role of Academic Librarians in RDM in Digital Age

Librarians play a crucial role in Research Data Management in the digital age because they give researchers access to a wide range of digital resources, make it easier to find, preserve, and share data, provide training and expertise in data management, and serve as a central location for depositing, managing, and retrieving research data while guaranteeing data quality and ethical standards compliance.

Key role of academic librarians in RDM in digital age are as follows:

- To preserve and distribute research material, including raw datasets, analysis findings, and research outputs in a variety of formats, librarians create and manage digital repositories.
- By using metadata standards, organizing and cleaning datasets, and using digital archiving techniques to ensure long-term accessibility and preservation, librarians curate research data.
- Libraries create intuitive search interfaces with extensive search capabilities and filtering tools to help researchers find pertinent datasets across several repositories.

- Researchers can receive training and workshops from librarians on data management procedures, such as data collecting, recording, sharing, and adherence to privacy and data ethics laws.
- To guarantee that data creators receive due credit and to make tracking data usage easier, libraries encourage data citation standards.
- From project conception to data release, librarians actively collaborate with academics, offering advice on best practices and data management techniques.
- To guarantee the dependability and integrity of shared data, libraries might put in place procedures for peer review and data validation checks, among other methods for evaluating the quality of data.

7. Challenges for Academic Librarians in Research Data Management

- **Technical expertise:** Staying abreast of the quickly changing tools and technologies for data management.
- **Cooperation with Researchers:** Establishing trusting bonds with researchers from different fields to comprehend their data requirements and difficulties.
- **Resource Allocation:** obtaining sufficient funds and personnel to establish all-inclusive RDM services in the library.

8. Conclusions

Digital data is being produced, shared, and stored by scholars in far greater quantities than text. As the volume and complexity of research data continue to increase, research data management is becoming more and more significant in the research community. It is in the best interests of librarians to assist researchers in efficiently managing their data.

Librarians collect, organize, and preserve digital research data, ensuring long-term accessibility and integrity of datasets. They can literate researchers how to create accurate and comprehensive metadata for their datasets, enabling discoverability and reusability. Also they can conduct workshops and provide consultations to researchers on best practices for data collection, documentation, analysis, and sharing. By collaborating with institutional stakeholders librarians can develop research data management policies, promoting open access and ethical data practices. Also they can assist researchers in exploring and visualizing complex datasets through appropriate tools and techniques, as well as educate researchers on proper data citation practices and facilitating data sharing through institutional repositories.

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IMPACT OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) ON HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE LIBRARIES

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Abstract

The progress of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has profoundly changed education, with college libraries playing a central role in this transformation. The integration of ICT has revolutionized library functions, improving accessibility, efficiency, and the overall user experience. This research examines the impact of ICT on college libraries, particularly its influence on library management, resource accessibility, user engagement, and the evolving role of library professionals in the digital age. It highlights both the benefits and challenges of implementing ICT in college libraries, offering insights into how technology is reshaping library services. Furthermore, it explores future prospects for ICT to enhance the role of college libraries as centers for learning and information sharing..

Keywords: *ICT, Library Management, Digital Resources, Library Professional*

1. Introduction

The rapid progress of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has profoundly influenced various fields, including education. College libraries, as essential centers of information, have undergone remarkable changes driven by the integration of ICT tools and systems. These advancements have enhanced traditional library functions while introducing new services and access methods. Libraries have evolved from being primarily physical book repositories to dynamic digital information hubs, providing diverse resources to students and faculty.This paper examines the diverse impact of ICT on college libraries, focusing on its effects on library operations, resource management, user experiences, and the changing role of library professionals. ICT has transformed college libraries by improving efficiency and accessibility. Digital catalogs, such as Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs), allow users to search for and reserve resources remotely. ICT also enables access to digital libraries, e-books, online journals, and academic databases, catering to extensive research and learning needs. Library automation systems streamline tasks like cataloging, circulation, and inventory management, while technologies like RFID enhance resource tracking and security. Moreover, remote access to digital repositories and multimedia content ensures users can explore resources from any location. Personalized services, including email notifications, virtual assistance, and e-learning platforms, further enhance user engagement, creating a more seamless and enriched academic experience.

2. ICT Library Require Infrastructure and Instruments

The successful integration of ICT in libraries requires a well-established infrastructure and suitable tools to ensure efficient operations and high-quality user services. Essential components include reliable high-speed internet, computer workstations for staff and patrons, and robust servers to support library management systems and digital repositories. Libraries must employ automation software, such as integrated library management systems (e.g., Koha or Libsys), and provide access to e-resource platforms. Tools like barcode scanners, RFID systems for tracking resources, and self-checkout kiosks enhance operational efficiency. Interactive learning is supported by multimedia tools, such as projectors and digital display boards. Dedicated computer labs and Wi-Fi-enabled reading areas provide users with convenient access to digital resources. Backup solutions like Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) ensure uninterrupted services, while firewalls and cybersecurity protocols safeguard digital assets. This comprehensive infrastructure equips libraries to effectively address the evolving needs of modern academia.

3. ICT Tools in Institution Libraries.

Feature	Description
Library Management Software	Manage book inventory and user accounts.
RFID Technology	Facilitate automated check-ins and check-outs.
E-Journal Portals	Provide access to academic research articles And Book
Computer Terminals	Enable internet access and digital research.
Printing and Scanning Devices	Support academic tasks like printing research papers and Documents.

4. ICT in Educational: An Overview

The incorporation of ICT into college libraries has significantly transformed their operations. By automating administrative tasks and digitizing resources, ICT tools have streamlined a wide range of processes. Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) enable efficient automation and management of library operations, ensuring accurate inventory control and easy access to information. Furthermore, digital platforms such as online catalogs, e-books, and digital repositories are now standard features in contemporary college libraries. These technological advancements have not only enhanced operational efficiency but also extended the library's reach beyond its physical boundaries..The incorporation of ICT tools and systems in education has significantly improved the learning experience by granting access to a variety of digital resources, online courses, and interactive platforms. Teachers can leverage ICT to present lessons in a more dynamic way using multimedia, creating a more engaging and tailored learning environment. Students benefit from the ability to access extensive information, collaborate with peers and educators globally, and pursue self-guided learning. Furthermore, ICT has simplified administrative processes, enhancing communication, assessment, and resource management. As technology advances, its role in education is anticipated to expand, presenting new opportunities for innovation and better educational results.

5. Role of ICT in Educational Institution Libraries

Feature	**Description**
Digital Catalogs	Online access to library resources, including books, journals, and e-resources
Automated Circulation System	Streamlined borrowing and returning of books through software.
E-Resources	Access to databases, e-books, and journals.

Multimedia Resources	Videos, audio lectures, and presentations for academic Information use.
Internet Access	Wi-Fi and computer terminals for research and study.

6. Library Management and Automation Software

The adoption of ICT in college libraries has had a transformative impact, particularly through automation, which has revolutionized library management. Traditional manual processes, such as cataloging, resource tracking, and circulation, have been replaced by software solutions that enhance efficiency. Systems like Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) and Library Management Software (LMS) facilitate smooth operations, including book checkouts, returns, and renewals. Many of these systems also offer online access, enabling students and faculty to search for and request resources remotely. Automation has minimized human errors, boosted staff productivity, and enhanced the overall user experience.Library software is specifically designed to streamline operations, supporting tasks such as cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, inventory management, and user tracking. These tools reduce manual effort and ensure accurate record-keeping. Features like Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) simplify resource discovery, while integration with digital repositories and e-resource management tools enhances accessibility. Commonly used library software includes **Koha,** an open-source integrated library system; **Libsys,** widely adopted in India; **Evergreen,** another open-source solution; **SLIM21**, ideal for small and medium-sized libraries; NewGenLib, suited for digital library management; and **SOUL,** developed by INFLIBNET for Indian academic institutions. These advanced tools enable libraries to efficiently manage their resources and provide seamless access to users.

7. Access to Digital Resources

The digital transformation of college libraries has significantly broadened access to a wide range of resources. ICT enables libraries to offer online databases, e-journals, e-books, and other digital content, accessible 24/7, providing students and faculty with the flexibility to retrieve information anytime, anywhere. This shift to digital resources has reduced the dependence on physical books and journals, alleviating space limitations in libraries. Remote access facilitated by ICT extends the reach of libraries, making resources available to users regardless of their location. Moreover, this transition supports the concept of a "global library," enabling access to scholarly content from institutions worldwide.E-resource databases are vital for academic and research excellence, offering an extensive repository of knowledge across disciplines. Prominent databases include **JSTOR** for scholarly articles and primary sources, **IEEE Xplore** for engineering and technology research**, ProQuest** for dissertations, e-books, and journals across fields, and **ScienceDirect** for scientific and medical research. Other specialized platforms include **PubMed** for life sciences, **SpringerLink** and **Taylor& FrancisOnline** for science, humanities, and social sciences, **Emerald Insight** for business and management studies, and **EBSCOhost** for multidisciplinary resources. Open-access platforms like **DOAJ** and Project **MUSE,** as well as citation tools like **Scopus** and **Web of Science**, further empower students, researchers, and educators with high-quality, peer-reviewed information on demand.

8. Enhanced User Engagement and Experience

ICT has transformed user engagement in college libraries, complementing traditional services like in-person browsing and reference assistance with innovative online features. Virtual reference desks, chatbots, and interactive library portals enable real-time interaction with library staff,

creating a more engaging and personalized experience. Additionally, mobile apps and library websites allow users to search catalogs, reserve books, and manage accounts remotely, streamlining library visits and enhancing user satisfaction.

9. Evolving Role of Library Professionals

The advent of ICT has redefined the role of library professionals. Traditionally focused on managing physical collections, assisting users in locating books, and offering reference services, librarians now take on expanded responsibilities in the digital era. These include managing technology, curating digital resources, and providing support for various digital tools. Proficiency in information technology has become essential for librarians to effectively assist users and navigate the evolving demands of the profession. This shift necessitates continuous professional development to stay abreast of technological advancements and maintain high-quality service delivery in a digital environment..

10. Challenges of ICT Adoption in Educational Institution Libraries

Although the integration of ICT in college libraries brings numerous advantages, it also presents significant challenges. A primary concern is the high initial cost of establishing technology infrastructure and the ongoing expenses for maintenance and upgrades. Budget constraints often limit libraries' ability to invest in ICT tools and adequately train staff for their effective use. Resistance to change from some staff or users accustomed to traditional methods can also hinder adoption. Additionally, the digital divide poses a major challenge, as not all students have access to the necessary devices or reliable internet connections required to utilize digital resources. Addressing these issues and ensuring equitable access to ICT resources is crucial to avoid disparities in library usage.

11. The Future of ICT in Educational Institution Libraries

The role of ICT in college libraries is poised to expand significantly in the future. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), and blockchain are set to transform library services. AI-powered systems may enhance resource discovery, while VR could enable immersive learning experiences. Blockchain technology could ensure secure management of intellectual property rights for digital content. Additionally, cloud computing and big data analytics will empower libraries to handle and analyze extensive information more efficiently, offering personalized recommendations and improving access to resources. As technology advances, college libraries will continue to evolve, playing an increasingly vital role in supporting education and research.

12. Conclusion

The integration of ICT in college libraries has fundamentally transformed library operations, resource access, and the roles of library professionals. Despite certain challenges, the advantages of adopting ICT—such as greater resource accessibility, improved library management, and enhanced user engagement—far surpass these obstacles. With ongoing technological advancements, college libraries are expected to become even more integral to the educational process, offering innovative and personalized services. The influence of ICT on college libraries underscores the potential of technology to elevate the quality of education and improve access to information in the digital era.

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NEW EDUCATION POLICY AND ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes a transformative approach to education in India, impacting the roles of academic libraries and librarians significantly. Academic libraries are integral to supporting holistic and multidisciplinary education, enhancing digital literacy, and promoting multilingualism. They provide access to diverse resources, including digital content, e-books, and research materials, fostering a culture of research and innovation. The NEP also highlights the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge and integrating it into the curriculum, with libraries playing a crucial role in this endeavor.

Librarians face challenges such as resource constraints, skill gaps, and the need for continuous adaptation to technological advances. They are responsible for curating digital resources, supporting multilingual education, facilitating research, and promoting lifelong learning. By addressing these challenges, librarians can effectively contribute to the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system.

In summary, the NEP 2020 positions academic libraries and librarians as key facilitators in transforming India's education landscape, ensuring access to quality resources, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

The present paper focus on how the academies library important roll plays in NEP and face the challenges

Keywords: *New education policy, NEP and Higher education policy, academic libraries, higher education, digital library.*

1. Introduction

1.1 Academic libraries

A library is like a treasure trove of knowledge! It's a place where you can find a vast collection of books, magazines, newspapers, journals, and other resources. These resources can be physical copies or digital formats. Libraries are often organized by subject matter, making it easy to find information on a wide range of topics.

Libraries aren't just about books; they also provide access to computers, the internet, and sometimes even multimedia resources like DVDs and audiobooks. Many libraries offer programs and events such as reading groups, workshops, lectures, and activities for children. They're a wonderful place for learning, research, relaxation, and community engagement.

1.2 National Education Policy

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** is a comprehensive framework aimed at transforming India's education system. It was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on July 29, 20202. Here are some key highlights:

1. **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy**: The policy emphasizes the importance of foundational skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, aiming to achieve this for all students by 2025.
2. **Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: The curriculum is designed to be holistic, integrated, enjoyable, and engaging, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
3. **Equitable and Inclusive Education**: The NEP aims to provide equitable and inclusive education for all, ensuring that no child is left behind.
4. **Use of Technology**: Technology is integrated into education through various initiatives, including high-quality e-content and energized textbooks.
5. **Vocational and Adult Education**: The policy promotes vocational education and adult learning to enhance skills and employability.
6. **Language Policy**: The policy encourages the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, with a focus on multilingualism.

The NEP 2020 is built on five guiding pillars: Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability. It aims to make India a global knowledge superpower by providing high-quality education to all1.

1.3 National Education Policy (NEP) 20

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** has a significant impact on academic libraries in India. Here are some key points on how the NEP 2020 influences academic libraries:

1. **Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: Academic libraries are encouraged to support a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to education. This means providing resources across various subjects and disciplines to promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills2.
2. **Digital Literacy**: The NEP 2020 emphasizes the importance of digital literacy. Academic libraries play a crucial role in enhancing digital literacy by providing access to digital resources, e-books, online journals, and databases2.
3. **Multilingual Resources**: The policy promotes multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction. Academic libraries are expected to provide resources in multiple languages to support this initiative2.
4. **Research and Innovation**: Academic libraries are pivotal in supporting research and innovation by providing access to a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools.
5. **Lifelong Learning**: The NEP 2020 encourages lifelong learning. Academic libraries contribute to this by offering resources and programs for continuous education and skill development2.
6. **Collaboration and Networking**: The policy encourages collaboration and networking among educational institutions. Academic libraries can facilitate this by creating spaces for collaboration and providing resources that support joint projects and research.

Overall, the NEP 2020 aims to transform the education system in India, and academic libraries are essential in achieving these goals by providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** outlines several key roles for academic libraries in transforming India's education system:

1. **Supporting Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: Academic libraries provide resources across various subjects and disciplines, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
2. **Enhancing Digital Literacy**: Libraries offer access to digital resources, e-books, online journals, and databases, helping students and faculty develop digital literacy skills.

3. **Promoting Multilingualism**: Libraries provide resources in multiple languages, supporting the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction.
4. **Facilitating Research and Innovation**: Libraries support research by providing access to a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools.
5. **Encouraging Lifelong Learning**: Libraries offer resources and programs for continuous education and skill development, aligning with the NEP's goal of lifelong learning.
6. **Fostering Collaboration and Networking**: Libraries create spaces for collaboration and provide resources that support joint projects and research.

Academic libraries are essential in achieving the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system. They play a crucial role in providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills1.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** outlines several important roles for librarians in transforming India's education system:

1. **Curating Digital Resources**: Librarians are responsible for curating and managing digital resources, including e-books, online journals, and databases, to support the digital literacy goals of the NEP.
2. **Promoting Multilingualism**: Librarians help provide resources in multiple languages, supporting the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction.
3. **Supporting Research and Innovation**: Librarians assist students and faculty in accessing a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools, fostering a culture of research and innovation.
4. **Facilitating Lifelong Learning**: Librarians offer resources and programs for continuous education and skill development, aligning with the NEP's goal of lifelong learning.
5. **Creating Collaborative Spaces**: Librarians create spaces for collaboration and provide resources that support joint projects and research, promoting teamwork and interdisciplinary learning.
6. **Enhancing Digital Literacy**: Librarians play a crucial role in enhancing digital literacy by providing training and support for the use of digital resources and tools.

Librarians are essential in achieving the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system. They contribute significantly to providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills.

1.4 promotion and conservation of indigenous knowledge

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** emphasizes the **promotion and conservation of indigenous knowledge** in several ways:

1. **Recognition of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)**: The NEP acknowledges the rich heritage of ancient knowledge systems, including those of indigenous communities. It aims to integrate these systems into the modern educational framework2.
2. **Multilingual Education**: The policy promotes the use of mother tongue and local languages as mediums of instruction, which helps preserve and promote indigenous languages and knowledge.
3. **Curriculum Integration**: The NEP suggests incorporating indigenous knowledge into the curriculum to provide a holistic and multidisciplinary education. This includes traditional practices, cultural traditions, and philosophical insights2.
4. **Research and Innovation**: The policy encourages research on indigenous knowledge systems to address contemporary social challenges. This includes developing modules for teacher training and orientation to enhance the efficacy of classroom instruction in IKS courses3.
5. **Public Engagement**: The NEP promotes public engagement and participation in indigenous knowledge projects through initiatives like Jan Bhagidari (citizen participation) programs. This helps in the widespread dissemination and preservation of authentic indigenous knowledge3.
6. **Global Cooperation**: The policy supports global cooperation to promote indigenous knowledge systems, aiming to secure a share of global tourism and generate employment opportunities.

By integrating these elements, the NEP 2020 aims to preserve and promote indigenous knowledge, ensuring that it continues to enrich the educational landscape and contribute to sustainable development.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2024** builds on the foundation laid by NEP 2020 and introduces several new reforms to further enhance India's education system. Here are some key highlights:

1. **New School Education Structure**: The traditional 10+2 structure has been replaced with a more flexible 5+3+3+4 system. This new structure is designed to be more age-appropriate and developmentally aligned1.
2. **Foundational Stage**: For children aged 3-8, this stage includes three years of pre-primary education and grades 1 and 2, focusing on play-based and activity-based learning.
3. **Preparatory Stage**: For children aged 8-11 (grades 3-5), this stage emphasizes the development of literacy and numeracy skills.

4. **Middle Stage**: For children aged 11-14 (grades 6-8), this stage introduces subject-oriented learning while maintaining an experiential and activity-based approach.
5. **Secondary Stage**: For students aged 14-18 (grades 9-12), this stage offers greater flexibility and choice of subjects, eliminating rigid stream divisions.
6. **Board Examinations**: High-pressure board exams are mitigated by allowing exams to be taken twice a year, with students able to retain their best scores.
7. **Multidisciplinary Learning**: The policy promotes breaking down silos between academic streams, encouraging students to choose subjects across disciplines.
8. **Focus on Sustainability**: The NEP 2024 emphasizes the importance of sustainability in the education curriculum.

These reforms aim to make Indian education more holistic, flexible, and attuned to the demands of the 21st century.

Designing a digital library in line with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** involves several key considerations to ensure it meets the goals of promoting digital literacy, supporting multidisciplinary learning, and preserving indigenous knowledge. Here are some essential elements to consider:

1. **User-Friendly Interface**: The digital library should have an intuitive and easy-to-navigate interface, accessible to users of all ages and technical abilities.
2. **Multilingual Support**: To align with the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism, the digital library should offer resources in multiple languages, including regional and indigenous languages.
3. **Comprehensive Resource Collection**: The library should include a wide range of digital resources such as e-books, journals, research papers, multimedia content, and databases.
4. **Digital Literacy Programs**: The digital library should offer training and support programs to help users develop digital literacy skills, including how to effectively search for and use digital resources.
5. **Integration with Educational Curriculum**: The digital library should be integrated with the educational curriculum, providing resources that support the subjects and topics being taught in schools and universities.
6. **Research and Innovation Support**: The library should provide access to research materials, databases, and tools that support academic research and innovation.
7. **Collaborative Tools**: Features such as discussion forums, collaborative workspaces, and tools for sharing resources can facilitate collaboration among students and educators.
8. **Accessibility**: The digital library should be accessible to users with disabilities, ensuring that everyone can benefit from its resources.

9. **Sustainability Focus**: Resources related to sustainability and environmental education should be included to align with the NEP's focus on sustainability.
10. **Regular Updates and Maintenance**: The digital library should be regularly updated with new resources and maintained to ensure it remains a valuable tool for education and research.

By incorporating these elements, a digital library can effectively support the goals of the NEP 2020 and contribute to creating a learner-centric, holistic education system.

1.5 Librarians face several challenges in implementing theNational Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Here are some key challenges:

1. **Resource Constraints**: Limited funding can hinder the ability to upgrade infrastructure, acquire new resources, and provide training for staff.
2. **Skill Gaps**: Librarians may need additional training to develop skills in digital literacy, ICT, and modern pedagogical methods.
3. **Multilingual Resources**: Providing resources in multiple languages, including regional and indigenous languages, can be challenging due to the availability and cost of such materials.
4. **Collaboration and Networking**: Establishing effective collaboration and networking with other educational institutions and community organizations requires effort and coordination.
5. **Accessibility**: Ensuring that digital resources are accessible to all users, including those with disabilities, is a significant challenge.
6. **Community Engagement**: Engaging the community and promoting the use of library resources can be difficult, especially in rural or socio-economically disadvantaged areas.
7. **Keeping Up with Technological Advances**: Rapid technological changes require librarians to continuously update their knowledge and skills to provide relevant and up-to-date resources.
8. **Balancing Traditional and Digital Resources**: Maintaining a balance between traditional print resources and digital resources while ensuring both are accessible and relevant.

Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from librarians, educational institutions, and policymakers to ensure that libraries can effectively support the goals of the NEP 2020.

2. Conclusion

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a holistic, inclusive, and flexible education system in India. Academic libraries and librarians are pivotal in realizing this

vision. Academic libraries play a crucial role in supporting multidisciplinary education, enhancing digital literacy, and promoting research and innovation. They provide access to diverse resources, including digital content and multilingual materials, aligning with the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and indigenous knowledge conservation.

Librarians face challenges such as resource constraints, skill gaps, and the need for continuous adaptation to technological advances. However, by curating and managing a wide range of resources, offering training and support for digital literacy, and creating collaborative spaces, librarians can effectively support the NEP's goals.

In summary, academic libraries and librarians are key facilitators in transforming India's education landscape. Their contributions ensure access to quality resources, promote inclusivity, and foster a culture of lifelong learning and innovation, ultimately supporting the NEP 2020's vision of a learner-centric, holistic education system.

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LIBRARIES AS HUB FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

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Abstract

Libraries have evolved beyond their traditional role as repositories of books to become dynamic centers for multidisciplinary learning. This paper explores the modern library's transformation into an inclusive space that fosters collaboration, research, and education across multiple disciplines. It examines the factors driving this shift, the role of technology, and the impact on students, researchers, and lifelong learners.

Key word:- *Interdisciplinary Learning, Collaboration Resources,Knowledge Sharing, work shop event, Learing spaces*

1. Introduction

Libraries have historically served as the cornerstone of knowledge acquisition. However, in the digital age, their function has expanded significantly. Libraries now support interdisciplinary research, provide access to diverse learning resources, and serve as collaborative spaces for innovation. This paper examines how libraries facilitate multidisciplinary learning and the challenges and opportunities associated with this transition.

2.Importance of Libraries as hub for mulidisciciplinary

2. 1. Access to Diverse Knowledge

Libraries house resources across multiple disciplines, enabling students to explore subjects beyond their primary field of study. This fosters a well-rounded education and encourages interdisciplinary thinking.

2. 2. Encourages Research and Innovation

With access to books, journals, digital databases, and research papers, students can cross-reference ideas from different fields, leading to innovation and critical thinking.

2. 3. Supports Collaborative Learning

Libraries provide spaces where students from various disciplines can collaborate, exchange ideas, and engage in group discussions or projects.

2.4. Technology and Digital Resources

Modern libraries offer e-books, online journals, multimedia tools, and research software, allowing students to explore cutting-edge developments across fields.

2.5. Enhances Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

By engaging with materials from different disciplines, students develop analytical and problem-solving skills, essential for tackling complex real-world challenges.

2.6. Promotes Lifelong Learning

Libraries instill the habit of continuous learning, helping students remain adaptable and informed in an ever-evolving world.

2.7. Access to Expert Guidance

Librarians provide guidance on **research methods, citations, and academic integrity**, helping students improve their learning strategies across subjects.

3.Objectives of the Study: -

1. **To explore the role of libraries in promoting multidisciplinary learning** – Understand how libraries facilitate access to diverse knowledge across various disciplines.
2. **To analyze the impact of library resources on student learning and research** – Assess how books, digital resources, and academic journals contribute to students' ability to integrate knowledge from multiple fields.
3. **To examine the role of libraries in fostering collaboration and innovation** – Investigate how libraries create spaces for students from different disciplines to interact, share ideas, and work on interdisciplinary projects.
4. **To identify the technological advancements that enhance multidisciplinary learning in libraries** – Explore how digital databases, e-books, multimedia tools, and research software support learning across various subjects.
5. **To evaluate the effectiveness of library services in supporting interdisciplinary education** – Assess how libraries help students develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and adaptability in an evolving academic landscape.

6. **To recommend strategies for improving library facilities to better serve as multidisciplinary learning hubs** – Provide insights on how libraries can be further developed to enhance student engagement and knowledge integration

4. Literature Review

1. The Evolving Role of Libraries in Multidisciplinary Learning

Historically, libraries served as repositories of printed materials, but modern libraries now integrate **digital resources, online databases, and collaborative spaces** to support multidisciplinary education (Smith, 2020). According to Johnson and Williams (2019), libraries provide an environment where students from different fields can **access a variety of knowledge sources** and develop a holistic understanding of complex topics. .[**Lankes, R. David.** (2016). *The New Librarianship Field Guide*. The MIT Press.]

2. Libraries as a Bridge for Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Studies highlight how libraries **promote collaboration** between students from different disciplines. Turner (2021) argues that libraries encourage **peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing** through **study rooms, research workshops, and interdisciplinary discussion forums**. Additionally, libraries help break academic silos by offering **cross-disciplinary databases** and literature that enable students to incorporate multiple perspectives into their research (Garcia & Patel, 2018).

3. Digital Resources and Technology in Multidisciplinary Learning

The integration of **digital libraries, e-books, online journals, and research tools** has expanded access to knowledge beyond traditional print materials (Brown & Clark, 2022). Research by Miller (2020) suggests that **technological advancements** in libraries, such as **AI-powered search engines, virtual reality, and interactive learning spaces**, have enhanced students' ability to explore connections between different academic disciplines.

4. The Role of Libraries in Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

Multidisciplinary learning encourages students to **develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills** by exposing them to different viewpoints (Taylor, 2017). Libraries provide **structured access to diverse academic materials**, allowing students to **synthesize information from multiple disciplines**, which is essential for tackling real-world challenges (Parker, 2021).

5. Challenges and Future Directions for Multidisciplinary Learning in Libraries

Despite their growing role, libraries face challenges such as **limited funding, inadequate technological infrastructure, and the need for specialized training for librarians**

(Williams & Carter, 2020). Future research should explore how libraries can further adapt to emerging educational trends and provide **more personalized learning experiences** for students from various disciplines (Davis, 2022).

6 .Research Methodology

6.1. Research Design

This study adopts a **mixed-methods research approach**, combining **quantitative and qualitative** methods to provide a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

- **Quantitative Approach**: Surveys and questionnaires will be used to collect numerical data on students' use of library resources for multidisciplinary learning.
- **Qualitative Approach**: Interviews and case studies will explore students' experiences, challenges, and perceptions regarding library support for interdisciplinary education.

6.2. Data Collection Methods

a) Survey Method

A structured questionnaire will be distributed to **students, librarians, and faculty members** to assess:

- Frequency of library usage for multidisciplinary learning
- Types of resources accessed (books, digital materials, databases, etc.)
- Effectiveness of library spaces for collaboration
- Student satisfaction with library facilities and services

b) Interviews

Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with **librarians and students** to gain deeper insights into:

- The role of libraries in supporting multidisciplinary education
- Challenges students face in accessing multidisciplinary materials
- Recommendations for improving library resources and services

6.3. Sampling Techniques

A **stratified random sampling** method will be used to select students from different academic disciplines to ensure diverse perspectives. A sample size of **200 students, 10 librarians, and 10 faculty members** will be targeted for surveys and interviews

6.4. Data Analysis

- **Quantitative Data** (from surveys) will be analyzed using **statistical tools** (e.g., SPSS, Excel) to identify trends and correlations.
- **Qualitative Data** (from interviews and case studies) will be analyzed using **thematic analysis** to identify common themes and patterns

6.The Evolution of Libraries Traditional libraries focused on archiving and lending books, whereas modern libraries incorporate digital resources, maker spaces, and collaborative work areas. Advances in technology, such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and big data, have enhanced access to information across multiple disciplines, allowing for a more integrated learning experience.

7. Facilitating Multidisciplinary Learning Libraries support multidisciplinary learning through various initiatives, including:

- **Access to Digital Resources**: Online databases, e-books, and open-access journals provide researchers with information across various fields.

Collaborative Spaces**: Study rooms, discussion areas, and maker spaces encourage teamwork and innovation among students fro**Objectives of the Study: Libraries as Hubs for Multidisciplinary Learning

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- **Workshops and Training Programs**: Libraries offer workshops on research methods, coding, data analysis, and other interdisciplinary skills.

Specialized Research Assistance**: Librarians provide expert guidance on literature searches, data management, and citation practices.** .[Forrest, Charles & Halbert, Martin (Eds.).(2009). *Beyond the Information Commons: A Field Guide to Evolving Library Services*. Libraries Unlimited**.**

8. The Role of Technology Emerging technologies have transformed libraries into interactive learning hubs. Key technological advancements include:

- **Artificial Intelligence**: AI-driven search tools improve the efficiency of research and information retrieval.
- **Virtual and Augmented Reality**: VR and AR applications enable immersive learning experiences in fields such as medicine, engineering, and the arts.
- **Data Analytics**: Libraries use data analytics to track user engagement and improve service offerings.

9. Case Studies Several academic and public libraries have successfully implemented multidisciplinary learning initiatives. This section will highlight examples from leading institutions, illustrating best practices and successful outcomes.

6. Challenges and Future Directions Despite the benefits, libraries face challenges in adapting to multidisciplinary learning, including budget constraints, digital divide issues, and the need for continuous staff training. The paper discusses strategies to overcome these challenges and future trends in library services.

7. Conclusion Libraries have become essential hubs for multidisciplinary learning, integrating technology and collaborative spaces to support diverse fields of study. By continuing to evolve, they will remain vital to education, research, and lifelong learning in the digital era.

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INFLIBNETच्या SheRNIसेवांचा विश्लेषणात्मक अभ्यास

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सारांश

भारतातील शी रिसर्च नेटवर्क इंडिया (SheRNI) हे एक महत्त्वाचे व्यासपीठ आहे, जे विविध क्षेत्रांतील महिलांच्या ज्ञान, कौशल्य आणि तज्ज्ञतेला जोडून त्याचा उपयोग करून त्यांना सक्षम बनवण्याचे कार्य करते. सहयोगी उपक्रम, मार्गदर्शनाच्या संधी आणि ज्ञान–सामायिकरणाच्या माध्यमातून महिलांना सशक्त करण्याचे उद्दिष्ट या नेटवर्कचे आहे.

ही संशोधनात्मक अभ्यास ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रातील काम करणाऱ्या महिला वर SheRNI च्या विशिष्ट प्रभावाचा तपशीलवार अभ्यास करतो. SheRNI च्या व्यापक डेटाबेसमधून माहिती काढून,

Microsoft Excel चा उपयोग करून डेटा आयोजित व विश्लेषण केला जातो, जेणेकरून वेगवेगळ्या राज्ये आणि संस्थांमध्ये महिलांचे प्रोफाइल पाहता येईल.

या संशोधनाच्या निष्कर्षांवरून हे स्पष्ट होते की SheRNI वेगवेगळ्या शाखांमधील तज्ज्ञ महिलांना एकत्र आणण्यासाठी महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावत आहे. विशेषतः ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रात ज्ञान व कौशल्य वाढवण्यासह सहकार्य वाढवण्यास SheRNI चे योगदान महत्त्वाचे आहे.

महिला प्रगतीवर असूनही, या अभ्यासात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रातील कायमस्वरूपी लिंग–संबंधित तफावती स्पष्ट केल्या जातात. त्यामुळे, लिंग समानता व समावेशकता वाढवणाऱ्या उपक्रमांची आवश्यकता अधोरेखित केली जाते.

हे संशोधन विद्यमान साहित्यात एक महत्त्वाचा भर घालते. ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रातील काम करणाऱ्या महिलाना सक्षम बनवण्याच्या SheRNI च्या भूमिकेची सखोल माहिती यातून मिळते. तसेच, सहकार्य वाढवणे, ज्ञानाचे आदान–प्रदान करणे आणि व्यावसायिक प्रतिनिधित्वातील लिंग–संबंधित तफावती कमी करणे यासाठी SheRNI किती प्रभावी आहे, हे देखील स्पष्ट केले जाते.

कीवर्ड्स:

INFLIBNET, शी रिसर्च नेटवर्क इंडिया (SheRNI), विश्लेषणात्मक अभ्यास.

1. प्रस्तावना

महिला सशक्तीकरण म्हणजे महिलांना त्यांच्या स्वतःच्या जीवनाबद्दल निर्णय घेण्याची आणि निवडी करण्याची संधी मिळावी याची खात्री करणे त्यांना शिक्षण, रोजगार, आरोग्यसेवा आणि इतर संसाधनांचा समतोल आधार मिळावा आणि समाजात पुरुषांच्या बरोबरीने संपूर्ण सहभाग घ्यायला मिळावा. लिंग समानता प्रस्थापित करणे आणि अधिक न्याय्य व समावेशक समाज निर्माण करणे हे महिला सशक्तीकरणाचे प्रमुख उद्दीष्ट आहे.

लिंग समानतेच्या दिशेने झालेल्या प्रगतीनंतरही, विशेषतः ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र यासारख्या क्षेत्रांमध्ये महिलांना अद्याप व्यावसायिक वाढ आणि प्रगतीसाठी संधी मिळवण्यात अडचणी येतात.

भारतातील शेरनी रिसर्च नेटवर्क (SheRNI) हे एक परिवर्तनशील व्यासपीठ म्हणून पुढे येते, जे या तफावती दूर करण्यासाठी कार्य करते. हे INFLIBNET द्वारे आंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिनी, ८ मार्च २०२४ रोजी विकसित करण्यात आले. हे नेटवर्क ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र आणि इतर क्षेत्रांतील महिला तज्ज्ञांना एकत्र आणून त्यांना सक्षम बनवण्याचे कार्य करते.

हा शोधनिबंध SheRNI नेटवर्किंग, सहयोग आणि महिलांमध्ये ज्ञान–सामायिकरण कसे सुलभ करते, याचा अभ्यास करतो. ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रातील काम करणाऱ्या महिलांच्या सशक्तीकरणात आणि या क्षेत्राच्या प्रगतीत त्याचे योगदान कसे आहे, यावरही प्रकाश टाकतो.

2. शोधनिबंध उद्दीष्टे

या संशोधनाची उद्दीष्टे पुढीलप्रमाणे आहेत:

- भारतातील शे रिसर्च नेटवर्क (SheRNI) महिलांना विविध विषयांमध्ये सक्षम करण्याच्या भूमिकेचा अभ्यास करणे.

- SheRNIच्या महिलांच्या व्यावसायिक विकास, नेटवर्किंग आणि ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र क्षेत्रातील योगदानावर होणाऱ्या प्रभावाचा शोध घेणे.
- विविध क्षेत्रांतील महिला तज्ज्ञांना जोडणे आणि त्यांच्यात ज्ञानाची देवाणघेवाण सुलभ करणे.
- महिलांच्या संशोधन कार्याला अधिक दृश्यमानता आणि सहयोगी संधी उपलब्ध करून देणे.

3. सर्वेक्षण संशोधन कार्यपद्धती

या अभ्यासासाठी शे रिसर्च नेटवर्क इंडिया (SheRNI) डेटाबेसमधून डेटा काढण्याची प्रक्रिया वापरण्यात आली आहे. हा डेटाबेस https://sherni.inflibnet.ac.in/irins/w/searchc/search येथे उपलब्ध आहे.

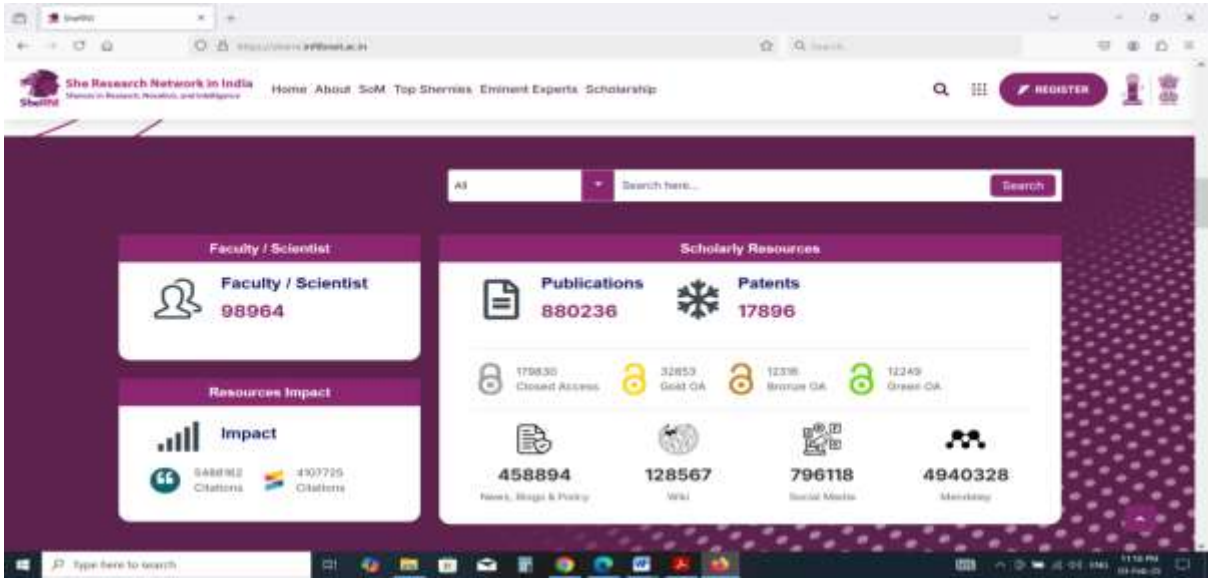
- डेटा व्यवस्थित करण्यासाठी आणि विश्लेषणासाठी Microsoft Excel चा वापर करण्यात आला आहे.
- महिला तज्ञांचे वितरण आणि वैशिष्ट्यांचे सांख्यिकीय पद्धती जसे की डेटा गणना याचा उपयोग करून स्पष्टीकरण करण्यात आले आहे.

या अभ्यासाच्या काही मर्यादा आहेत, त्यामध्ये माहिती उपलब्धतेतील आणि अर्थ लावण्यात होणारी संभाव्य क्षेत्रामध्ये केवळ विश्लेषणात्मक माहिती वर लक्ष केंद्रित करणे, आणि ३१ जानेवारी २०२५पर्यंत उपलब्ध असलेल्या डेटावर आधारित असलेला कालावधी यांचा समावेश होतो.

4. She Research Network in India(SheRNI)

She Research Network in India (SheRNI) हे महिलांच्या विविध क्षेत्रांतील तज्ज्ञांना जोडणारे एक मजबूत व्यासपीठ आहे. हे सहकार्य, मार्गदर्शन आणि ज्ञान–सहभागीद्वारे महिलांना सक्षम बनवण्याचे उद्दिष्ट ठेवते.

- SheRNI संपूर्ण भारतभरातील महिला प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांसाठी एक विशेषज्ञ प्रोफाइल प्रणाली विकसित करते, जी ज्ञान आणि अनुभवाच्या देवाणघेवाणीला प्रोत्साहन देते.
- महिला वैज्ञानिक आणि प्राध्यापकांना सहकार्य, मार्गदर्शन आणि करिअर वाढीसाठी सक्षम नेटवर्क तयार करण्यासाठी मदत करते.
- SheRNI च्या माध्यमातून महिला व्यावसायिक एकमेकांशी जोडल्या जातात, सहकार्य करतात आणि एकमेकींना सशक्त बनवतात, ज्यामुळे भारताच्या शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रात महिलांच्या प्रगतीला चालना मिळते.



चित्र १: She Research Network in India (SheRNI) मधला महिलांच्या सहभागाचा आढावा

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5. SheRNI चे विद्यमान योगदान आणि शैक्षणिक स्रोत:

- ९८,९६४प्राध्यापक आणि वैज्ञानिक या नेटवर्कशी संलग्न आहेत, त्यामुळे हे शैक्षणिक व्यावसायिकांसाठी एक प्रभावी व्यासपीठ आहे.
- ८,८०,२३६ शैक्षणिक स्रोत (मुख्यतः प्रकाशने) आणि १७८९६ पेटंट्स यांचा समावेश असलेले मोठे संशोधन भांडार येथे उपलब्ध आहे.

स्रोत उपलब्धतेचा प्रकार:

- ३२८९० संसाधने Gold Open Access म्हणून उपलब्ध
- १२३२३ संसाधने Bronze Open Access म्हणून उपलब्ध
- १२२५४ संसाधने Green Open Access अंतर्गत
- १७९९८० संसाधने Closed Access स्वरूपात

ही नेटवर्क प्रणाली मुक्त प्रवेश आणि सदस्यता–आधारित प्रवेशामध्ये संतुलन राखत ज्ञान प्रसारास चालना देते, तसेच महिलांच्या शैक्षणिक आणि व्यावसायिक सशक्तीकरणात महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावते.

SheRNI नेटवर्कमध्ये विविध स्वरूपातील संशोधन आणि शैक्षणिक स्रोतांचा समावेश आहे, ज्यामध्ये:

- ४,५८,८९४जर्नल लेख
- १,२८,५६७परिषद पत्रे (Conference Papers)
- ७,९६,११६पुस्तके किंवा पुस्तकातील प्रकरणे
- अतिरिक्त४९,४०,३२८संसाधने विविध स्वरूपात उपलब्ध आहेत.

SheRNI चे प्रभाव मेट्रिक्स(Impact Metrics):

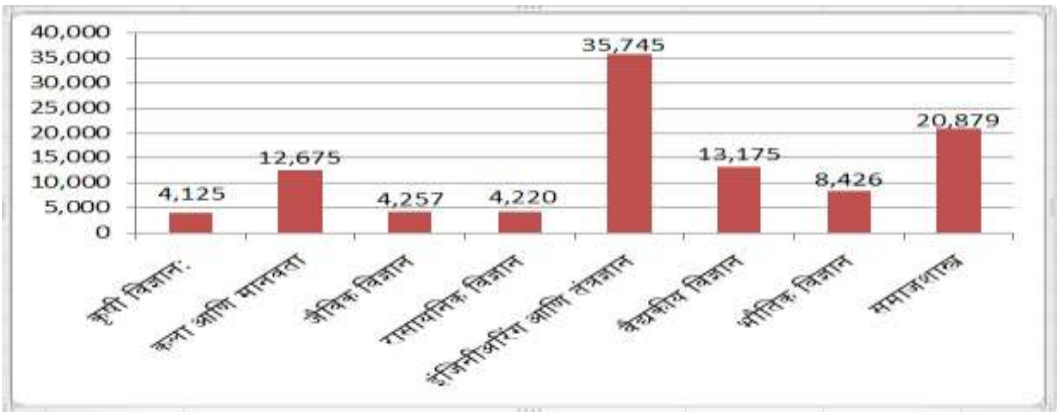
- एकूण संसाधन प्रभाव:५४,८८,१६२
- संशोधन संदर्भ (Citations):४१,०७,७२५

ही संख्या SheRNI च्या वैज्ञानिक प्रभावाची आणि जागतिक संशोधनात त्याच्या महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदानाची साक्ष देते. भारतात आणि त्याच्या बाहेर शैक्षणिक चर्चा, ज्ञान प्रसार, आणि नवकल्पना यांना प्रोत्साहन

देण्यात महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावते, आणि शैक्षणिक संशोधन आणि बौद्धिक प्रगतीला पुढे नेण्यात त्याचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित करते.

डेटा विश्लेषण

भारतातील शेरनी नेटवर्कमध्ये विविध विषयांच्या श्रेणीतील महिला तज्ज्ञ



चित्र २: मध्ये SheRNI च्या विविध विषयातील तज्ञतेचे प्रदर्शन केले आहे.

कृषी विज्ञान:४,१२५तज्ञ कृषीशास्त्र आणि पिकशास्त्रात विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
कला आणि मानवता:१२,६७५तज्ञ साहित्य, इतिहास आणि तत्त्वज्ञानात विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
जैविक विज्ञान:४,२५७तज्ञ जीवशास्त्र आणि आनुवंशिकीमध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
रासायनिक विज्ञान:४,२२०तज्ञ रसायनशास्त्र आणि रासायनिक अभियांत्रिकीमध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
इंजिनीअरिंग आणि तंत्रज्ञान:३५,७४५तज्ञ मेकॅनिकल इंजिनीअरिंग आणि आयटीसारख्या क्षेत्रांमध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
वैद्यकीय विज्ञान:१३,१७५तज्ञ जैवतंत्रज्ञान संशोधन आणि सार्वजनिक आरोग्यामध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
भौतिक विज्ञान:८,४२६तज्ञ भौतिकशास्त्र आणि भूगोलमध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.
समाजशास्त्र:२०,८७९तज्ञ मानसशास्त्र, समाजशास्त्र, अर्थशास्त्र आणि राजकारणशास्त्रामध्ये विशेषज्ञ आहेत.

हे विविध श्रेण्याSheRNI च्या आंतरविषयक सहकार्य आणि विविध शैक्षणिक व्यावसायिकांमधील ज्ञानविनिमयाचे प्रदर्शन करतात.

6. आंतरशाखीय सहकार्य

SheRNI हे आंतरशाखीय व्यासपीठ असून, विविध क्षेत्रांमधील संशोधकांना एकत्र आणते. कृषी विज्ञानापासून सामाजिक विज्ञानापर्यंत अनेक शाखांमध्ये सहकार्य वाढवून नवीन संशोधन दृष्टिकोन विकसित करण्यास मदत करते. या सहयोगातून वैज्ञानिक क्षेत्रातील गुंतागुंतीच्या समस्यांवर प्रभावी उपाय शोधणे शक्य होईल.

7. मुक्त प्रवेशाला चालना देणे

SheRNI मुक्त प्रवेश प्रकाशनावर (Open Access Publishing) विशेष भर देते, तसेच मुक्त प्रवेश स्वरूपांच्या विविध प्रकारांविषयी माहिती प्रदान करते. यामुळे संशोधन माहिती सहज उपलब्ध होऊन ज्ञानाचा लोकशाहीकरणाचा (Democratization of Knowledge) मार्ग मोकळा होतो. महिलांचे संशोधन समाजावर सकारात्मक प्रभाव टाकणारे प्रभावी साधन म्हणून पुढे येऊ शकते.

8. SheRNI साठी भविष्यातील विकास आणि विस्तार

8.1 आंतरराष्ट्रीयकरण आणि जागतिक भागीदारी

SheRNI चा व्याप्ती विस्तार करून जागतिक संशोधक आणि व्यावसायिक महिलांशी संपर्क वाढवावा, जेणेकरून ज्ञानाची देवाणघेवाण आणि परस्पर सहकार्य शक्य होईल. अन्य देशांतील संशोधन नेटवर्क आणि सहयोगी उपक्रमांशी भागीदारी केल्यास सांस्कृतिक विविधतेतून शिकण्याची संधी उपलब्ध होईल.

8.2 शैक्षणिक संस्थांशी समन्वय

SheRNIविद्यापीठे आणि संशोधन संस्थांशी भागीदारी करू शकते, ज्यामुळे महिला संशोधक आणि प्राध्यापक यांच्यात त्याची उपस्थिती वाढेल. उदाहरणार्थ, विद्यार्थी आणि प्राध्यापक प्रोफाइल्स, वैज्ञानिक स्रोत आणि मार्गदर्शन कार्यक्रमांचा समावेश करून संस्थात्मक पातळीवर त्याची उपयुक्तता वाढवता येईल.

8.3 माहिती व सेवांचा विस्तार

SheRNI केवळ संशोधन संसाधनांपुरते मर्यादित न ठेवता, शैक्षणिक साधने, करिअर मार्गदर्शन, नेतृत्व विकास कार्यशाळा आणि वैयक्तिक विकास कार्यक्रम उपलब्ध करून देऊ शकते. यामुळे शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील महिलांना अधिक संधी मिळू शकतील.

8.4 नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाचा उपयोग

SheRNI मध्ये आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स (AI), मशीन लर्निंग (ML) आणि डेटा विश्लेषण यांसारखी नवीन तंत्रज्ञाने समाविष्ट करण्याचा विचार करावा. या तंत्रज्ञानांचा उपयोग करून, वैयक्तिक शिफारसी, स्वयंचलित ज्ञान संकलन आणि संशोधकांसाठी प्रेडिक्टिव्ह अनालिटिक्स (Predictive Analysis) उपलब्ध होऊ शकते.

8.5 प्रसार आणि समर्थन

SheRNI ला अधिक लोकांपर्यंत पोहोचवण्यासाठी प्रसार आणि प्रचार धोरणे राबवावी लागतील. संशोधन क्षेत्रात महिलांच्या भूमिकेच्या गरजेवर प्रकाश टाकण्यासाठी धोरणकर्ते, वित्तीय संस्था आणि व्यावसायिक संघटनांपर्यंत पोहोचणे आवश्यक आहे. यामुळे संशोधन क्षेत्र अधिक सर्वसमावेशक आणि न्याय्य होण्यास मदत होईल.

9. निष्कर्ष

भारतामधील SheResearch Network(SheRNI) मध्ये शैक्षणिक क्षेत्र आणि संशोधन परिणामांमध्ये सकारात्मक बदल घडवून आणण्याची प्रचंड क्षमता आहे, विशेषतः महिला संशोधकांसाठी. त्याच्या सशक्तीकरण उपक्रमां, सहयोगात्मक वैशिष्ट्यां आणि मुक्त प्रवेशावर जोर देण्यामुळे,SheRNI विविध शास्त्रीय क्षेत्रांमध्ये प्रगती घडवू शकते आणि लैंगिक समावेशनाला प्रोत्साहन देऊ शकते. पुढे जाताना, आंतरराष्ट्रीयकरण, संस्थात्मक एकात्मता, विविधीकृत सामग्री आणि नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर SheRNI च्या कार्यक्षमता आणि व्याप्तीला अधिक वृद्धिंगत करेल.

त्याच्या संपूर्ण क्षमता साध्य करण्यासाठी, मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, UGCआणि शैक्षणिक संस्थां यांसारख्या भागधारकांचा एकत्रित प्रयत्न अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे. त्यांचे एकत्रित वचनबद्धताSheRNIच्या विस्तृत

स्वीकार आणि प्रभावाला सुनिश्चित करेल, ज्यामुळे भारतामध्ये अधिक ऊर्जा असलेल्या आणि सर्वसमावेशक संशोधन परिसंस्थेचे निर्माण होईल.

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आजच्या माहीती तंत्रज्ञानाच्या युगांत माहिती ही विविध मार्गांनी व विविध माध्यमाच्या स्वरूपात प्रचंड प्रमाणात उपलब्ध होते. आज घड़ीला महाविद्यालयीन उपभोक्त्यांची वाचनाची सवय कशी आहे त्यांना पुढील नवनवीन माहीती प्राप्त करण्याची त्यांच्यात लालसा निर्माण होते त्यानुसार महाविद्यालयीन उपभोक्ते हे शानाचे उपासक असतात.त्यामुळे उपभोक्त्यांना नाविण्यपूर्ण ग्रंथालय सेवा प्रत्येक क्षणी नवीन ज्ञान प्राप्त करण्यासाठी त्यांना नवनवीन ग्रंथालय सेवा उपभोक्त्यांना देता येईल यानुसार आधुनिक माहीतीच्या साठयांची माहीती योग्य वाचकार्यत/उपभोक्त्यास उपलब्ध करून देता येईल याविषयी माहीती प्रस्तुत लेखात महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयातून नवनवीन ग्रंथालय सेवाबद्दल माहीती सांगीतली आहे.

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1. प्रस्तावना :

माहीती तंत्रज्ञानाच्या युगात माहिती विविध स्वरूपात उपलब्ध होत, बदलणाऱ्या युगात माहीती साधनाचा विस्पफोट झाला आहे.

ग्रंथ हेच गुरू आहेत कारण ग्रंथ हे आपल्याला अप्रत्यक्षपणे मार्गदर्शन करीत असतात. चांगली पुस्तके ही चांगल्या मित्रासारखी व गुरूसारखी असतात. त्यामुळे ही सर्व चांगली पुस्तके आपण महाविद्यालयीन गंथालयातुन प्राप्त करीत असतो, आजच्या माहीती युगात ग्रंथालये ही आधुनिकीकीणाकडे वळती झाली आहेत. त्यामुळे बदलत्या आधुनिक सेवाची गरज भासु लागली आहे आणि त्यामुळे आधुनिक म्हणजेच नाविण्यपूर्ण म्हणजेच अशा सेवा या द्वारे महाविद्यालयीन उपभोक्ते यांना नवीन ज्ञानाची माहती ग्रंथालयातुन क''ीआणी कोणत्या माध्यमांनी करता येईल व उपयोजनक/वाचक हा महाविद्यालयीन सेवेचा उपभोग घेवुन नवीन माहीती आत्मसात करेल यासाठी महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालये सतत तत्पर असतात.

ग्रंथालय ही एक सामाजिक संस्था आहे तसेच ग्रंथालयाचा मुळे उध्दे''ा संग्रहित ज्ञान व माहिती वाचकांपर्यत/उपयोजनक पंर्यत पोहचविने हा असतो, त्यामुळे ग्रंथालय ग्रंथपाल व इतर कर्मचारी यांवर असत. विद्यमान जग हे माहीती तंत्रज्ञानाचे आहे असे सगळे संबोधतात त्यामुळे प्राचीन काळापासुन ते आजपर्यत ज्ञान माहिती संग्रहाची साधने बदलत आली आहे. माहीतीप्रसारणाची नवनविन माध्यमे व पध्दतीत काळानुरूप बदल होत जाऊन आधुनिकीकरणाची सुरूवात होऊन त्यानुसार ग्रंथालयीन सेवामध्ये सुध्दा बदल होत आहेत. त्यानुसार ग्रंथालयीन वाचक/उपयोजक यांना नवीन ग्रंथालय सेवाचे आयोजन करून नवीन पिढ़ीला उपयुक्त पडेल अ''ाा सेवा ग्रंथालयातुन कोणत्या देता येतील यावर ग्रंथालय भर देत आहे. त्यानुसार आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा स्विकार ग्रंथपालाने केला आहे. ग्रंथालयाचा वेळ व पैसा कसा वाचेल तसेच दर्जेदार नवनवीन ग्रंथालय सेवा पुढच्या पिढीला क''ाा देता येतील याचा प्रयत्न आधुनिक ग्रंथपाल करत असतात.

ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र हा विषय झपाट्यात प्रगती करत आहे. माहीती विस्पफोटाच्या युगात माहितीचा प्रसार आणि प्रचार वेगाने होत आहे, म्हणुन माहितीच्या संबधीत सर्व परिमाणे ग्रंथालय या विषयात समाविष्ट झाली आहेत. ग्रंथालयाचे महत्व दिवसेंदिवस वाढत आहे, कोणत्याही माहिती''ी परिचीत होण्यास ज्ञान असे म्हटले जाते. ज्ञान हा संस्थेतील एक अतिशय महत्वाचा स्त्रोत असतो. मग ती संस्था शैक्षणिक असे किंवा संषोधन व्यावसायिक असो' उद्योगधंदा करणारी जगातील बऱ्याच दे''ांनी आपला सामाजिक आणि आर्थिक विकास ज्ञानाचे योग्य उपायोजन आणि ज्ञानातील प्रगती यांच्याच माध्यमाद्वारे केला जात असतो. ज्ञानाचे प्रकाशित स्त्रोत म्हणजेच संस्थाचे भांडवल आहे अज्ञानाच्या विरोधात जे सत्य आहे तेच सत्य आहे असे ज्ञान साठविण्यांचे साधन ग्रंथालय हे उत्तम दालन असते. म्हणून ग्रंथालयांचे पुर्वीचे स्वरूप हे फक्त ग्रंथ व नियतकालिक इ. वाचन साहित्य उपलब्ध करून देणारे होते. परंतु आज ज्ञान विविध साधनाद्वारे व माध्यमाद्वारे ग्रंथालयात संग्रहित केले जाते, म्हणून ग्रंथालयाला महाविद्यालयाचा ह्रदयाची उपमा दिलेली असते.

2. ग्रंथालयीन उपयोजक/वाचक (Users)

वाचक/उपयोजक म्हणजे असे सर्व महत्वाचे घटक/गुणधर्म ज्याच्या शिवाय माहिती प्रणालीचा पूर्ण होऊ शकत नाही.

Heidi julien ;यांचेवाचकाचे केलेले वर्गीकरण :

उपयोजक (User) :ही संज्ञा आहे, जी सर्वसाधारणपने माहिती सेवेच्या आणि ग्रंथालयाच्या संदर्भात सहभागी आणि प्रतिसादकांसाठी वापरली जाते.

गिऱ्हाईक (Client) :ही संज्ञा विशिष्ट प्रकारचा व्यावसायिक नातेसबंध सुचविते.

कायमचा ग्राहक (Customer) : ही सज्ञा सेवासुविधेसंबधी व्यावसायिक प्रतिकृतीशी संबधित आहे.

कोणत्याही ग्रंथालयाची तत्परता आणि परिणामकारकता ही फक्त ग्रंथसंग्रहावरून मोजता येत नाही तर ते ग्रंथालय त्यांच्या वाचकांना कोणत्या सेवा व सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देते यावर आलंबुन असते. त्यामुळे महाविद्यालयीन पायऱ्या चढणाऱ्या नवागंतुकांना महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयाचा विद्यार्थी जिवनात आधार घ्यावा लागतो, त्यामुळे ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथपालाला अशा नवीन वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाचा पूरेपूर उपयोग कसा करता येईल ह्या उध्दे''ाने नव–उपक्रम साधून ग्रंथालयीन वाचन साहित्यांचा उपयोग होईल असे उपक्रम राबवित असतो. त्यानुसार नविन आगंतुकासाठी विविध उपक्रमांच्या कार्यक्रमाच्या माध्यमातुन वाचन साहित्याची आवड निर्माण करण्यांचे कार्य ग्रंथालयात केले जाते.

3. ग्रंथालयात वाचकांचे प्रकार

ग्रंथालयातील वाचक हे वेगवेगळया प्रकारचे असतात जसे सार्वजनीक ग्रंथालयात येणारे वाचक प्रामुख्याने मुले, विद्यार्थी, गृहिणी, शेतकरी, सेवानिवृत्त व्यक्ती, साक्षर आणि सं''ोधक देखील असतात, शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयात आणि वि''ोष ग्रंथालयामध्ये वाचक जवळ–जवळ एकसारखे असतात. म्हणून ग्रंथालयातील वाचकांप्रमाणे त्यांना वाचन साहित्य पूरविण्याचे कार्य ग्रंथालयाचे असते.

4. नवीन उपयोजकांसाठी महाविद्यालयांचे उपक्रम :

१. ग्रंथालय परिचय
२. ग्रंथ ओळख
३. ग्रंथालयातील उपयोजकांना माहिती देणे.
४. ग्रंथालयातील सामान्य सुचना.

5. ग्रंथालय परिचय :

यामध्ये वाचकांना ग्रंथालयातील विविध कामाचा परिचय करून दिला जातो, कामाचे तास, दिवस, विविध विभाग ग्रंथालयीन संग्रह ग्रंथालयीन नियम, नियतकालिके, सामान्य ग्रंथ, संदर्भ ग्रंथ, ग्रंथालयीन शुल्क, सद''य नोंदणी तसेच ग्रंथाची देवाण–घेवान आणि ग्रंथालयीन कर्मचारी यांचा परिचय करून दिला जातो.

6. ग्रंथ ओळखः

यामध्ये ग्रंथालयात उपलब्ध साधन सामुग्री यावर माहीती दिली जाते. त्यामुळे वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाचा वापर करतांना साधेग्रंथ, संदर्भ ग्रंथ ओपेक याचा वापर, इंटरनेट सुविधांचा उपयोग कशा प्रकारे करावा यावि''ायी मार्गदर्शन महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथपाल नविन उपयोजकांला/वाचकांना देत असतो.

7. ग्रंथालयातील वाचकांना माहिती देणे :

ग्रंथालयांत जेव्हा वाचक ग्रंथालयीन शुल्क भरतात त्यावेळी त्यांना विविध ग्रंथालयीन सेवा व सुविधा देण्याचे कार्य केले जाते. त्यानुसार विविध नवीन वाचक/उपयोजक यांना दि''ाा निर्देश देऊन ग्रंथालयीन साधनांचा पूरेपूर वापर व्हावा यासाठी प्रयत्न करीत असतात.

8. ग्रंथासंबधी सामान्य सुचना :

उपयोजक/वाचकांना ग्रंथालयीन नियमावलीचे पालन करण्याविषयी मार्गदर्षन केले जाते. यानुसार ग्रंथालयीन वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाची ओळख केली जाते, व त्यानुसार ग्रंथालयातील सेवा व सुविधा या बहाल केल्या जातात त्यानुसार विद्यार्थी ग्रंथालयाचा लाभ घेत असतात. महाविद्यालयातील ग्रंथालये आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाच्या वापराने

आज विविध वाचन साहित्याच्या माध्यमांनी आजच्या नवीन पिढ़ीला नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाच्या साहाय्याने विविध नव–नवीन ज्ञान ग्रहन करण्याच्यासाठी लक्षात घेऊन विविध सेवा देण्यासाठी प्रयत्नरत असतात. त्यानुसार नवीन पिढीसाठी खालील प्रमाणे सेवा देण्याचे कार्य खालील प्रमाणे सांगितले आहे.

नव्या पिढ़ीच्या वाचकांच्या बदलत्या गरजांना लक्षात घेऊन आज शैक्षणिक महाविद्यालयांतील यातुन खालील प्रमाणे नाविण्यपूर्ण सेवा ग्रंथालय वाचकांना/ उपयोजकांना देता येतात.

9. डिजीटल ग्रंथालये :

डिजीटल ग्रंथालय म्हणजे असे ग्रंथालय होय की ज्यामध्ये पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयापासून दिल्या जाणाऱ्या माहिती विषयक सेवामध्ये संगणक संम्प्रेषन तंत्रज्ञानाच्या साहाय्याने नवीन पिढीला माहिती सेवाचा अधिक विकास व विस्तार करून त्या प्रभावीपणे पुरविता येतात.

डिजिटल ग्रंथालयामुळे मुद्रित स्वरूपातील ग्रंथ, निलयतकालीक, लेख, छायाचित्रे, पेंटिग तसेच इलेक्ट्रानिक स्वरूपातील सामुग्रीत द्रव्यश्राव्य, आलेखीय साधने, सी.डी, डि,व्ही,डी. सीडी.रोम मायक्रेफीच मेंटाडाटाबेसेस ई. साधनाद्वारे प्रलेखाचे जास्तीत जास्त काळ जतन करता येते.

पारंपारिक छापील पुस्तकांबरोबरच ई-पुस्तके, ऑडिओबुक्स आणि ऑनलाईन डेटाबेस नवीप पिढीच्या उपयोजक/वाचकांना ग्रंथालयातुन प्रदान करता येते.

10. मोबाईल ऍप्स आणि ऑनलाईन पोर्टल्स :

महाविद्यालयातील प्रवेशित वाचक/उपयोजकांना नवीन तंत्रज्ञाची जोड धरता यावी आणि त्यांच्यात वाचन कौशल्याची आवड निर्माण व्हावी यासाठी नियीमत वाचक/उपयोजक ग्रंथालयात यावे, आणि त्यांनी साध्या आणि सोप्या पध्दतीने ग्रंथालयातील उपलब्ध ज्ञान साहित्याचा वापर व्हावा या दृष्टीने महाविद्यालयांनी आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाची कास धरून विद्यार्थी वाचंकासाठी मोबाईल ऐप्स आणी वेबसाईडची निर्मीती करून आपल्या वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाच्या संग्रहाची ऑनलाईन चाचपणी,ग्रंथ आरक्षण, ग्रंथाचे नुतनीकरण आणि डिजिटल वाचन साहित्य प्राप्त करण्यासाठी आवश्यक त्या सुचनांचे पालन करून माहिती मिळविण्यासाठी वाचकांना सेवा देत असतात.

11. सामाजिक आणि सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम :

महाविद्याल ग्रंथालयातील वाचन साहित्यांचा भरपूर प्रमाणात वापर व्हावा हा मुख्य उदेश ग्रंथालयाचा असतो. त्यामुळे ग्रंथालयीन वाचकांना/उपयोजकांना ग्रंथालयाकडे आकर्षित करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालय विभागाने वेळोवेळी विद्यार्थी वाचकांना प्रेरणा मिळावी या साठी ग्रंथालयात पुस्तकचर्चा, लेखक भेटी, विविध कार्य''ाळा आणि सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केल्यास निश्चितच ग्रंथालयाकडे वाचक पाढ फिरवणार नाही व ग्रंथालयाकडे असलेला ज्ञान साहित्याचा वापार होऊन ग्रंथालय शास्त्राचे सिध्दांत प्रत्येक ग्रंथासाठी वाचक व प्रत्येक वाचकासाठी ग्रंथ याचे पूरेपूर पालन होऊन ग्रंथाना न्याय मिळयास मदत होईल.

12.ग्रंथालय सहकार्य आणि नेटवर्किंग :

आज घडीला आधुनिक तंत्राचा वापर भरपूर प्रमाणांत वाढला आहे. त्यामुळे सगळेच ग्रंथालये आर्थिक बाबतीत परिपूर्ण असतीलच असे सांगता येत नाही. कारण आज माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाच्या विविध माहितीसाठी वाचकांचा नव-नवीन माहिती प्राप्त करण्याची ओढ असते, अशावेळी वाचकांना योग्य त्या सेवा देतांना जर यामध्ये कमी पडली तर अशा वेळी विविध ग्रंथालये वाढत्या ई-साहित्याच्या किंमतीवर मात करण्यासाठी इतर महाविद्यालयाच्या किंवा

शैक्षणिक संस्थाच्या सहयोगाने माहिती, संसाधनाची देवाण–घेवान करून आपल्या वाचकांना/उपयोजकांना विस्तृत माहिती प्राप्त करून देता येते व वाचकांना ह्या सेवेमुळे निश्चितच समाधान प्राप्त करता येते.

13.वैयक्तीक सेवा :

आजच्या पिढिला ज्ञान प्राप्त करण्याची लालसा सतत असते, ज्ञान प्राप्त करण्यासाठी असे वाचक/उपयोजक ग्रंथालयात उपलब्ध असलेले वाचन साहित्याची चाचपणी करून आव''यक असलेली माहिती प्राप्त करण्यास प्रयत्नरत असतात. त्यामुळे अशा वेळी ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथपाल किंवा ग्रंथालयीन कार्यरत कर्मचारी यांना अशा वाचक वर्गाला आव''यक असणारी माहिती प्राप्त करून देण्यासाठी वैयक्तीक सेवा देतांना वाचकांच्या आवडी-निवडी, त्यांना आव''यक असणारे वाचन साहित्य, संशोंधन सहायक वाचन साधने आणि माहिती शोधण्यासाठी सर्वोत्तर प्रयत्नरत असावे लागते. त्यामुळे वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाप्रती आदर निर्माण होऊन त्याला आव''यक असे वाचन साहित्याच्या मागणीसाठी आपले मतग्रंथालयीन ग्रंथपालास निसंकोचपणे मांडण्यास कमी-पणा वाटत नाही. आणि ग्रंथालय आणि वाचक यांचे संबध सतत टिकूण राहण्यास योग्य वातावरणाची निर्मीती होण्यास मदत होते. आणि अशा वाचकांमुळे इतर वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाकडे ओढण्यास मदत होऊन ग्रंथालयीन वाचन साहित्याचा वाढ व विकास होण्यास मदत होत असते.

14. सतत कार्यरत अभ्यासिका:

नवीन पिढीतला वाचकउपयोजक यांना माहिती तंत्रज्ञाणाच्या युगात नवीन माहीती कशी आणि कोणत्या मार्गानी प्राप्त करता येईल याकडे लक्ष असतो. अशा वेळी अशा वाचकांसाठी ग्रंथालय वाचकांना कोणत्या–कोणत्या मार्गानी विद्यार्थी/वाचकांना न्याय देता येईल ह्या उध्दे''ाने महाविद्यालयातील अशा नवीन पिढीतील वाचकांची गरज पूर्ण करण्याकरीता त्याला अवांतर असे वाचनासाठी योग्य असे वातावरण तयार करण्यासाठी वाचकासाठी/उपयोजकांसाठी ग्रंथालये २४ तास उघड़ी ठेवल्यास वाचकांना त्यांना योग्य माहिती प्राप्त करता येण्यास मदत होऊ शकते. त्याचप्रमाणे विद्यार्थ्यांना आणि संशोधकांना त्यांच्या सोयीप्रमाणे अभ्यास करण्यासाठी जास्तीत जास्त वेळ ग्रंथालये उघडी ठेवावयास पाहिजे.त्र अशा प्रकारे जर ग्रंथालयातील अभ्यासिका उघडी असल्यास त्याचा फायदा निश्चितच विद्यार्थी वाचकास होऊन ग्रंथालयातील वाचन साहित्याचा भरपूर उपयोग वाचकांसाठी होण्यास कारणीभूत ठरेल.

15.ग्रंथालय व्यवस्थापन प्रणालीचा वापर :

ग्रंथालयाची वाढ व विकास होण्यासाठी सर्वात महत्वाचीबाब ग्रंथालयात उपलब्ध असलेली सेवा आणि सुविधा असते. त्यामुळे वाचकांना ग्रंथालयाकडे वळविण्यास फायदेशीर ठरते. कारण ग्रंथालयात जर सेवा व सुविधा यांची कमतरता आढळत असल्यास त्याचा निश्चितच परिणाम वाचकांना होतांना दिसून येतो. म्हणून महाविद्यालयीन व्यवस्थापनाकडून मंडळाकडून ग्रंथालयाच्या कार्यक्षमतेत वाढ करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयात योग्य असा कार्यरत कर्मचारी यांची उपस्थिती तसेच आधुनिक माहिती तेत्रज्ञानाच्या युगात आवश्यक लगणारी संगणक प्रणाली विविध आज्ञावालीचा साप्टवेअर याची खरेदी करून ग्रंथालयातील विविध कार्य जसे वर्गीकरण, तालीकीकरण, ऑनलाईन ग्रंथालयीन विविध कार्ये योग्य वेळी होऊन वाचकांना वेळेत सेवा देण्याचे कार्ये होण्यास कारणीभूत ठरेल.

तसेच इतर सेवेच्या माध्यमातुन वाचकांना आधुनिक ग्रंथालये खालील सेवा देतांना दिसतात.
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१. इंटरनेट सेवा
२. डिजीटल लॅब
३. विशेष ग्रंथसंग्राहाचे डिजीटायझे''ान
४. इलेक्टानिक संदर्भ सेवा
५. इंटर लॉयब्ररी लोन सेवा
६. ई-पब्लिसिंग
७. इलेक्टॅानिक डॉक्युमेंट डिलिव्हरी सर्व्हिस
८. इलेट्रॅानिक थिसिस व डेझरटेशन
९. ओपेक(Search Book, Junranals, Artical)
१०. प्रचालित जागरूकता सेवा
११.निवडक माहितीचे प्रसार सेवा
१२. E-Book service
१३. Thematic Book Display
१४. Research cell Book
१५. Books Exhibition
१६. Student Internship program
१७. Orientation Program
१८. Book Bank service
१९. E- Article.
२०. E-Mail Alert Service
२१. Employment news service.

अशा प्रकारे पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयांच्या सेवा पेक्षा वेगळया स्वरूपाच्या सेवा, नविन पिढीतील वाचकांना देता येऊ शकतात. या नाविन्यपूर्ण सेवांच्या माध्यमातुन ग्रंथालये नव्या पिढीच्या वाचकांना आकर्षित करू शकता आणि त्यांची माहितीची गरज पूर्ण करू शकतात.

निष्कर्ष :

आधुनिक माहितीच्या युगात माहितीच्या स्फोटामुळे व सं''ोधनात सातत्याने होत असलेल्या वाढीमुळे ग्रंथालयामुळे ग्रंथालयाचे स्वरूप दिवसेंनदिवस बदलत चालेला आहे. डिजिटल ग्रंथालयामुळे प्राथमिक स्वरूपातील प्रलेख त्वरीत शोधून ग्रंथालयाची उत्पादकता व क्षमता वाढविण्यास मदत होऊ लागली आहे.

माहितीच्या युगात सतत नव-नवीन माहितीत वाढ होत असल्यामुळे सर्व माहिती ग्रंथालयात साठवून ठेवणे कोण्त्याही ग्रंथालयाला शक्य नसल्यामुळे तसेच ग्रंथालयीन पारंपारीक सेवामध्ये बदल करून नवीन स्वरूपाच्या आणि माहिती सेवांचा वापर करून वाचकांना योग्य असे समाधान प्राप्त करून देण्यासाठी नवीन पिढीच्या वाचकांना/उपयोजकांना नवीन तंत्रज्ञान यांची मदत घेवून त्याचा वापार केल्यास वाचकांना ग्रंथालयातुन समाधान प्राप्त करण्यास मदत होईल. म्हणून नवीन स्वरूपाच्या सेवांचा वापर हा आज महत्वाचा घटक बनला आहे.

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संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनात ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका

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1. प्रस्तावना

शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधनामध्ये माहिती व्यवस्थापन हा एक महत्वाचा मुद्दा बनला आहे. माहितीची निर्मिती ही खूप मोठ्या प्रमाणात होत आहे. तसेच माहितीचे जटिलता, माहितीची अखंडता, प्रवेश योग्यता आणि पूर्नवापर सुनिश्चित करण्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापन पद्धतीची आवश्यकता आहे. त्यामुळे ग्रंथालये संशोधनात माहिती व्यवस्थापनावर भर देत आहेत. संशोधनातील माहिती व्यवस्थापने, त्यांचे योगदान, आव्हाने आणि भविष्यातील दिशा निर्देशांवर प्रकाश टाकण्याचा प्रयत्न करण्यात येत आहे.

ग्रंथालय हे दीर्घकाळापासून संशोधन प्रक्रियेचा एक मध्यवर्ती भाग आहे. माहिती संसाधनामध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करत असते आणि संशोधकाला त्याला हवी असणारी माहिती प्राप्त करुन देत असते. माहितीची मोठ्या प्रमाणात वाढ लक्षात घेता संशोधन कार्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापनात ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका आणखी महत्वाची बनली आहे. उच्च गुणवत्तेचे संशोधन करण्यासाठी संशोधकांना माहिती प्रभावितपणे मिळविणे आवश्यक आहे आणि ग्रंथालये या प्रक्रियेला पाठींबा देण्यात महत्वाची भूमिका बजावत आहे.

2. संशोधनात माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे महत्व व ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका

संशोधन निष्कर्षाची गुणवत्ता, अखंडता आणि पुर्नउत्पादनात क्षमता सुनिश्चित करण्यासाठी संशोधनात ग्रंथालयांना माहिती व्यवस्थापन करणे आवश्यक आहे. प्रभावी माहिती व्यवस्थापन हे संशोधकांना आपले संशोधन कार्य सक्षम करण्यासाठी मदत करतात.

1)माहिती संसाधनांपर्यंत प्रवेश प्रदान करणे

ग्रंथालयाच्या प्राथमिक भूमिकेपैकी एक म्हणजे माहिती संसाधनांपर्यंत संशोधकाला प्रवेश प्रदान करणे. यामध्ये पुस्तके, नियतकालिके, डेटाबेस आणि संसाधनासंबंधी इतर साहित्य याचा समावेश आहे.

ग्रंथालयामध्ये संसाधनांपर्यंत संशोधकांना विविध पद्धती वापरतात ज्यात ऑनलाईन कॅटलॉग, डिस्कव्हरी लेयर्स आणि इंटरलायब्ररी लोन सेवा यांचा समावेश होतो. माहिती संसाधनांच्या विस्तृत श्रेणीमध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करुन ग्रंथालये संशोधकांना त्यांच्या संशोधन कार्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेली माहिती पुरविण्यास मदत करुन त्यांचे संशोधन सक्षम करण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत असतात.

2)माहिती साक्षरता प्रशिक्षण

ग्रंथालये माहिती व्यवस्थापनात आपली भूमिका प्रदान करीत असतांना माहिती साक्षरता प्रशिक्षण देणे आवश्यक आहे. माहिती साक्षरता म्हणजे माहिती शोधण्याची, मुल्यांकन करण्याची आणि प्रभावीपणे वापरण्याची क्षमता आणि संशोधकांसाठी आवश्यक ती माहिती मिळविण्यासाठी एक आवश्यक कौशल्य निर्माण करते. ग्रंथालयांनी संशोधकांना त्यांची माहिती साक्षरता कौशल्य विकसित करण्यासाठी किंवा मदत करण्यासाठी विविध प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आणि कार्यशाळा यांचे आयोजन करणे महत्वाचे आहे. ज्यामध्ये माहितीचा शोध, माहिती प्रतिप्राप्ती, संशोधन पद्धती यांचा समावेश करणे आवश्यक आहे.

3)माहिती व्यवस्थापन व संशोधन

ग्रंथालयांमध्ये माहितीचे व्यवस्थापन हा एक संशोधन प्रक्रियेचा भाग असून महत्वाचा पैलू आहे. संशोधकांना त्यांची माहिती अचूक, पूर्ण आणि सुलभ करण्यासाठी प्रभावितपणे ग्रंथालयांनी माहिती व्यवस्थापन करण्याची आवश्यकता आहे. माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या सर्वोत्तम पद्धतीवर प्रशिक्षण, माहिती संग्रहण आणि माहिती प्रतिप्राप्ती सेवा देवून संसाधनात ग्रंथालये महत्वाची भूमिका बजावत आहेत.

संशोधन कार्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापन करुन महत्वाची भूमिका बजावत असूनही त्यांना अनेक आव्हानांना तोंड द्यावे लागत आहे. मुख्य आव्हानांपैकी एक म्हणजे उपलब्ध माहितीचे वाढते प्रमाण त्यामुळे संशोधकांना आवश्यक असलेली माहिती शोधणे कठीण झाले आहे. त्याचप्रमाणे ग्रंथालयांना निधिची कमतरता या आव्हानांना सुद्धा तोंड द्यावे लागत आहे. तरीही ग्रंथालयांना माहिती व्यवस्थापनातील नवनवीन तंत्रज्ञान यांच्याशी जुळवून घेणे आवश्यक आहे.

4)संशोधकांच्या बदलत्या गरज पूर्ण करण्यासाठी

संशोधकांच्या बदलत्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांनी नवनवीन संकल्पना व आधुनिक साधनांचा उपयोग करणे आवश्यक आहे. यामध्ये माहिती व्यवस्थापन, ई–बुक्स, ई–जर्नल्स, कृत्रिम बुद्धीमत्ता आणि मशिन लर्निंग सारख्या नवीन तंत्रज्ञान आणि दृष्टिकोनासह प्रयोग करण्यास देखील तयार असणे ग्रंथालयांना आवश्यक आहे.

3. माहिती व्यवस्थापनासाठी ग्रंथालय सेवा

माहिती व्यवस्थापन ही एक संशोधन कार्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांनी दिलेली एक सेवा असून संशोधन कार्यासाठी संशोधक त्याला हवी असणारी माहिती मिळविण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांकडे येत असतो. कारण संशोधक व संशोधन यातील महत्वाचा दुवा म्हणजे ग्रंथालय होय. त्यामुळे संशोधकाला हवी असणारी माहिती पुरविण्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापन ही एक सेवा असून ही सेवा देण्यासाठी ग्रंथालये पुढील विविध सेवा देत आहेत.

1)माहिती व्यवस्थापन नियोजन

संशोधकांना आपल्या संशोधन कार्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापन नियोजन करणे आवश्यक असून ज्यामध्ये माहिती कशी प्राप्त कशी करता येईल, ती माहिती संग्रहित करणे व सामायिक करणे याची रुपरेषा दिली जाते.

2)मेटाडेटा निर्मिती

ग्रंथालये उच्च गुणवत्तेचा मेटाडेटा तयार करणे, माहितीचा शोध व माहितीचा पुर्नवापर करण्यासाठी संशोधकांना ग्रंथालये मदत करु शकतात.

3)माहिती संग्रह

ग्रंथालयांनी माहितीचा संग्रह करणे आवश्यक असून त्यासाठी संस्थापक भांडार किंवा संग्रह यासारखे उपाय प्रदान करणे आवश्यक आहे.

4)सहकार्य आणि समन्वय

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन पद्धती विकसित करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांनी संशोधक माहिती तंत्रज्ञान विभाग व इतर व्यावसायिक विकासाच्या संधीमध्ये गुंतवणूक करणे आवश्यक आहे. तसेच ग्रंथालयीन कर्मचाऱ्यांसाठी आवश्यक प्रशिक्षण, कौशल्य यासाठी प्रशिक्षण वर्ग सुरु करणे आवश्यक आहे.

4. निष्कर्ष

संशोधन कार्यासाठी माहिती व्यवस्थापनात ग्रंथालय महत्वाची भूमिका बजावत असते. माहिती संसाधनामध्ये प्रवेश, माहिती साक्षरता, प्रशिक्षण आणि संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनासाठी समर्थन प्रदान करणे व संशोधकांना उच्च गुणवत्तेचे संशोधन करण्यास सक्षम करतात. तसेच ग्रंथालयांनी उपलब्ध माहितीचे वाढते प्रमाण आणि

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सार:

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन ही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे. ज्यामध्ये संघटित, दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्यासारखी गुणवत्तापूर्ण संशोधन माहिती तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. यात ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका फार महत्वाची आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे या माहितीचे संपूर्ण आयुष्यभर, नियोजन, उत्पादन, निवड आणि मूल्यमापनापासून ते पुनर्वापराच्या उद्देशांसाठी साठवणूक आणि प्रक्रिया करण्यापर्यंतच्या प्रक्रियेचा भाग संदर्भ म्हणून देता येतो.ग्रंथालयाच्या उपस्थितीशिवाय संस्था अस्तित्वात आणि योग्यरित्या कार्य करू शकत नाही कारण शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयाद्वारे प्रदान केलेल्या सेवांची गुणवत्ता प्रतिबिंबित करते. या संशोधन लेखामध्ये ग्रंथालयाच्या संकल्पनेचा थोडक्यात आढावा मांडण्याचा प्रयत्न केला आहे, संशोधन माहिती, संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन आणि त्याच्या मर्यादा तसेच शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका विशद केली आहे. या

भूमिकांनी नवीन पॅराडाइम शिफ्ट अनुभवले आहे, माहितीच्या उदयोन्मुख लहरींचा परिणाम म्हणून अभूतपूर्व आकार बदलणे आणि बदल कम्युनिकेशन टेक्नॉलॉजी (ICT) आणि त्यासोबतचे शाश्वत आणि व्यत्यय आणणारे तंत्रज्ञान विज्ञान आता डिजिटल डेटाचे उत्पादन, संचयन आणि प्रसार करत आहेत. माहिती ग्रंथालयामध्ये संग्रहित केला जात. त्यामुळे डेटा जतन करणे महत्त्वाचे. संशोधन लेख शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील उदयोन्मुख भूमिकेचे वर्णन करण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. तृतीय संस्थांमध्ये संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन ग्रंथालयात महत्वाची भूमिका बजावतात.

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1. प्रस्तावना

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे काय? संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे. ज्यामध्ये संघटित, दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्यासारखी गुणवत्ता पूर्ण संशोधन माहिती तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. ग्रंथालय हा शिक्षण व्यवस्थेचा एक महत्त्वाचा पैलू आहे जो शिक्षणाला आधार देतो. सर्वसाधारणपणे मध्यवर्ती समर्थन देण्याच्या जबाबदारीने त्यावर आडकाठी टाकली गेली आहे. अध्यापन, शिक्षण आणि संशोधनासाठी महाविद्यालयीन जीवनातील भूमिका महत्वाची असते. या भूमिकांनी नवीन पॅराडाइम शिफ्ट अनुभवले आहे, अभूतपूर्व माहितीच्या उदयोन्मुख लहरींचा परिणाम म्हणून आकार बदलणे आणि बदल करणे कम्युनिकेशन टेक्नॉलॉजी (ICT) आणि त्यासोबतचे शाश्वत आणि व्यत्यय आणणारे तंत्रज्ञान हे सखोल बदल सर्वांमध्ये स्पष्टपणे दिसून येतात उच्च शिक्षण क्षेत्रावर बदलांचा परिणाम म्हणून विद्यापीठे द्वारे प्रदान केलेल्या संधींना प्रतिसाद म्हणून संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे त्यांचे कार्य बदलत आहेत.

इतर उच्च शिक्षण क्षेत्रांसह डिजिटल क्रांतीची पुष्टी केली की यामध्ये नवनवीन पद्धत बदल करण्यात आले आहेत ग्रंथालयामध्ये मध्ये आणि त्यांच्यामध्ये माहिती सेवांच्या तरतूदीची पद्धत आणि पद्धती जे तृतीयक संस्थांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतात. निरीक्षण केलेल्या ट्रेंडमुळे वाढ होते नवीन आणि उदयोन्मुख ग्रंथालय सेवांची मागणी, जी लक्षणीयरीत्या स्थित आहे विविध तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर, जसे की कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI), क्लाउड संगणन, इंटरनेट ऑफ थिंग (IoT), इंटरनेट ऑफ एव्हरीथिंग (IoE), मशीन लर्निंग, बिग डेटा, डेटा क्यू-रेशन आणि खाणकाम तसेच डेटा व्यवस्थापन सेवा; अशा प्रकारे, अग्रगण्य संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) आणि ग्रंथालयाच्या च्या सहभागाची लोकप्रियते नुसार, अधिक ग्रंथालये विकसित झाली आहेत उदयोन्मुख डेटा व्यवस्थापन पद्धतींमध्ये सहभागी होण्यासाठी कार्यक्रम विकसित करणे आवश्यक आहे.

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या वापर सर्व प्रकारच्या कृतीसाठी केला जातो आणि संपूर्ण संशोधन माहिती/डेटा आणि इतर डिजिटल सामग्रीचे स्वरूप वापरकर्त्यांच्या पुढील पिढ्यांच्या वर्तमान आणि भविष्यातील वापरासाठी जीवन चक्र आणि कालांतराने उपयोगात येईल. संशोधन माहिती संग्रहण आणि सर्व स्वरूपांमध्ये जतन करण्याच्या प्रक्रियेमध्ये सर्व समाविष्ट असले पाहिजेत. चांगल्या संशोधन माहिती निर्मिती आणि व्यवस्थापनासाठी आवश्यक प्रक्रिया आणि माहितीच्या नवीन स्रोतांमधून व्युत्पन्न केलेल्या माहिती मध्ये मूल्य जोडण्याची क्षमता आणि ज्ञान त्यानुसार शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RMD हे उदयोन्मुख क्षेत्र आहे. संशोधन डेटा सेवा (RDS) च्या संकलनाची

आवश्यकता आहे डेटा-केंद्रित वाढीस प्रतिसाद म्हणून शैक्षणिक समुदायाचे सदस्य संशोधन, ग्रंथालयांच्या बदलत्या भूमिका आणि संशोधन डेटाची गरज ओळखणे व्यवस्थापन, कमतरता आहे विकसनशील देशांतील तृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये स्थापन करण्यासाठी साहित्य, जे विकसित देशांमध्ये समान नाही, जिथे महत्त्वपूर्ण घडामोडी घडल्या आहेत शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये अस्तित्वात असल्याचे नोंदवले गेले आहे

2. ग्रंथालयाची संकल्पना:

संशोधन ग्रंथालये म्हणजे ज्या ग्रंथालयात विशेष प्रकारचे प्रलेख असतात व व्यापक प्रमाणात संशोधन कार्य हाती घेण्याकरिता विविध सेवा पुरवल्या जातात, असे ग्रंथालय. संशोधन ग्रंथालयाचा संबध हा संशोधन कार्याशी निगडित असतोज्याआध .नवीन विषयाची, माहितीची, ज्ञानाची निर्मिती व विकास होतो.

आधुनिक काळात ग्रंथालयांची उद्दिष्टे बदलली आहेत. ग्रंथालये आता शैक्षणिक एजंट आहेत, सामाजिक, आर्थिक आणि राजकीय क्रांती आणि त्यांच्या आवश्यक असलेल्या सर्वांसाठी प्रवेश योग्य सेवा याचा अर्थ ग्रंथालय, हे आता संपादनासाठी सोपवलेले ठिकाण आहे, संघटना, जतन, साठवण, पुनर्प्राप्ती आणि माहितीचा प्रसार. एक चांगला ग्रंथालय आणि माहिती सेवा या संशोधनासाठी आवश्यक घटक म्हणून नोंदल्या गेल्या आहेत, यशस्वी शिकवणे आणि शिकणे तृतीय संस्थांची उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका आणि महत्प्रयासाने शैक्षणिक संस्था शैक्षणिक, बौद्धिक आणि इतरांसाठी प्रदान करण्यास सक्षम असतील चांगल्या ग्रंथालयांच्या सेवेशिवाय विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आवडी आणि माहितीच्या गरजा.शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये आहेत ज्ञान निर्मितीसाठी आवश्यक योगदान आणि विस्तृत स्पेक्ट्रम सेवा ज्ञान साधक.

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालय हे मुख्य केंद्र म्हणून काम करते शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांकडे लक्ष वेधले आहे ते विद्यापीठे, पॉलिटेक्निक, शिक्षण महाविद्यालये आणि इतरांशी संलग्न तत्सम उच्च शिक्षण संस्था आहेत. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधनाच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतात पुस्तके, नियतकालिके, चित्रपट, रेकॉर्डिंग, संगणक डेटाबेस आणि सक्षम मानवी संसाधने. आणि ग्रंथालयाद्वारे पुरविल्या जाणाऱ्या माहितीच्या स्त्रोतांची विपुलता शिकण्याचे वातावरण बहुकार्यात्मक वातावरण प्रदान केले पाहिजे निर्धारित उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी व्यक्तींसाठी एक व्यासपीठ तयार करेल. शैक्षणिक समुदायाच्या गरजा पूर्ण करणे; अभ्यास प्रदान करण्यासाठी वापरकर्त्यांसाठी क्षेत्रे; विविध प्रकारच्या वापरकर्त्यांसाठी योग्य असलेली कर्ज सेवा प्रदान करण्यासाठी; आणि एक सक्रिय माहिती सेवा प्रदान करणे जी संस्थेच्या पलीकडे विस्तारू शकते त्यांच्या वापरकर्त्यांच्या सतत बदलत्या गरजा प्रतिबिंबित केल्या पाहिजेत. ग्रंथालये अध्यापन, शिकणे आणि संशोधनास महत्त्वपूर्णपणे समर्थन देतात हे एक उत्सुक सत्य आहे तृतीय संस्था.

दर्जेदार अध्यापन प्रदान करण्यासाठी उत्तम साठा असलेली ग्रंथालये तृतीयक संस्थांच्या अजेंडावर आधारित आहेत आणि शिक्षण आणि संशोधन क्रियाकलापांना समर्थन देतात. . वापरकर्त्यांद्वारे ग्रंथालयांचा वापर आणि ग्रंथालय सेवांचे समाधान योग्य शिक्षणाच्या उपलब्धतेवर अवलंबून असते साहित्य, निवास आणि सक्षम कर्मचारी. तात्पर्य, ग्रंथालयांनीच नव्हे सामग्रीचा चांगला संग्रह आहे परंतु वापरकर्त्यांसाठी शिकण्यासाठी आरामदायक ठिकाणे आहेत आणि कर्मचारी जे वापरकर्त्यांना गरज असताना मदत देऊ शकतात. ग्रंथालयांची प्रभावीता बहुतेकदा क्लायंटसाठी

लायब्ररी सामग्रीची मात्रा, वापराच्या प्रमाणात मोजली जाते संसाधने आणि क्लायंटचे स्पष्ट समाधान. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आवडीचे ठिकाण म्हणून लायब्ररी प्रासंगिक, पुरेशी आणि प्रदान करते सर्व संभाव्य अभ्यासक्रम शिकण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेली अद्ययावत माहिती सामग्री संस्था देऊ शकते.

3. संशोधन माहितीची संकल्पना

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे काय? संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन (RDM) ही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे. ज्यामध्ये संघटित, दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्याजोगा गुणवत्ता संशोधन डेटा तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका संशोधन माहिती लाइफ सायकलद्वारे संशोधकांना देण्याचे समर्थन करणे होय.माहिती संशोधनाचा एक भाग म्हणून उत्पादित, आकडेवारी आणि रेकॉर्डिंग आणि ट्रान्सक्रिप्ट मुलाखतीसाठी प्रायोगिक परिणाम संशोधनानुसार डेटा तथ्ये आहेत, ज्याची पूर्तता करण्यासाठी गोळा करणे आवश्यक आहे संशोधन कार्याची उद्दिष्टे. विविध माध्यमांद्वारे ही तथ्ये एकत्रित केली जातात वैज्ञानिक तंत्रे आणि साधने गुणात्मक किंवा परिमाणवाचक किंवा मिश्र स्वरूपाचे असू शकतात यापैकी, संशोधनाचे स्वरूप आणि प्रकार यावर कमी-अधिक प्रमाणात अवलंबून असतात.

संशोधन माहिती जी संकलित केलेली, निरीक्षण केलेली, व्युत्पन्न केलेली किंवा मूळ संशोधन निष्कर्ष प्रमाणित करण्यासाठी तयार केले. संशोधन माहिती हि वैज्ञानिकदृष्ट्या निरीक्षण केलेल्या संशोधन माहितीचे प्रमाणित एकक आहे आरडी हे व्युत्पन्न, संकलित, संशोधन डेटाचे प्राथमिक आणि दुय्यम स्त्रोत आहेत. संकलित, विश्लेषित आणि विविध हेतूंसाठी आणि विविध स्वरूपांमध्ये जतन केलेले भविष्यातील निर्णय घेणे आणि ज्ञान निर्मितीचे हेतू. साहित्यिकांना असे आहे की आर.डी हायलाइट केल्याप्रमाणे वेगवेगळ्या प्रक्रियांद्वारे, वेगवेगळ्या हेतूंसाठी व्युत्पन्न केले जाऊ शकते.

संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे हा सहसा संशोधन प्रक्रियेचा अविभाज्य भाग असतो आणि त्याचा विस्तार होतोडेटाच्या संपूर्ण जीवन चक्रावर, निर्मितीच्या बिंदूपासून ते पर्यंतप्रसार आणि संग्रहण, आणि सामान्यतः प्रारंभिक संशोधनानंतर बरेच दिवस चालू राहतीलप्रकल्प पूर्ण झाला आहे. RDM मध्ये अनेक विविध क्रियाकलाप आणि प्रक्रिया असतातडेटा जीवन चक्राशी संबंधित, डेटाची रचना आणि निर्मिती, स्टोरेज, सुरक्षा, जतन, पुनर्प्राप्ती, सामायिकरण आणि पुनर्वापर, सर्व तांत्रिक गोष्टी लक्षात घेऊनक्षमता, नैतिक विचार, कायदेशीर समस्या आणि प्रशासन फ्रेमवर्क. सहयोग्य डेटा व्यवस्थापन योजना आणि योग्य साधनांचा वापर, अंमलबजावणी RDM प्रणालीचा प्रभावी वापर देईल.

4. तृतीयक संस्थेतील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे विहंगावलोकन

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन हे तृतीय श्रेणीमध्ये स्वारस्य असलेले क्षेत्र म्हणून उदयास आले आहे संस्था, ज्यामुळे सेवा, संसाधने आणि पायाभूत सुविधांमध्ये महत्त्वपूर्ण गुंतवणूक होते समर्थन संशोधक डेटा व्यवस्थापन गरजा. तृतीय संस्था संदर्भित विद्यापीठांमध्ये (शासकीय किंवा खाजगी अनुदानित) माध्यमिकोत्तर शिक्षण मिळालेले, मोनोटेक्निक,

पॉलिटेक्निक आणि शिक्षण महाविद्यालये कोणत्याही तृतीयक संस्थेला त्यांच्या मुख्य जबाबदाऱ्या पार पाडण्यासाठी ग्रंथालय संसाधनांचे यशस्वीरित्या पुरेसे व्यवस्थापन तसेच प्रभावी हाताळणी माहिती अपरिहार्य आहे. माहिती व्यवस्थापनामध्ये सामान्यत: नियोजन समाविष्ट असते आणि डेटा तयार करणे; डेटाचे आयोजन, रचना आणि दस्तऐवजीकरण; बॅकअप घेत आहे आणि डेटा संचयित करणे; आणि इतरांशी किंवा त्यांच्याशी शेअर करण्यासाठी विश्लेषणासाठी डेटा तयार करणे दीर्घकाळासाठी जतन करा. संशोधन डेटाचे व्यवस्थापन विश्वसनीयतेची खात्री देते परिणामांची पडताळणी आणि अस्तित्वात असलेल्या नवीन आणि नाविन्यपूर्ण संशोधनांना परवानगी देते

माहिती हे अलीकडे तृतीयक संस्थांसाठी धोरणात्मक प्राधान्य म्हणून उदयास आले आहेते संशोधन डेटाला कोणत्या मार्गाने समर्थन दिले जावे हे शोधण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आहेतस्टोरेज, शेअरिंग आणि क्युरेशनसाठी सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण किंवा पायाभूत सुविधांच्या अटी (कॉक्सआणि पिनफिल्ड 2013). संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) प्रक्रिया डेटा तयार करण्यात आणि त्याच्या वापरासाठी योजना तयार करण्यात मदत करते; संयोजित, रचना आणि नाव डेटा; ते सुरक्षित करण्यासाठी ठेवा, प्रवेश प्रदान करा, स्टोअर करा आणित्याचा बॅकअप घ्या जाहिरात माहिती संसाधने शोधा आणि सहकार्यांसह सामायिक करा आणि बरेच काहीविस्तृतपणे, प्रकाशित करा आणि उद्धृत करा. आरडीएम दस्तऐवजीकरणात महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावते, संशोधन डेटाचे क्युरेशन आणि संरक्षण. संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन, सोप्या भाषेत, संशोधनाच्या दरम्यान तयार केलेल्या माहितीच्या प्रभावी हाताळणीचा संदर्भ देते.

तृतीयक संस्थांमधील शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालये आणि संशोधन संबंधित संस्थांनी सेवा प्रदान करणे अनिवार्य केले आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापित करणे हे क्रियाकलापांचे एक उदयोन्मुख क्षेत्र आहे, जिथे जबाबदारी आणि ग्रंथालया मधील प्रथा सामान्यतः अद्याप दृढपणे स्थापित केलेल्या नाहीत. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन अनिवार्य आहे. विद्वत्तापूर्ण संशोधनासाठी आणि त्याच्यासमोर साठवण, सुविधा आणि आव्हाने आहेत पायाभूत सुविधा, कौशल्य, कर्मचारी, माहिती अखंडता आणि बॅकअप पर्याय म्हणून, संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रक्रियेतील शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयाच्या भूमिकेची पुष्टी करण्यात आली आहे लोकप्रिय आणि वर्तमान साहित्य. याचा अर्थ असा होतो की अनेक ग्रंथालये नवीन घेण्यास उत्सुक आहेत प्रभावी संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) साठी समर्थन प्रदान करून भूमिका.

5. तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन

तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनमध्ये अडथळेतृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये आणि शैक्षणिक पद्धतींमध्ये साहित्याची कमतरताग्रंथालयांनी असे उघड केले आहे की तृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये खालील ओळखल्या गेलेल्या पूर्वआवश्यकता नसतातइतरांपैकी खाली उल्लेख करण्यासारखे असंख्य आहेत:

संशोधन क्षमता आणि प्रशिक्षण (RC&T) मध्ये गुंतवणूक: संशोधनक्षमता आणि प्रशिक्षण (RC&T) संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनाचा अविभाज्य भाग आहेतृतीयक संस्थेत RMD च्या जागतिक मर्यादांशी लढण्यासाठी लँडस्केप प्रयत्न.जसजसे RDM लँडस्केप वातावरण अधिकाधिक जटिल होत जाते आणिआव्हानात्मक, व्यक्तीची संशोधन

क्षमता सरळ करण्याची गरजसंशोधक, संस्था आणि प्रणाली मुख्य संशोधन डेटा करण्यात मदत करण्यासाठीव्यवस्थापन कार्ये.

संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन विशेषज्ञ आणि तज्ञ: मुख्य मालमत्ता आणिदर्जेदार शिक्षण, संशोधन आणि क्षमता विकासाचे चालक आहेतउच्च-पात्र मानव संसाधन (तज्ञ/तज्ञ) ज्यांना परिस्थितीशी जुळवून घेणे आणि दत्तक घेणे आवश्यक आहे RDM तंत्र सह तंत्रज्ञान. पण मध्ये तज्ञ/तज्ञांची कमतरता आहेविकसनशील देश जे अप्रभावी संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनाकडे नेतात.

संशोधन डेटा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर (RDI): RDI बौद्धिक मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करतेमालमत्ता समस्या, डेटाचा परवाना आणि संशोधन डेटावर जागरूकता वाढवणे (विल्मा, Magchiel आणि Joeri, 2013). RDI संशोधकांना RDM साधनांवर निर्णय घेण्यास मदत करतेआणि प्रक्रिया आणि तसेच साधने आणि चांगल्या पद्धतींबद्दल माहिती देतातराष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर उपलब्ध. विकसनशील राष्ट्रांमध्ये, तृतीयकसंस्था संशोधन डेटा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेट करत नाहीत आणि जसे संशोधक करतातत्यांचा डेटा जमा करत नाही. परिणामी, कोणतेही डेटा प्रकाशन आणि संग्रहण वर्कफ्लो नाहीअस्तित्वात आहे. ही तृतीयक संस्थेची विसंगती आहे. तथापि, RDI देखील अंतर भरून काढतेसंशोधकांना डेटाशी दुवा साधण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहित करून डेटा आणि प्रकाशनांमध्येप्रकाशने आणि अभिप्राय.

डेटा व्यवस्थापन धोरणे: व्यवस्थापन धोरणे संशोधनास समर्थन देतात आणिडेटा व्यवस्थापन. तृतीयक संस्थांनी अशी धोरणे आणायची आहेत. दडेटा व्यवस्थापन धोरणांच्या वकिलीने सामग्रीसह पुनरुच्चार केला पाहिजेसंबोधित करण्यासाठी धोरणाचे घटक: त्यात गुंतलेल्या जबाबदाऱ्या आणि भूमिकासंशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन, प्रशिक्षण आणि समर्थन, प्रवेश आणि पुनर्वापर, सुरक्षा आणिइतर घटकांमध्ये दीर्घकालीन संरक्षण.

संशोधन आणि डेटा सांख्यिकी: संशोधन आणि डेटा (R&D) आकडेवारी आणि त्यांचेसंकेतक हे पुराव्यावर आधारित RDM धोरणासाठी संबंधित साधने आहेत परंतु ते दुर्मिळ आहेतनायजेरिया सारख्या विकसनशील देशांमध्ये. Gaillard, (2008), गरज समर्थनपॉलिसी दस्तऐवजांमध्ये व्यापकपणे मान्यताप्राप्त R&D आकडेवारी कारण अशी आकडेवारीधोरण तयार करणे आणि निर्णय घेणे, मूल्यांकन यासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण माहिती प्रदान करणेकार्यप्रदर्शन, देखरेख आणि प्रगतीचे मूल्यमापन, अंदाज बांधणेभविष्यातील ट्रेंड आणि प्राधान्यांची ओळख; समजून घेण्यात मदत करणेसामर्थ्य, कमकुवतपणा आणि संशोधन विकासासाठी संभाव्य संधी.म्हणून, विकसनशील देशांच्या संदर्भात, संशोधन आणि विकास आकडेवारी आवश्यक आहेदर्जेदार संशोधन डेटा, संशोधक, च्या संशोधन क्षेत्रांचे स्त्रोत ओळखास्वारस्य, संस्थांचे संशोधन क्षेत्र विशेषीकरण, उच्च कुशल कर्मचारीइतर फायद्यांमध्ये.

डेटा प्लॅन टेम्प्लेट: मध्ये RMD टेम्पलेटची तरतूद खूप महत्त्वाची आहेतृतीयक संस्था, ज्याशिवाय कोणत्याही कार्यान्वित करणे अत्यंत अशक्य होतेयशस्वी संशोधन विकास व्यवस्थापन योजना. म्हणून, साचायशस्वी डेटा व्यवस्थापन योजनांचे नमुने अधोरेखित केले पाहिजेतसंशोधकांना समर्थन द्या.

संशोधन डेटाच्या व्यवस्थापनासाठी इतर अडथळे जे प्रगतीमध्ये अडथळा आणतातृतीयक संस्थांमधील RDM प्रक्रियेमध्ये निधीची कमतरता समाविष्ट आहे; अभावसंस्थात्मक संरचना; व्यावसायिक तयारीचा अभाव; प्राधान्याचा अभावसंशोधकांमध्ये आणि संस्थात्मक आदेशांचा अभाव.

6. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या प्रभावी अवलंबासाठी धोरणे:

उपरोक्त मर्यादा असूनही, संशोधन डेटा स्वीकारण्यासाठी संभाव्य धोरणे आहेततृतीयक संस्थेत व्यवस्थापन. केलेल्या धोरणांची काळजी घेतली पाहिजे:

- धोरणांचा अवलंब करून;
- लायब्ररी कर्मचाऱ्यांचे वापरकर्ता प्रशिक्षण;
- भागधारकांसाठी प्रशिक्षण;
- भागधारकांकडून समर्थन, जसे की तांत्रिक कौशल्य आणि शैक्षणिक बंधुत्व;
- रेपॉजिटरीजमध्ये प्रकाशनांचे ऐच्छिक सबमिशन;
- डेटा क्युरेशन;
- डेटाबेस तयार करणे;
- निधी संस्थांसह धोरणांचे पालन;
- वैशिष्ट्ये आणि सॉफ्टवेअरचे अपग्रेड;
- संस्कृती बदल;
- व्यवस्थापन बदला.

7. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या प्रक्रियेदरम्यान शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका:

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन (RIM) मध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात**:** शैक्षणिक संशोधन प्रकल्पांमधील डेटा जागतिक संशोधनाचा अविभाज्य भाग दर्शवतोज्ञानाचा आधार, आणि त्यामुळे डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे हा तृतीयकांचा नैसर्गिक विस्तार असावाज्ञान आधाराच्या प्रकाशित भागामध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करण्यात संस्थेच्या ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका.संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्याप्रक्रियेदरम्यान शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये खाली सूचीबद्ध भूमिका पार पाडतात:

- **डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे :** शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधन प्रकल्पांमधून डेटा व्यवस्थापित करतात , जो जागतिक संशोधन ज्ञान बेसचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग आहे.
- **माहितीमध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करणे :** ग्रंथालये अभ्यासपूर्ण पुस्तके , जर्नल्स, वर्तमानपत्रे, विश्वकोश आणि इतर मुद्रित संदर्भ स्त्रोतांमध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करतात.
- **संशोधन अनुदान आणि करारांना समर्थन :** ग्रंथालये संशोधन निधी अर्जांची गुणवत्ता सुधारून संशोधकांना संशोधन अनुदान आणि करार जिंकण्यास मदत करतात.
- **जतन आणि आयोजन :** ग्रंथालये कलाकृती आणि कल्पनांचे जतन आणि आयोजन करतात , जी

महत्त्वपूर्ण सांस्कृतिक भूमिका बजावते.

- **सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करणे:** ग्रंथालये सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण सेवा प्रदान करतात.
- **संशोधन माहिती जीवनचक्र समर्थन :** ग्रंथालयांनी संशोधन डेटा जीवनचक्राला कार्यक्षमतेने समर्थन देणाऱ्या पायाभूत सुविधा आणि सेवा ठेवल्या पाहिजेत
- **माहिती समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण** : शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये मुख्य पारंपारिक भूमिका बजावतात विविध तरतूदीद्वारे शैक्षणिक समुदायासह प्रतिबद्धतेची भूमिका माहिती समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण. धोरणात्मक प्रभावी समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण कार्यान्वित केले जाईल.
- **डेटा प्रोव्हिजनिंग:** शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधकांना डेटा स्थानासह मदत करतात , ज्यामध्ये दस्तऐवजीकरण, स्वरूपांमध्ये पुनर्प्राप्ती ज्यामध्ये थेट लोड केले जाऊ शकते. विश्लेषणात्मक सॉफ्टवेअरच्या डेटा प्रोव्हिजनिंग हे कॉन्फिगरेशन आहे , जे अनेक प्रकारच्या डेटा सिस्टम संसाधनांचे उपयोजन आणि व्यवस्थापन प्रदान करते कर्मचारी आणि वापरकर्त्यांसाठी उपकरणे, सॉफ्टवेअर किंवा सेवा प्रदान करते.

8. संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन सेवा प्रदाता (RDMSP):

त्यापैकी एक ग्रंथालयांच्या ओळखल्या गेलेल्या भूमिकेत पुढील गोष्टींचा समावेश होतो: परिसरात RDM सेवा आणि समर्थन देणे डेटा व्यवस्थापन, नियोजन, तयारी, संरक्षण, संस्था, सुरक्षा, दस्तऐवजीकरण आणि सामायिकरण, ठेव आणि दीर्घ मुदतीसाठी डेटासेट तयार करणे संरक्षण तसेच कॉपीराइट, परवाना आणि बौद्धिक संबंधित समस्या मालमत्ता .

आर एम डी धोरणाचा प्रचार: ग्रंथालये RDM धोरणांसाठी समर्थन पुरवते, योग्य स्थानिक डेटा विकसित करण्यासाठी IT समर्थन युनिटसह सल्ला आणि कार्य करते संशोधक आणि विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी साठवण क्षमता, प्रशिक्षण आणि क्युरेशन. माहिती ठेवते

9. शैक्षणिक समुदायामध्ये डेटा व्यवस्थापन जागरूकता निर्माण करणे तृतीयक संस्था

ग्रंथालय सक्रियतेणे अंतर्निहित फायदे हायलाइट करते संशोधन डेटाचे व्यवस्थापन आणि त्याद्वारे त्याचे जतन करते संशोधक संशोधन डेटा तयार करतात, स्वरूपित करतात, वापरतात, प्रकाशित करतात आणि प्रसारित करतात. या संभाव्य भूमिकांमध्ये डेटा जागरूकता वाढवणे/निर्माण करणे देखील समाविष्ट आहे डेटासाठी संग्रहण आणि संरक्षण सेवा प्रदान करणे संस्थात्मक भांडार आणि नवीन व्यावसायिकांच्या विकासाद्वारे संस्था डेटाच्या अनेक पैलूंसह डेटा ग्रंथालयामध्ये समाविष्ट असते.

समन्वय आणि सहयोग: शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालय ही महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावते आरएमडी प्रक्रियेतील समन्वयक आणि सहयोग दर्शविते. . ग्रंथालये , संशोधक कर्मचारी आणि प्रशासकांना संपूर्ण कॅम्पसमध्ये वाढवण्यासाठी समन्वय प्रस्तापित करते.

10. निष्कर्ष

ग्रंथालये ही चार भिंतींची खोली राहिलेली नाही ज्यात ग्रंथसंग्रहाचा मुद्रित संग्रह आहे साहित्य परंतु सध्या ग्रंथालयामध्ये ग्रंथालयाची ची नवीन प्रतिमा आहे ज्यामध्ये स्रोत, संसाधने संग्रह. अशी नवीन संस्थात्मक धोरणे आणि सेवा विकसित करण्याच्या दिशेने वाटचाल करत आहेत त्यांच्या भावी भूमिकेचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग मानून. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन आहे. संस्थात्मक धोरण माहिती व्यवस्थापनावर समन्वित कारवाईचा आधार म्हणून विकास आवश्यक आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाची उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावतात. तृतीयक संस्था आणि शैक्षणिक संस्था विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शैक्षणिक, बौद्धिक आणि इतर स्वारस्य आणि माहितीच्या गरजा चांगल्या ग्रंथालयांच्या सेवा. शोधनिबंधात तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनामध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका मांडली आहे कारण अडथळे, धोरणे फायदे संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापित करून मिळवणे.

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सारां"ा :प्राचीन काळी पाठांतरावर भर होता. ज्ञानाचे जतन तोंढपाठ होत असे. काळानुरूप त्यात बदल होत गेले. आपल्या दे"ाला मिळालेली ज्ञानाची परंपरा अत्यंत समृध्द आहे. राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 मध्ये भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरेवर प्रामुख्याने भर देण्यात आलेला आहे. प्राचीन काळात ***गुरु*** *या संज्ञेला विशेष महत्त्व देण्यात आले होते व आजही आहे. गुरूंना सर्वश्रेष्ठ समजले जात असे. नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरणातही केंद्रस्थानी शिक्षक आहेत. स्वदेशी ज्ञानाचे जतन संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण करण्याची जबाबदारी आपण सर्वांची आहे. संपूर्ण जगाला ज्ञान पुरविण्याची आपली क्षमता फार पूर्वीपासूनच आहे. माहितीला अनन्यसाधारण महत्व प्राप्त झाल्यामुळे माहितीचा संग्रह व जतन करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांची फार आव"ाकता आहे. प्रस्तुत लेखात स्वदेशी ज्ञानाचे जतन संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण याबाबत माहिती समाविष्ट केलेली आहे*

कळ शब्द *:—स्वदे"ाी ज्ञानाचे जतन, संवर्धन व संरक्षण.*

1. प्रस्तावना

प्राचीन काळापासूनच आपल्या भारत देशात ज्ञानाचे जतन व संवर्धन करण्यात येत होते.**गुरुघरी** ज्ञान मिळवण्यासाठी विद्यार्थ्यांना जावे लागत होते. गुरूंच्या आश्रमात संपूर्ण ज्ञान वेळेपर्यंत रहावे लागत होते व त्यामध्ये नीतिशास्त्र, धर्मशास्त्र, संरक्षण शास्त्र, गणित, भूगोल, भाषेचे अध्ययन इत्यादी विषयांचे सखोल ज्ञान अत्यंत शास्त्रीय पद्धतीने दिले जात होते. देश विदेशांमधून भारतामध्ये ज्ञान घेण्यासाठी विद्यार्थी येत असत. नालंदा, तक्षशिला, श्रावस्ती, इत्यादी ठिकाणी प्रशस्त अशी ध्यानाची विद्यापीठे होती. तसेच समृद्ध असे ग्रंथालय होते. नालंदा विद्यापीठात दहा हजार विद्यार्थी विद्यार्जन करीत असत यावरून आपले स्वदेशी ज्ञान किती समृद्धशाली होते व आहे याची जाणीव होते. याच ज्ञानाचे संवर्धन व संरक्षण करण्याची जबाबदारी प्रत्येक नागरिकाची आहे.

व्याख्या :—

1) Indigenous knowledgeया इंग्रजी शब्दाचा मराठीत **'मूळ ज्ञान'** असा अर्थ होतो.
स्वदेशी ज्ञान म्हणजे प्रादेशिक किंवा स्थानिक समुदायांच्या सांस्कृतिक परंपरांमध्ये असलेले ज्ञान. या ज्ञानात पारंपारिक तंत्रज्ञान, औषध, हस्तकला, खगोलीय नेव्हिगेशन, पर्यावरणीय ज्ञान वगैरे यांचा समावेश होतो.

"Indigenous"या शब्दाचा अर्थ असा होतो की, तेथेच निर्माण झाले आहे, असा होईल.
"Indigenous knowledge"म्हणजे स्थानिक समुदायांनी आपल्या नैसर्गिक परिघाशी दीर्घ काळाच्या अनुभवावरून विकसित केलेले ज्ञान, कौशल्ये आणि तत्त्वे. या ज्ञानाला स्थानिक ज्ञान, लोक ज्ञान, पारंपारिक ज्ञान आदिवासी ज्ञान, आदिवासी तांत्रिक ज्ञान, प्राकृतिक ज्ञान, लोकशास्त्र असेही म्हणतात.

2. स्वदेशी ज्ञानाचे महत्त्व

स्वदेशी ज्ञानाचा प्रचार आणि संरक्षण करणे केवळ सांस्कृतिक विविधता जपण्यासाठीच नाही तर पर्यावरणीय आव्हानांवर शाश्वत उपाय शोधण्यासाठी देखील महत्त्वाचे आहे.

स्थानिक समुदायांचे ज्ञान आणि पद्धती संसाधन व्यवस्थापन, शेती आणि संवर्धनासाठी पर्यायी दृष्टीकोन देतात.

समृद्ध प्राचीन भारतीय ज्ञानपरंपरेचे ज्ञान विविध अभ्यासक्रमांच्या विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत नेण्यासाठी केंद्रीय शिक्षण मंत्रालयाच्यावतीने **इंडियन नॉलेज सिस्टीम** हा प्रकल्प राबविण्यात येत आहे. शाळांपासून ते विद्यापीठीय शिक्षणापर्यंतच्या सर्व विद्यार्थ्यांना आपल्या समृध्द ज्ञानाचा वारसा देणे हा मुख्य उद्दे''ा आहे. .

Preservationया इंग्रजी शब्दासाठी मराठीत **'जतन'** असा अर्थ होतो.

2) प्रिजर्वेशन म्हणजे जतन करणे, टिकवणे, मुरवणे. प्रिजर्वेशन या शब्दाचे अनेक अर्थ होतात. एखाद्या गोष्टीला हानी किंवा संकटापासून वाचवणे, हानी किंवा नुकसान टाळून सुधारणा करणे, सेंद्रिय पदार्थांना विघटनापासून वाचवणे, जतन केलेल्या स्थितीमध्ये असणे, सुरक्षा किंवा बचाव असे म्हणता येईल.

Conservationया इंग्रजी शब्दासाठी मराठीत **'संरक्षण'** असा अर्थ वापरला जातो.

3) कन्जर्वेशन म्हणजे संरक्षण, रक्षण, बचत. पर्यावरणाचे आणि नैसर्गिक संसाधनांचे संरक्षण करण्याच्या प्रथेला कान्सर्वेशन म्हणतात.

कन्जर्वेशनचे काही अर्थ पुढीलप्रमाणे सांगता येतील.

अ)नैसर्गिक संसाधनांचे आणि वातावरणाचे संरक्षण करणे.

ब)शक्य असल्यास नुकसान दुरुस्त करणे.

क)रासायनिक किंवा शारीरिक बदलांमध्ये काही प्रमाणे स्थिर ठेवणे.

ड)हानी किंवा इतर बदल टाळून सुधारणा करणे.

3. राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरणात 2020(NEP 2020)ग्रंथालयांची भुमिका

भारताचे राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 (NEP2020) हे भारताच्या केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडळाने 29 जुलै 2020 रोजी मंजूर केलेले आहे. हे धोरण भारताच्या नवीन शिक्षण व्यवस्थेची संकल्पना मांडते. हे मागील राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण, 1986 ची जागा घेणार आहे. या धोरणाचा दृष्टीकोन म्हणजे भारतीय नीतिमत्ता रुजलेली शिक्षण प्रणाली तयार करणे, जी सर्वांना उच्च–गुणवत्तेचे शिक्षण देऊन भारताचा कायापालट करण्यासाठी योग्य मदत करणार.

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 (NEP2020) अंतर्गत ग्रंथालयांची भुमिका महत्वपुर्ण आहे. या धोरणामधून शाळा, महाविद्यालये व सार्वजनिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये डिजीटल लायब्ररी स्थापणा करण्यात येणार आहे. तसेच शैक्षणिक साहित्याची उपलब्धता वाढविण्यात येणार आहे.

'ग्रंथालय म्हणजे सर्व प्रकारची सर्वसाधारणपणे छापील तसेच हस्तलिखित ज्ञानसाधने ठेवण्याची जागा होय'.

4. निष्कर्ष :

प्राचीन काळात भारतातील नालंदा, तक्षि''ाला, श्रावस्ती इत्यादी विद्यापीठीय ग्रंथालयांमधून ज्ञान मिळत होते.बौध्द साहित्यातील त्रिपीटक, विनयपीटक सारख्या ग्रंथांमध्ये ज्ञानाची विपुल माहिती दिलेली आहे.आयुर्वेदासारख्या औषध शास्त्राने मानवी शरीराला बौध्दीक तसेच शारीरिक मजबुती प्रदान केलेली आहे. नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरणात शिक्षकांना महत्वाचे स्थान आहे. स्वदेशी ज्ञानाचे जतन संवर्धन आणि संरक्षण करण्याची जबाबदारी आपण सर्वांची आह. वाचक विद्यार्थ्यांना माहिती साक्षर करुन त्यांच्यात जागृकता वाढविण्याचे महत्वपुर्ण कार्य ग्रंथपाल, ग्रंथालय सहाय्यक, ग्रंथालयीन कर्मचारी, ग्रंथालये सतत करीत असल्यामुळे दे''ाच्या विकासाला हातभार लावण्याचा ग्रंथालयांचा दृष्टीकोन फायद्याचा ठरेल.

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1. प्रस्तावना

भारतातील शैक्षणिक संस्था राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय बेंचमार्किंग आणि रँकिंग फ्रेमवर्कमध्ये विविध प्रमुख पॅरामीटर्सच्या संदर्भात त्यांचे संशोधन अस्तित्व प्रदर्शित करून त्यांचे महत्त्व दाखवण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत आहेत सर्व स्तरांवर त्यांना त्यांच्या संबंधित . प्रकाशने . विषयातील तज्ञतेमध्ये त्यांच्या चालू संशोधनाबद्दल नियमितपणे अद्यतनित करणे आवश्यक आहे, उद्धरण आणि इतर बौद्धिक उत्पादनांच्या बाबतीत प्राध्यापकांच्या संशोधन आवडी आणि संशोधन उत्पादनाची माहिती खूप विखुरलेली आहे शिवाय ., संशोधन समुदाय, शैक्षणिक संस्था आणि संशोधन आणि विकास)R&D) संस्था देशभरात आणि जगभरात भौगोलिकदृष्ट्या विखुरलेल्या आहेत, म्हणूनच, व्यक्ती, विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संघटनांच्या संशोधन क्षमतांबद्दल माहिती प्रवाहित ठेवणे कठीण आहे.

एक सुव्यवस्थित संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन संशोधकांना त्यांच्या संबंधित विषयातील तसेच जवळच्या क्षेत्रातील नवीनतम विषय विषय , संस्था सहयोग आणि विविध ट्रेंडबद्दल नेहमीच माहिती ठेवते संशोधन .क्रियाकलापांच्या चांगल्या शोधासाठी आणि मोजमापासाठी अशी संशोधन माहिती आवश्यक आहे.

इंडियन रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन नेटवर्क सिस्टीम)IRINS) संशोधनाविषयी माहितीचा प्रवाह सुलभ आणि सुलभ करते आणि विविध बिब्लिओमेट्रिक्स पॅरामीटर्सवर वैयक्तिक प्राध्यापक , विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संस्थेची कामगिरी प्रोजेक्ट करण्यासाठी एक सामान्य व्यासपीठ म्हणून काम करते .IRINS विविध संशोधन प्रकल्पांसाठी नेटवर्किंग , सहयोग आणि चांगल्या निधी संधीचा मार्ग मोकळा करते शिवाय ., धोरणकर्ते आणि भारत सरकारसाठी उपलब्ध कौशल्य , संशोधनाचे महत्त्व क्षेत्र आणि संशोधनातील अंतर ओळखण्यासाठी आणि त्यानुसार संशोधन निधीवरील त्यांची धोरणे परिभाषित करण्यासाठी एक चांगले साधन म्हणून याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाचे कार्यक्षमतेने मोजमाप आणि बेंचमार .ंकिंग करण्यासाठी IRINS चा प्रभावीपणे वापर केला जाऊ शकतो.

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IRINS विद्यमानसंशोधनव्यवस्थापनप्रणालीजसेकी HR प्रणाली, अभ्यासक्रमव्यवस्थापन, अनुदानव्यवस्थापनप्रणाली, संस्थात्मकभांडार, खुलेआणिव्यावसायिक Citation Database, विद्वानप्रकाशकइत्यादींचेएकत्रीकरणकरण्यासपुढाकार घेते SNIRI . द्वारे ORCID ID, ScopusID,Google Scholar, Research ID यांसारख्याशैक्षणिकओळखींचा समावेश देखील विद्वानानंच्या प्रोफाइल मध्ये केलेलाआहे .IRINS मध्ये वेब ऑफ सायन्स ने ठरवून दिलेल्या प्रमुख Subject Category च्या विद्वानांना त्यांचे प्रोफाइल तयार करण्यास संधी देते जसे कि Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences,Chemical Sciences,Engineering & Technology ,Medical & Health Sciences ,Physical Sciences ,Social Sciences.इत्यादी.

2. उदिष्टे

1. बद्दल सविस्तरपणे माहिती जाणून घेणे SNIRI
2. ची प्रत्येक घटकाला होणारी उपयुक्तता जाणून घेणे SNIRI
3. संस्थांचे पोर्टल तयार करण्यासाठी आवश्यक पायऱ्या समजून घेणे SNIRI
4. मराठा विद्या प्रसारक समाज SNIRIनाशिक चे ,सिडको , विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्यमहाविद्यालय ,डब्ल्यू कला .के .एस .के , पोर्टलची सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेणे
5. राष्ट्रीय पातळीवर पोर्टलची सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेणे SNIRI

3. संशोधन पद्धती आणि मर्यादा

1. प्रस्तुत लेख लिहिण्यासाठी लेखकाने वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धती वापरली आहे SNIRI .पोर्टल बद्दल ची माहिती सर्वेक्षण पद्धतीने गोळा केली आहे SNIRI . लेखकाने.पोर्टल ला भेट देवून माहिती संकलित केली आहे तसेच मराठा विद्या प्रसारक . पोर्टलला भेट देवून त्याची SNIRIनाशिक चे ,सिडको ,विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्यमहाविद्यालय ,डब्ल्यू कला .के .एस .के ,समाज .सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेतली आहे

4. पूर्व साहित्याचा आढावा

Dr Chaman Sab M यांनी त्यांच्या ,Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS): An Overview या शोध निबंधात असे नमूद केले की SNIRI ,हि संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली आहे ज्याद्वारे प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांच्या संशोधन हे एकत्रित जतन केले जाते आणि ते इतर संशोधकांसाठी प्रदर्शित देखील करता येते .CSV आणि Bibtex फॉरमॅटद्वारे आंतरराष्ट्रीय शेक्षणिक ओळखींमधून स्वतः चे प्रकाशने आयात करता येतात S जसे कि ,COPUS ID, संशोधक ID, ORCID ID, Googleसंशोधकांचे आणि विभागांचे प्रकाशने ,तसेच संस्थाचे .ई DI hcareseR lanoitacudE tfosorciM ,DI ralohcS , उद्धरण आणि H-निर्देशांकाच्या बाबतीत माहिती प्रदान करते योगदानकर्त्यांवर आधारित नेटवर्क, लेखकांसाठी उत्पादकता आलेख-सह ,; SCOPUS, Crossref आणि Altmetrics कडून उद्धरणाचे स्वयंचलित अंतर्ग्रहण ; google scholar कडून मेट्रिक्सचे स्वयंचलित अंतर्ग्रहणआणि प्रकाशनांचे त्यांच्या प्रकाशन स्थळानुसार वर्गीकरण , OPEN Access, Closed Access, Green Access, Gold Access इमाहिती प्रदान करते ..

Pablo de Castro यांनी त्यांच्या Research Information Management Systems: covering the whole research lifecycle या संशोधन लेखात असे नमूद केले की मध्ये संयुक्त २०१६ ,EUNIS/euroCRIS CRIS/IR सर्वेक्षण अहवाल प्रकाशित झाल्यापासून, करंट रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन सिस्टीम्स)CRISs) जगभरातील संस्थांमध्ये आणि देशांमध्ये अधिक व्यापकपणे अंमलात आणल्या गेल्या आहेत संस्थाना त्यांच्या संशोधन क्रियाकलापांचे प्रदर्शन : हे प्लॅटफॉर्म पारंपारिकपणे दुहेरी उद्देश पूर्ण करतात . करण्यासाठी साधने म्हणून आणि पुराव्यावर आधारित निर्णय घेण्याच्या प्रक्रिया सक्षम करण्यासाठी अंतर्गत डेटाबेस म्हणून वाढत्या . प्रमाणात, ते बाह्य प्रणाली आणि सेवांसाठी एक विश्वासार्ह आणि व्यापक माहिती स्रोत म्हणून देखील काम करतातहा मजकूर सध्याच्या . CRIS लँडस्केपचा स्नॅपशॉट प्रदान करतो आणि - युरोपवर भर देऊन -CRISs सध्या वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या विविध मार्गांचा सारांश देतो तसेच नवीन उदयोन्मुख वापर आणि परिस्थितींचा परिचय देतो राष्ट्रीय आणि प्रादेशिक .CRIS प्लॅटफॉर्मच्या वाढत्या संख्येवर विशेष लक्ष दिले जाते, जे विशिष्ट भौगोलिक क्षेत्रांमध्ये संशोधनाच्या ताकद आणि कमकुवतपणाच्या विश्लेषणासाठी मौल्यवान संशोधन माहिती संकलन प्रणाली म्हणून वाढत्या प्रमाणात पाहिले जात आहेत.

Jyoti Sharma यांनी Research Outcome of Faculty Members of Library and Information Science in North Indian Universities: A Studyया त्यांच्या संशोधन लेखाचा उद्देश सहभागी निर्देशांक)PAI), प्रति प्राध्यापक सरासरी प्रकाशने)APPFM) आणि एकत्रित अंकगणित सरासरी)CAM) या आधारे १० विद्यापीठांचे रँकिंग निश्चित करणे आहे या . तथापि .अभ्यासासाठी वापरलेला डेटा ऑनलाइन प्रश्नावलीद्वारे मिळवण्यात आला, त्यांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाबाबतची सविस्तर माहिती त्यांच्याकडून थेट गोळा करण्यात आली .LIS प्राध्यापकांनी ३१ डिसेंबर २०१४ पर्यंत एकूण ९७१ प्रकाशने प्रकाशित केली .

निकालांमध्ये असे आढळून आले की वेगवेगळ्या पॅरामीटर्सवर मूल्यांकन केल्यावर काही विद्यापीठांचे स्थान वर जाते आणि काही . विद्यापीठांचे स्थान खाली येतेPAI नुसार PU दुसऱ्या क्रमांकावर आहे परंतु इतर दोन पॅरामीटर्सच्या आधारावर म्हणजे), APPFM आणि CAM च्या आधारावर, त्याचा पहिला क्रमांक आहे तर BHU चा PAI नुसार पहिला क्रमांक आहे , परंतु APPFM च्या आधारावर त्याचा चौथा क्रमांक आहे आणि CAM च्या आधारावर त्याचा तिसरा क्रमांक आहे .(

Manu T. R., आणि Minaxi Parmar, यांनी त्यांच्या Research Information Management Systems: A Comparative Study या लेखात असे नमूद केले की , शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली (RIMS) ही नवीन सेवा आहे. RIMS विद्यापीठे आणि ग्रंथालयांना त्यांच्या संस्था , प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांची माहिती एकाच इंटरफेसद्वारे व्यवस्थापित करण्यास मदत करते. ते संशोधकाला त्यांचे संशोधनलोकांसोबत जमा करण्यास आणि सामायिक करण्यास आणि त्या संशोधनाचा पुनर्वापर करण्यास सक्षम करण्यास देखील अनुमती देतात. विद्यापीठे किंवा ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RIMS ची अंमलबजावणी भविष्यातील वापरासाठी संशोधन माहितीचे योग्य व्यवस्थापन सुनिश्चित करते. RIMS संशोधन माहिती आणि प्रकाशने प्रसारित करते आणि प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांद्वारे डेटा, शैक्षणिक आणि प्रशासकीय कार्यास समर्थन देते. पारंपारिकपणे , संस्थात्मक भांडाराचा भाग म्हणून संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापित करण्यासाठी संस्थात्मक भांडार , डिजिटल लायब्ररी आणि संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनसॉफ्टवेअरचा वापर केला जात होता , परंतु हे अनुप्रयोग अधिक विशेषज्ञ संशोधक माहिती आणि अधिक तपशीलवार प्राध्यापक प्रोफाइल इत्यादी व्यवस्थापित करण्यात अयशस्वीठरले आहेत. परिणामी , विविध विशेषज्ञ सॉफ्टवेअर कंपन्यांनी संशोधन माहितीच्या व्यवस्थापनात वैयक्तिक संशोधक, ग्रंथालये आणि विद्यापीठांच्या आवश्यकता पूर्ण करणारे अनुप्रयोग आणि उत्पादने RIMS बाजारात आणली आहेत. हा प्रकरण RIMS (म्हणजे, PURE-Elsevier, Converis-Thomson Routers आणि Symplectic Elements) चे तुलनात्मक मूल्यांकन प्रदान करतो. हा अभ्यास RIMS ची समज वाढविण्यास मदत करतो आणि विद्यापीठे आणि ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RIMS प्रणालीच्या अंमलबजावणीसाठी योग्य सॉफ्टवेअर अनुप्रयोग निवडण्यास मदत करतो.

5. IRINS ची उपयुक्तता

1. **रिसर्चस्कॉलर**

   IRINS द्वारे संशोधकत्यांच्यासंशोधनासाठीमार्गदर्शककिंवासल्लागारसहज शोधू शकतात आणि त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेऊ शकतात . तसेच विविध विषयातील विद्वान देखील त्यांच्याविषया संबधित इतर विद्वान आणिसंशोधनकेंद्र शोधू शकतात . IRINS हे संशोधकांना ,प्राध्यापकांच्या संशोधनसंबंधितअभ्यासपूर्णमेटाडेटा आणि संशोधनकेंद्राची माहिती देते.

2. **प्राध्यापक**

   IRINSमध्ये सहभागी प्राध्यापक हे आपले संशोधन योगदान इतर राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय समुदायास प्रदर्शित करू शकतात आणि संशोधनासाठी राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय एजन्सीकडून निधीच्या संधी उपलब्ध करून घेऊ शकतात . IRINSमुळे संशोधकांना त्यांच्या संशोधनाची आणि मेटाडेटाची गुणवत्ता सुधारण्यास मदत होते आणि विविध मूल्यांकन प्रणालीसाठी संशोधन सादर करणे सोपे होते .

3. **संशोधन प्रशासक**

   IRINSमुळे हे प्रशासकाला संशोधन अहवाल , संशोधकाचे संशोधन मूल्यांकन आणि संशोधन प्रभावाचे विश्लेषण तयार करण्यास मदत करते. फंडिंग एजन्सीज,फॅकल्टी असेसमेंट मंडळ यांना रिसोर्स ॲलोकेशन यावर चांगले निर्णय घेण्यासाठीवसंशोधकाच्या संशोधन प्रगतीचेधोरणात्मक विश्लेषण करण्यास मदत करते. इंटर्नल क्वालिटी ॲश्युरन्स सेल (IQSC) आणि नॅशनल इन्स्टिट्यूशनल रँकिंग फ्रेमवर्क कोऑर्डिनेटरला विविध संशोधन मूल्यांकनासाठी अहवाल तयार करण्यासाठी मदत करते

6- प्रमुख वैशिष्टे:

IRINS भारतातील शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांना संशोधनाशी संबंधित सर्व माहिती एकत्रित करण्यासाठी आणि प्राध्यापक, विभाग आणि संस्थेच्या संशोधन प्रगतीचे विद्वत्तापूर्ण समुदायासमोर प्रदर्शित करण्यास मदत करते

१. IRINS मध्ये Microsoft Academic Search ID, Google Scholar ID, Researcher ID, Scopus IDयासारख्या संशोधकांच्याRESEARCHpROFILE वरून प्रकाशने Import करता येतात तसेचसंशोधकाच्या ORCIDप्रोफाइल मधूनप्रकाशनासह इतरमाहिती Import करता येते .

२. IRINS सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदर्शित करते आणि प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल माहिती सादर करते.

३. सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदान करते आणि त्या कालावधीसाठी प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान करते. सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदान करते आणि त्या कालावधीसाठी प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान करते..

४. प्राध्यापकांचेआणि विभागांचे प्रकाशन उत्पादकता आलेखासह सादर करते.

५. फेसबुक, ट्विटर आणि मेंडेली सारख्या सोशल मीडियावरून संशोधनाचेऑल्टमेट्रिकशोधते आणि . Scopus, Google Scholar याद्वारे ओपन ॲक्सेस लेखांचेCrossRef, Citationशोधते.

६. IRINS Federated Search सुविधा पुरविते ज्याद्वारे विद्यार्थी , प्राध्यापक,विद्वान आणि फंडींग एजन्सीज त्यांना हवे असलेले profile प्रभावीपणे शोधू शकतात आणि इच्छित निकाल मिळवू शकतात. तसेच विविध फिल्टर्स द्वारेमाहिती लवकर शोधू शकतात जसे की विषयतज्ञ, पदनाम, संस्था आणि भौगोलिक स्थान.

7. IRINS मध्ये सहभागी कसे व्हावे

IRINS हे म्हणूनउपलब्धआहेजेभारतातीलसर्वउच्चशिक्षणआणि "सेवा सॉफ्टवेअर"R&D संस्थांसाठीखुलेआहे .**IRINS मध्ये**सामीलहोण्यासाठीआणितुमच्यासंस्थासंस्थेसाठी/ IRINS चे पोर्टल तयारकरण्यासाठीखालील पायऱ्या वापरल्या जातात.

पायरी:१-IRINS च्या पोर्टल उपलब्ध असलेला "online instance request form.भरा आणिसबमिटकरा"

पायरी:2-IRINS च्या पोर्टल वरील डाउनलोड करून घ्या आणि त्यामध्ये "डाटाकलेक्शनफॉरमॅट" महाविद्यालयातीलविद्वानाची आवश्यक माहिती भरूनसंस्थेच्यानोडलऑफिसरद्वारेडेटासबमिशन करा.

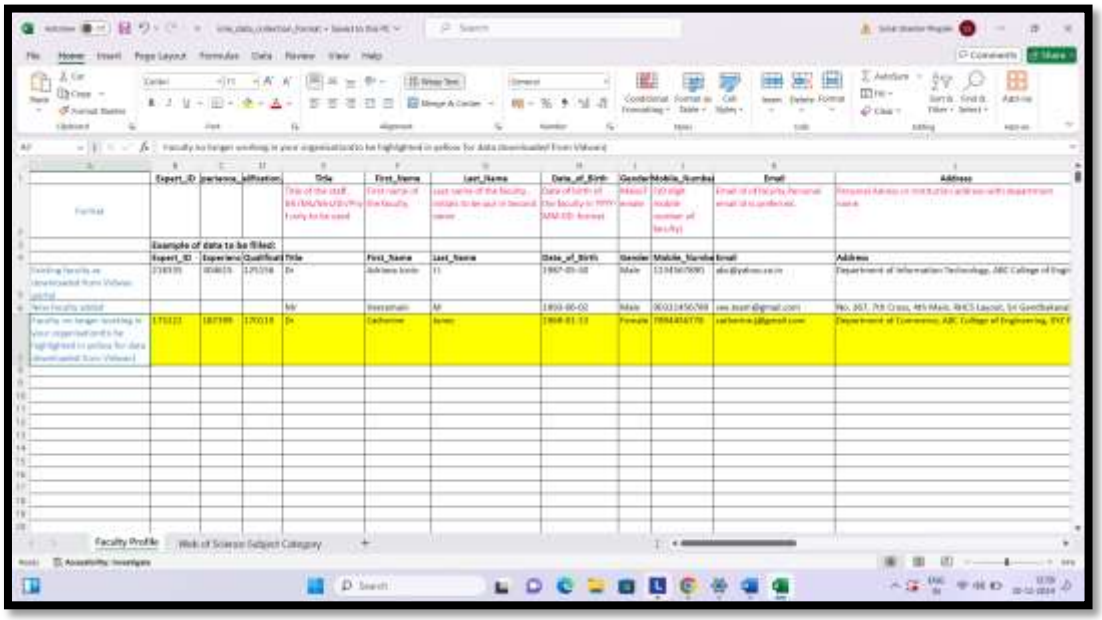
पायरी:3-IRINS टीमद्वारे महाविद्यालयाने सबमिट केलेल्या माहितीचे डेटाक्युरेशन केले जाते

पायरी:४-क्युरेट केलेला डाटासह संस्थेचे पोर्टल तयार केले जाते आणि इन्स्टिट्यूटच्यानोडलऑफिसरलाकळविले SNIRI .जाते

पायरी :५-संस्थेच्यानोडलऑफिसरकडूनफॅकल्टीसदस्य,शास्त्रज्ञांना/ IRINS मधील त्यांचे प्रोफाइल अपडेट करण्यासाठी आवाहन केले जाते .

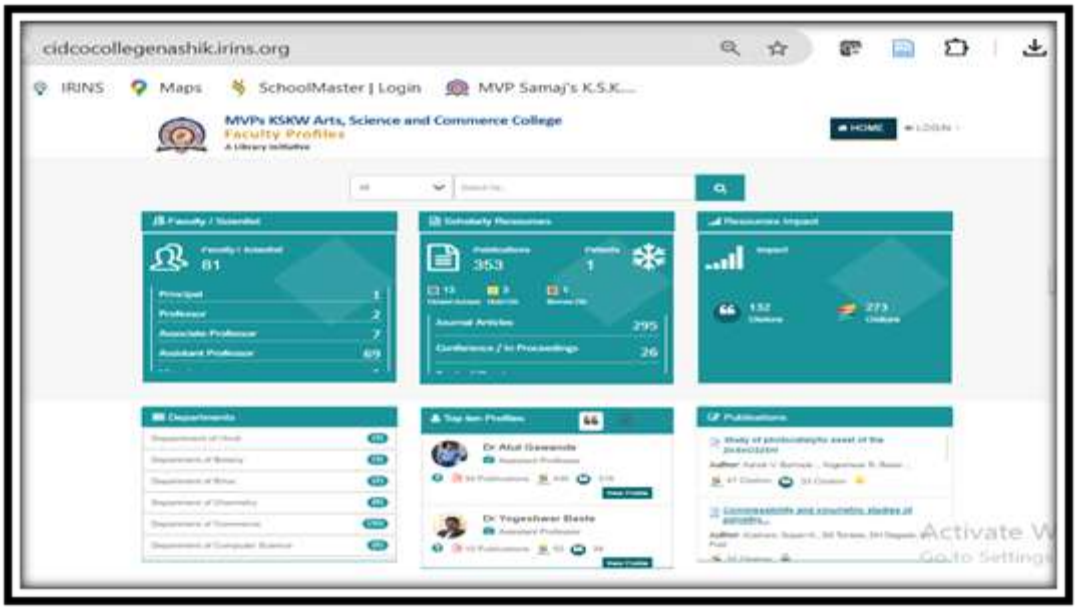
छायाचित्र नं :१ .IRINS पोर्टलचेमुख्यपान

छायाचित्र नं :2 .Data Collection Format



छायाचित्र**नं2 .** हे ,SNIRIसंस्थानंकडून विद्वानाची माहिती भरून घेत असलेल्या त्याप्रमाणे विद्वानांचे .चा नमुना आहे teehs lecxE SOW,पत्ता, liam- e ,जन्म तारीख ,शिक्षण ,पदनाम ,नावsubject category, संस्थेचे नाव .माहिती मागविली जाते .विभाग इ ,

छायाचित्र नं मराठा विद्या :३ .प्रसारक समाज विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्य ,डब्ल्यू कला .के .एस .के ,महाविद्यालय ,सिडको , पोर्टल SNIRIनाशिक चे



ला SNIRIData Collection Formatभरून पाठविल्या नंतर सर्व माहितीचे एकत्रीकरण केले जाते आणि छायाचित्र नं प्रमाणे ३ . . संस्थांचे एक पोर्टल केले जातेत्याद्वारे इतर संस्थाना आणि विद्वानांना संबंधित संस्थेतील विद्वानांची माहिती कळते तसेचत्यांच्या

संशोधनाबद्दल xednI-H ,scirtemlA ,secnerfeR ssorC ,noitatic ,पेटेंटबद्दल ,याबद्दल देखील माहिती मिळते . संस्थेतील पहिले दहा व esiw noitacilbup आणि esiwnoitaticत्याचबरोबरद्वारा देखील कळतात .

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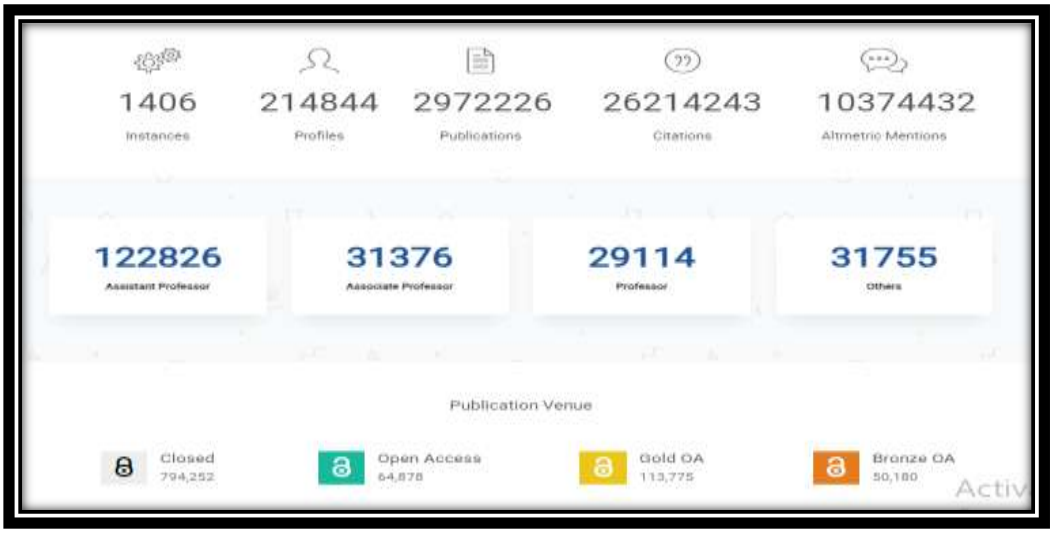

छायाचित्र नं ४ .IRINSचीसद्यस्थिती दर्शविते पोर्टल SNIRI महाविद्यालयांनी आपले ,विद्यापीठ ,संस्था १४०७वरील छायाचित्र नुसार . इतके विद्वानांनचे प्रोफा ८४४,१४,२ .द्वारे तयार करून घेतेले आहेत TENBILFNIइल तयार केलेलेआहेत आणि त्यांचे २९ २२६,७२, noititatic इतके प्रकाशने आहेत आणि त्या सर्व प्रकाशाचे एकत्रित२६२१४२४३ आहेत व अलमेट्रिक्स १ .आहेत ४३२,७४,०३, यामध्ये७ ,sseccA desolC२५२,९४,६४ ,sseccA nepO ८७८,१,५०आणिsseccA nepO dloG ७७५,१३,१८० nepO eznorB आहेsseccAत. IRINS मध्येप्रोफाइल असलेले विद्वानानंमध्ये १ rosseforP tnatsissA हे ८२६.२२.आहेत तर ३१ etaicossA ३७६, ,rosseforP२९,३१आणि rosseforP ११४,७५५ इतर पदांवर कार्यरत आहेत .

8. MIR-SNIRIअंमलात आणण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका

ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिक संशोधकांना आणि विद्वान समुदायाला त्यांच्या,संशोधन उत्पादनाचे आयोजन करण्यात महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिक हे केवळ वाचन साहित्याचे संरक्षक नसतात तर ते संशोधन उत्पादनाचे संग्रहण . करण्यासाठी, अभ्यासक्रम संग्रह विकसित करण्यासाठी आणि या संसाधनांचा वापर करण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शक म्हणून काम करतात . ग्रंथपालांनामेटाडेटामानके ,, उद्धरणमेट्रिक्स ,, अलीकडील ट्रेंड आणि विद्वान संप्रेषण क्रियाकलापांशी संबंधित तंत्रज्ञानाची चांगली माहिती असतेप्राचा ,चे फायदे संस्थाचालक SNIRI त्यामुळे ग्रंथालयांनी .र्य ग्रंथालयांनी .प्राध्यापक यांच्या निदर्शनास आणले पाहिजे , SNIRI .कार्यशाळा घेऊन जागरुकता निर्माण केली गेली हवीतपोर्टल वरील विद्वान आणि ,प्राध्यापक tamrof noitcelloC ATAD SNIRI . ला पाठवावी SNIRI संशोधकांकडून भरून घेवून ती माहितीही संशोधनाशी संबंधित माहिती आयोजित करण्यासाठी एकात्मिक माहिती प्रणाली असल्याने, ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिकांनी संस्था स्तरावर अंमलबजावणी करण्यासाठी आघाडीची भूमिका घ्याला हवी SNIRI .नेग्रंथालय व्यावसायिकांना संशोधनाशी संबंधित मेटाडेटा गोळा करण्याची आणि बाहेरील जगाला दाखविण्याची एक नवीन संधी प्रदान केली आहे संस्था आणि संस्थेची जबाबदारी आहे की ती संशोधनाची उत्पादकता जनतेला ., निधी देणाऱ्यांना आणि समवयस्क गटांना दाखवावी प्राध्यापकांनी तयार केलेल्या विद्वत्तापूर्ण कार्याला ,पोर्टल SNIRI संस्था स्तरावरील . अधिक दृश्यमानता आणण्यासाठी आणि संपूर्ण संस्थेची प्रतिष्ठा वाढविण्यासाठी संस्थेला मदत करेल.

इंडियन रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन नेटवर्क सिस्टीम)IRINS) संशोधनाविषयी माहितीचा प्रवाह सुलभ करते आणि विविध बिब्लिओमेट्रिक्स पॅरामीटर्सवर वैयक्तिक प्राध्यापक, विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संस्थेची कामगिरी अधिक दृश्यमान करण्यासाठी एक सामान्य व्यासपीठ म्हणून काम करते .IRINS विविध संशोधन प्रकल्पांसाठी नेटवर्किंग, सहयोग आणि चांगल्या निधी संधीचा मार्ग मोकळा करतेशिवाय ., धोरणकर्ते आणि भारत सरकारसाठी उपलब्ध कौशल्य , संशोधनाचे महत्त्व क्षेत्र आणि संशोधनातील अंतर ओळखण्यासाठी आणि त्यानुसार संशोधन निधीवरील त्यांची धोरणे परिभाषित करण्यासाठी एक चांगले साधन म्हणून याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो शैक्षणिक .

संस्था किंवा संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाचे कार्यक्षमतेने मोजमाप आणि बेंचमार्किंग करण्यासाठीIRINS चा प्रभावीपणे वापर केला जाऊ शकतो .संशोधनाशी संबंधित मेटाडेटा एकाच ठिकाणी आणण्याची आणि प्राध्यापक सदस्यांचे आणि संस्थेच्या संशोधन योगदानाचे मोजमाप करण्यासाठी अधिक विश्लेषण आणि मेट्रिक्स प्रदान करण्याची मोठी संधी आहे SNIRI .प्रणाली मजबूत करण्यासाठी अधिक संस्था एकत्र जोडल्या गेल्या आहेत.

तसेच, वार्षिक अहवालआणि इतर मूल्यांकन अहवाल तयार करताना संशोधन प्रशासकाचा कामाचा भार कमी होतो हे . अधिकाधिक आंतरराष्ट्रीय . आंतरविद्याशाखीय संशोधनासाठी संभाव्यसहकार्यासाठी संस्थेची शोधक्षमता आणि दृश्यमानता वाढवते प्रेक्षकांपर्यंत पोहोचण्यासाठी .सोर्स सीआरआयएस म्हणून त्याच्या प्रकाशनासाठी काम करत आहे-टीम ओपन SNIRI

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भारताची शिक्षण प्रणाली ही अतिशय चारही बाजूनी समृद्ध अशी आहे. भारताच्या शिक्षण पद्धतीत धर्म, विज्ञान, मातृभाषा, शारीरिक शिक्षण इत्यादिंचा समावेश केलेला आहे. प्राचीन काळात शाळा म्हणजे गुरुकुल या नावाने ओळखले जात. त्याचबरोबर आचार्यकुल, गुरूगृह याही नावाने ओळखले जात होते. प्राचीन काळात गुरुंना महत्वाचे स्थान दिले जायचे आणि आताही केंद्रबिंदू म्हणजे शिक्षकच आहे. ग्रंथ हे देखील गुरू आहेत आणि प्राचीन काळात ग्रंथांना सुद्धा खूप महत्व होते. भारताची शैक्षणिक प्रणाली तिच्या तात्वीक, ऐतिहासिक आणि सांस्कृतिक अनुभूतीव्दारे जोपासली जाणे अत्यंत आव''यक आहे. प्राचीन काळात ि"ाक्षणाला फार महत्व दिले जात असे. त्या काळात भारताला विश्वगुरू म्हटले जायचे आणि आताही विश्वगुरू पदाकडे आपला भारत देश वाटचाल करीत आहे. प्राचीन ज्ञान आणि ग्रंथ यांचे ज्ञान घेवूनच आपण महासत्तेकडे वाटचाल करणार आहोत हे नि"ाचत.

बीज शब्द : *ि"ाक्षण पद्धती, गुरुकुल, प्राचीन, वैदिक, विश्वगुरु*

1. प्रस्तावना

तत्कर्म यन्न बन्धाय सा विद्या या विमुक्तये ।
आयासायपरं कर्म विद्याऽन्या शिल्पनैपुणम्।।

अर्थात कर्म हे बंधनातून मुक्त होणारे आणि विद्या तीच जी मुक्तीचा मार्ग दाखवते. याशिवाय जी काही कामे आहेत, ती सर्व केवळ कौ''ाल्य देण्यासाठी आहेत. भारतातील ि"ाक्षणाच्या विकासाला एक ऐतिहासिक भूतकाळ आहे. भारतातील शिक्षणाचा इतिहास हा प्राचीन काळातील गुरुकुल शिक्षण पद्धतीपासून सुरू होतो. तेव्हा पासून ती भारतीय संस्कृतीच्या अनेक शतकांमधून आणि तंत्रज्ञानावर आधारित ि"ाक्षणप्रणालीच्या सध्याच्या टप्यावर पोहोचली आहे. प्राचीन काळापसून सुरू होणा-या प्रत्येक कालखंडात ि"ाक्षणाच्या विकासाचे स्वतःचे

महत्व आहे. वैदिक काळापासून भारताचा ि"क्षणाचा एक भव्य इतिहास आहे. ही एक आदर्श ि"क्षण व्यवस्था होती. भारतात ब्रिटि''ांच्या आगमनाने पारंपरिक व्यवस्थेत धक्का लागण्यास सुरवात झाली आणि भारतातील आधुनिक शिक्षण व्यवस्थेचा पाया रचला गेला. स्वातंत्र्यानंतर भारत सरकारने ि"क्षणाचा दर्जा सुधारला आणि ि"क्षण व्यवस्थेला एका नवीन चरमबिंदूवर नेले. आता ''विश्वगुरु'' होण्याच्या वाटचालीवर आपला देश मार्गक्रमण करीत आहे.

प्राथमिक ते उच्च पर्यंत अविभाज्य शैक्षणिक प्रणाली विकसित करण्यासाठी सं''ोधन, बौद्धिक ज्ञान, प्र"ि"क्षण, प्रका''ान आणि पद्धतशिरीकरण हे कार्य करुन राष्ट्राचे पुनरुत्थान करणे हे आज शिक्षणाचे ध्येय आहे, ते भारतीय मूल्यांवर आधारित भारतीय संस्कृतीने जोपासलेले आणि भारत केंद्रित उद्दिष्ट, धोरणं, अभ्यासक्रम यासह भारतीय मूल्यांवर आधारित ि"क्षणप्रणाली आज निर्माण करणे ही काळाची गरज आहे.

2. विशय विवेचन

भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीला एक गौरव''ाली परंपरा आहे. त्या ि"क्षण प्रणालीचे अधिष्ठान आध्यात्मिक होते. विविध आश्रमात आणि गुरुकुलांमध्ये चालणाऱ्या परम्परेमधून म्हणजेच गुरु"िष्य परंपरे मधून ही शिक्षण प्रक्रिया अखंडपणे चालत राहिली. ''नराचा नारायण'' करण्याची संस्कार प्रणाली प्राचीन भारतीय ि"क्षण प्रणालीनेच सिद्ध करुन दाखविली. ''नराचा नारायण'' होणे म्हणजेच पशुभावापासून तो दिव्य भावाकडे उत्क्रांत होत जाणे, देहबुद्धीला आत्मबुद्धीत परावर्तीत करणे. शिक्षणाकडे बघण्याचा आपल्या ऋषीमुनींचा दृष्टीकोण फार व्यापक होता. केवळ ि"क्षण हे उपजीविका करण्याकरिता नसून त्याचा उद्दे''ा व्यक्तीला जीवनात पदोपदी उपयोग व्हावा तसेच भौतिक, अध्यात्मिक आणि सामाजिक जीवनामध्ये व्यक्ती उत्कर्ष करत पुढे गेली पाहिजे असा होता. तसेच 14 विद्या व 64 कला यापैकी काहींचे शिक्षण विद्यार्थ्यांना गुरुकुलांमध्ये दिले जायचे. जसे की विद्यांमध्ये ऋग्वेद, यजुर्वेद, अथर्ववेद, सामवेद आणि सहा वेदांगे व्याकरण, ज्योतिषी ि"क्षा इत्यादी त्याचप्रमाणे 64 कलांमध्ये व्यायाम विज्ञान, वास्तुकला, वाचन, काव्य, भाषा इत्यादींचा समावेश होता. घोकंपट्टी, पाठांतर हा प्रकारही आपल्या पारंपारिक शिक्षणामध्ये होता. जसे की, वेद–उपनिषदे, मंत्र–श्लोक, स्तोत्र तसेच पाढे पाठांतर करून घेतले जाई. त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांची स्मरण''ाक्ती एकाग्र चित्त वाढत असून मेधावी शक्तीचा विकास चांगल्या प्रकारे होत असे. या सर्व गोष्टींमुळे विद्यार्थी व्यावहारिक जीवनातसुध्दा आघाडीवर राहत असे. उदरनिर्वाहासाठी भौतिक जीवनात व्यक्तीला कुठलीही अडचण येत नसे आणि प्रौढावस्थेत पोचेपर्यंत ते आपल्या विषयात पारंगत झालेले असत. अ''ा भारतीय ि"क्षणव्यवस्थेत अध्यापन करणारे आचार्य हे त्यागी संपूर्ण कु''ाल, कु''ाग्र बुद्धीमत्तेचे, आर्थिक मोहापसून दूर असणारे असत. तेव्हा शिक्षणाकडे व्यवसायाचे किंवा कमाईचे साधन म्हणून पाहिले जात नव्हते.

प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीत ज्ञान, परंपरा आणि प्रथा या मानवतेला पोषक होत्या. भारतातील तक्षशीला, नालंदा, विक्रम''ीला, वल्लभी, उज्जैनी, का''ी इत्यादी ठिकाणी शिक्षण आणि सं''ोधनाची जगप्रसिद्ध केंद्र होती. अनेक देशातून विद्यार्थी ज्ञान संपादन तसेच स्वतःचा सर्वांगीण विकास करण्यासाठी तेथे येत असत. वैदिक काळात ि"क्षण, प्राचीन भारतातील जीवन तत्त्वज्ञान आणि शिक्षणव्यवस्थेचे मूळ स्त्रोत वेद होते. ऋग्वेद, यजुर्वेद, अथर्ववेद, सामवेद हे प्राचीन भारतातील लोकांच्या संस्कृती, सभ्यता, जीवन आणि तत्त्वज्ञानाबद्दल ज्ञानाचे स्त्रोत आहेत. त्यामध्ये जीवनाचे तत्वज्ञान आहे. ऋग्वेद हा महान भारतीय विचारवंत ि"क्षक ऋषि आणि मुनी यांच्या मुलभूत ि"ाकवणीचा सारां''ा आहे. वैदिक काळात ि"क्षण ऋग्वेदाच्या मजकूरावर आधारित होते. वैदिक ि"क्षणात वेदांच्या ि"ाकवणींचा समावेश होता. वैदिक काळात ि"क्षणाचे अंतिम उद्दिष्ट हे व्यक्तीला सत्य समजून घेण्यास आणि मोक्ष प्राप्त करण्यास सक्षम करणे हे होते. मोक्ष म्हणजे मुक्ती आणि मुक्ती म्हणून ओळखले जाणारे ते संस्कृत शब्द 'मुक्त' पासून आलेले आहे ज्याचा अर्थ जीवन–मृत्यूच्या चक्रातून मुक्त होणे असा होतो. हा अंतिम टप्पा आहे ज्यामध्ये धर्म, कर्म आणि अर्थ आपोआप संपतात. धर्म म्हणजे जगणे

एक आभासी आणि नैतिक जीवन, अर्थ म्हणजे संपत्ती, सुरक्षितता आणि समृध्दीचे साधन मिळविणे, काम म्हणजे इंद्रियसुख प्रेम आणि उपभोग यांची प्रशंसा करणे.

वैदिक ि"ाक्षणाची इतर महत्त्वाची उद्दिष्टे आणि व्यक्तिमत्त्वाचा विकास, प्रवृत्तीचे उदात्तीकरण, संस्कृतीचे जतन, चारित्र्य निर्माण आणि शरीरिक कार्यक्षमता वाढविणे स्त्री ि"ाक्षणाच्या क्षेत्रात भारताची कामगिरी उल्लेखनीय अ''ी होती. मैत्रेयी,ऋतंभरा, गार्गी लोपामुद्रा इत्यादी स्त्रियांची नावे त्यांच्या कु''ाग्रबुद्धिमत्तेमुळे जगप्रसिद्ध झाली होती. भारतीय तत्त्वज्ञान म्हणतं ''एकोऽहं बहुस्याम्'' एका ब्रह्मतत्वाची दोन तत्त्वे निर्माण झाली. एक स्त्री व एक पुरुष त्यामुळे दोघेही त्या एकाच परब्रह्माचे स्वरूप आहेत. कोणी मोठा नाही कोणी लहान व दुर्बल नाही स्त्री तर साक्षात जीवन निर्मितीचीकारक आहे. जिचे स्थान सर्वोच्च मानले गेले. मनात प्रथम स्थान ''मातृ देवो भव'' नंतर ''पितृ देवो भव'' मग ''आचार्य देवो भव'' आणि शेवटी ''सर्व देवो भव'' असा समानक्रम देण्यात आला. वैदिक काळ हा स्त्रियांच्या सर्वांगीण प्रगतीच्या दृष्टीने सुवर्णाक्षरांनी लिहिण्यासारखा होता, यात संशय नाही.

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अर्थात जेथे स्त्रियांचा आदर होतो व त्यांना योग्य तो मान दिला जातो तेथे देवही संतोष पावतात. जेथे स्त्रियांची पूजा होत नाही योग्य तो मान–सन्मान दिल्या जात नाही तिथे केले गेलेले सगळे काम निष्फळ ठरतात. वैदिक काळाप्रमाणे पौराणिक काळातदेखिल स्त्रियांना ि"ाक्षणाचे समान अधिकार प्राप्त होते. विविध विषयांमध्ये त्या पारंगत होत्या. ज्यात वेद, ब्राह्मण, उपनिषदे, वेदांग, कल्प, निरूक्त, व्याकरण, गणित परमार्थविद्या, तर्कशास्त्र, न्यायशास्त्र, राज्य''ाास्त्र, धर्मशास्त्र, संरक्षण''ाास्त्र इत्यादि अनेक विषय असत.

बोधायन, कात्यायन, आर्यभट्ट, वराहमिहिर, चरक, कणाद, नागार्जुन, अगस्त, शंकराचार्य, स्वामी विवेकानंद इत्यादि अनेक महापुरुषांनी भारत भूमीवर जन्म घेतला. त्यापैकीं आर्यभट्ट हे प्राचीन भारतातील एक प्रमुख गणितज्ञ–खगोलशास्त्रज्ञ होते, ज्यांनी गणित आणि खगोल''ाास्त्रात महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिले. त्यांच्या 'आर्यभटीयम्' या ग्रंथाने गणिताच्या गणनेत क्रांती घडवणाऱ्या शून्य संकल्पनेसह अनेक महत्त्वाच्या संकल्पना मांडल्या. आर्यभट्टाने संख्यांसाठी स्थान मूल्यप्रणाली देखील विकसित केली ज्यामुळे अंकगणित क्रिया करणे सोपे झाले.

वराहमिहीर यांनी लिहिलेल्या 'पंचसिद्धान्तिका' हा ग्रंथ प्रसिद्ध आहे. हे सिद्धांत पौलि''ा, रोमक, वि"ाष्ठ, सौर आणि पितामह आहेत. याचसोबत बृहत्संहिता बृहज्जातक, बृहदयात्रा ग्रंथही प्रसिद्ध आहेत.

ब्रह्मगुप्त हे तिसरे प्रसिद्ध गणितज्ञ होते. ज्यांनी बीजगणित आणि अंक गणितात महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान दिले. त्यांचा 'ब्रह्मस्फुटसिद्धांत', 'खंडखाद्यक', 'उत्तराखंडखाद्यक' यां ग्रंथाव्दारे अंकगणितीय क्रियांचे नियम सादर केले. ज्याने आधुनिक बीजगणित पद्धतीचा पाया घातला. ब्रह्मगुप्ताने चतुर्भुज समीकरणचे निराकरण देखिल केले आणि भूमितीय प्रमेया मध्ये योगदान दिले.

गुरुकुल पद्धतीचा गणिताकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टीकोन विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण शैक्षणिक चौकटीत खोलवर रुजलेला होता. गणित हा इतर विषयांसोबत ि"ाकवला जाणाऱ्या मुख्य विषयांपैकी एक असल्याने या चौकटीत त्याला अत्यंत महत्त्वाचे स्थान आहे. या प्राचीन भारतीय गणितज्ञांनी दिलेल्या योगदानाने गणिताच्या इतिहासावर अमिट छाप सोडली आहे. ज्याने जगभरातील विविध गणिती संकल्पना आणि पद्धतीवर प्रभाव टाकला आहे.

भारताची ज्ञानपरंपरा समृद्ध करण्यात या महापुरुषांनीमोलाची कामगिरी बजावली. नम्रता, ि"ास्त, सत्यता, स्वावलंबन सर्वांचा आदर या मूल्यांचे अधिष्ठान भारतीय ज्ञानपरंपरेत आहे. मानव प्राणी आणि निसर्ग यांच्यातील समतोल कसा राखायला पाहिजे हा प्रयत्न करणारी भारतीय परंपरा आज विद्यार्थ्यांना ि"ाकविली

जाणे आवश्यक आहेत. वेद आणि उपनिषदांमध्ये मांडण्यात आलेल्या तत्वांचे अध्यापन केल्यास व्यक्ती स्वतःसोबतच स्वतःचे कुटुंब आणि समाजाप्रती कर्तव्य पार पाडू शकेल अ''ी योजना आखण्यात आली आहे.

सध्याच्या ि''क्षणपद्धतीतभारतीयत्वाचा घटक वाढविणे आपल्यासाठी अत्याव''यक झाले आहे. सध्याची ि''क्षणपध्दती ही भारतीयत्वाच्या विरोधात आहे. त्यात सुधारणा करणे, त्यासाठी आदर्श ि''क्षण प्रणाली विकसित करणे गरजेचे आहे. भारतातील पारंपारिक गुरुकुल प्रणालीअंतर्गत विद्यार्थी त्यांच्या गुरुंसोबत आश्रमात राहत असत. वैयक्तिक गरजा आणि प्रतिभांवर लक्ष केंद्रित करून ि''क्षण वैयक्तिकृत केले गेले. विद्यार्थी केवळ शैक्षणिक विषयात नव्हे तर जीवन कौशल्य, नैतिकता, मूल्ये आणि व्यावहारिक ज्ञानही अनुभवातून ि''काले. गुरुकुल प्रणालीचा वैयक्तिक मार्गदर्शन वैविध्यपूर्ण अभ्यासक्रम, व्यावहारिक ि''क्षण आणि मूल्यांवर आधारित ि''क्षणावर भर जीवनाच्या विविध पैलू मध्ये उत्कृष्ट कार्य करण्यास सक्षम असलेल्या व्यक्तीला प्रोत्साहन दिले गेले. अध्ययनाचा हा समग्र दृष्टिकोण केवळ सैध्दान्तिक ि''क्षणापुरता मर्यादित नव्हता यात व्यावहारिक उपयोग आणि अनुभवात्मक ि''क्षणावर भर देण्यात आला. सैध्दान्तिक ज्ञानाबरोबरच व्यावहारिक कौ''ाल्यही दिली गेली, त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांना त्यांचे शिक्षण वास्तविक जीवनात उपयुक्त ठरले.

भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांचे भारतीय ि''क्षणाव्दारे भारतात उपलब्ध असणाऱ्या या सर्वोत्कृष्ट साधनांनी साधलेले सर्वोत्तम ि''क्षण ते भारतीय ि''क्षण हे भारत केंद्रित असले पाहिजे. ि''क्षणाच्या सर्व स्तरांचा वि''ोषतः उच्च ि''क्षणाचा दर्जा वाढवणे आणि समाजाच्या सर्व घटकांना ते ि''क्षण योग्य प्रमाणात उपलब्ध करून देणे यासाठीही प्रयत्न झाला पाहिजे.

सत्याचा चेहरा तेजस्वी सोनेरी आवरणाने झाकलेला आहे. हे तेजोमय सर्य ! सत्याचा प्राप्तीसाठी, प्रत्यक्ष दर्शनासाठी तुम्ही ते आवरण काढून टाका. भारतीय ि''क्षण व्यवस्थेला लागलेले मेकॉलेप्रणीत ग्रहण आता राष्ट्रीय ि''क्षा नीतीच्या लागू होण्याने सुटण्याच्या दृष्टिपथात आहे. भारतीय ज्ञान, परंपरा ज्ञान आणि प्रज्ञा यांचा सुंदर आहे. ज्यात ज्ञान, विज्ञान, कर्म, धर्म भोग आणि त्याग यांचा समन्वय दिसतो.

ज्ञानं परंगुह्यं मे यद् विज्ञानसमन्वितम् ।
सरहस्यं तदंगं च गृहाण गदितं मया ।।
यावनाहं यथाभावे यद्रूपगुण्कर्मकः ।
तथैव तत्वविज्ञानमस्तु ते मदनुग्रहात् ।।

भारतीय ज्ञानपरंपरा आधारित ि''क्षानीतीचे क्रियान्वयन करण्यासाठी, ज्ञान–विज्ञान–तंत्रज्ञानासह प्राचीन भारतीय संस्कृतीचा वसा आणि वारसा जपण्यासाठी समग्र ि''क्षण व्यवस्था कटिबध्द झाली आहे. केंद्र सरकारच्या ि''क्षण मंत्रालयाचे हे पाऊल नवभारताच्या शैक्षणिक उज्वल भविष्यासाठी लाभकारक ठरो हीच सदिच्छा.

3. निश्कर्श

भारतीय ज्ञानपरंपरा अनेक वर्षापासून चालत आलेली आहे आणि ती उदात्त आहे असे म्हटल्यास वावगे ठरणार नाही. प्राचीन ऋषी मुनीं हे कोणतेही काम फार विचारपूर्वक व दूरदृष्टीने करीत असत व आपले सर्व सण उत्सव हे त्या अनुषंगानेच पर्यावरणपूरक असायचे यासारखे ि''क्षण गुरुकुलमध्ये सहजतेने ि''कविल्या जात होते. त्यांचे संशोधन कार्य हे उत्तमच असायचे मग ते कोणतेही क्षेत्र असो आयुर्वेद असो वा विज्ञान असो, परंतु कालांतराने जीवन पद्धतीत फार बदल होत गेले, ि''क्षण पद्धतीत बदल होत गेले आणि भारतीय लोकांची अधोगती व्हायला लागली. भारतात आधुनिक ि''क्षणचा पाया युरोपियन मि''नरी व व्यापारांच्या हातून घातला गेला. त्यांनी पुढे अनेक शाळा स्थापन केल्या. ब्रिटि''ा सरकारला भारताचा व्यावसायिक ि''क्षणचा विकास होऊ द्यायचा नव्हता. कारकुनांची फौज निर्माण करून भारतीयांना गुलाम बनवणे हेच त्यांचे एकमात्र उद्दिष्ट होते. 1850 पर्यंत भारतात गुरुकुल पद्धती होती, परंतु लॉर्ड मेकॉले यांनी भारतीय पारंपारिक ि''क्षणात कणा

मोडण्याचा प्रयत्न केला. त्यामुळे गुरुकुल पद्धती बंद होऊन अनेक ठिकाणी कॉन्व्हेंट आणि सार्वजनिक शाळा उघडल्या जाऊ लागल्या आणि ि"क्षणाकडे फक्त उपजीविकेचे साधन या दृष्टिकोनातून पाहिल्या जाऊ लागले. गुरुकुला व्यतिरिक्त तक्ष"ाीला, नालंदा, विक्रमि"ाला आणि इत्यादीं सारखी प्रसिद्ध ि"क्षण केंद्रे होती ज्यांनी जगाच्या विविध भागांतील विद्वान आणि विद्यार्थ्यांना आकर्षित केले. प्रारंभी प्राचीन भारतात ि"क्षण तोंडी प्रसारित केले जायचे. पिढयानपिढया पाठवलेले मजकूर ऐकून पुनरावृत्ती करून आणि लक्षात ठेवून विद्यार्थी ि"क्षण घेत असे. गुरुकुलाच्या अभ्यासक्रमात वेद, उपनिषद, वेदांङ्ग, संस्कृत व्याकरण, तत्वज्ञान, खगोल"ाास्त्र, गणित, वैद्यक"ाास्त्र, संगीत नृत्य, धनुर्वेद इत्यादींसारख्या विस्तृत विषयांचा समावेश होता.

प्राचीन भारतातील ि"क्षणाचे उद्दिष्ट हे सांसारिक जीवनाची तयारी म्हणून ज्ञान संपादन करणे असे नाही तर संपूर्ण आत्मज्ञान आणि मुक्ती असे मानले जात असे. त्या प्रकारचे ि"क्षण आता देणे काळाची गरज आहे.

सहानुभूती, इतरांबद्दल आदर, सौजन्य, लोकशाही भावना, सेवेची भावना, सार्वजनिक मालमत्तेचा आदर, वैज्ञानिक विचार, स्वातंत्र्य, जबाबदारी, समानता आणि न्याय या नैतिक, मानवी आणि संवैधानिक मूल्यांवर आधारित गुण विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये रुजवल्या गेले पाहिजे. विद्यार्थ्यांचे सतत मूल्यमापन करण्यावर तसेच शक्य असेल तिथे तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करण्यावर भर दिला जाईल. अ"ाा विविध योजना राबवल्या गेल्या पाहिजेत.

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राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 हे भारतातील ि"क्षण व्यवस्थेमध्ये मोठे परिवर्तन असून 21 व्या शतकासाठी अधिक समर्पक अणि सर्वसमावे''ाक बनविण्याच्या दि''ेन टाकलेले एक अति''ाय सुंदर असे पाऊल आहे, या सकंल्पनेअतंर्गत दे''ाला जागतिक स्तरावर महासत्ता बनण्यासाठी फार मोठी मदत होणार आहे. प्राचीन भारतीय ज्ञानप्रणाली, प्राचीन भाषा यांना यामध्ये महात्वाचे स्थान देण्यात आलेले आहे, या अंतर्गत विदर्थ्यांचा कौ''ाल्य विकास, मातुभाषेवर भर, आंतर''ाखीय अभ्यास, तांत्रीक बाबीचा उपयोग (आर्टिफिि"ायत इंटिलिजन्स) , सर्जन''ीलता, सामाजिक, भावानिक, अर्थिक, नैतिक क्षमता विकसित करण्याचा प्रयत्न करण्यात येणार आहे या मध्ये पांरपरिक ग्रंथालया बरोबर आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाची जोड देवून डिजिटल ग्रंथालयाची संकल्पना त्यामध्ये ग्रंथपालाची असणारी भुमिका आणि जवाबदारी या लेखाच्या माध्यमातुन मांडन्याचा प्रयत्न केला गेलेला आहे.

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1. प्रस्तावना

राष्ट्रीय ि"ाक्षण धोरणा 2020 हे 21 व्या शतकातील पहिले शैक्षणिक धोरण आहे ज्यामध्ये प्राचीन आणि सनातन भारतीय ज्ञान अणि समुध्द अ''ाी पंरपरा विचारात घेवून तयार करण्यात आलेले आहे. प्राचीन भारतात ि"ाक्षणाचे लक्ष्य केवळ जीवनाची तयारी म्हणून ज्ञान मिळवणे एवढेच नव्हते तर पुर्ण आत्म–ज्ञान होते. प्राचीन भारतात तक्ष''ाीला, नालंदा, विक्रम''ाीला, वल्लभी अ''ाी विद्यापीठे अस्तीतवात होती, त्याच बरोबर ज्ञान साहीत्याने समृध्द अ''ाी ग्रथांलये सुध्दा होती. नवीन ि"ाक्षण धोरणामध्ये सर्व विधार्थ्याना गुणवत्तापूर्ण ि"ाक्षण, तार्किक विचार, कुती करण्यासाठी सक्षम, धैर्य, चिकाटी, नैतिक बांधिलकी आणि मूल्ये असलेला चांगला व्यक्ती विकसीत करणे असा आहे. या धोरणात भारताला एक जागतिक ज्ञान – महासत्ता, समाजामध्ये शा''वत परिवर्तन करणारी ि"ाक्षणव्यवस्था निर्माण करणे जेणेकुरून ते रव–या अर्थाने एक नागरीक बनतील. जुनी 10+2 या संरचनेत बदल करून त्याऐवजी नवीन 5+3+3+4 अ''ाी पुर्नरचना करण्यात आली ज्याचा उद्दे''ा अधिक चांगले सर्वागीन ि"ाक्षण, विकास यांना चालना देणे हा आहे.

या धोरणाच्या माध्यमातुन " जागतिक ि"ाक्षण विकास कुती कार्यक्रम " हे उदिष्ट 2031 पर्यत "सर्वासाठी समावे''ाक आणि समान गुणवतेचे ि"ाक्षण सुनि"ाचत करणे आणि सर्वासाठी निरंतर अध्यपनाच्या ि"ाक्षणाच्या संधीना प्रोत्साहण देणे" बिग डेटा, म''ाीन लार्निग, गणित, संगणक, विज्ञान, भाषा, साहित्य, संस्कुती, चारित्र निर्मण, राष्ट्रीय अभिमान, आत्मविज्ञान, आत्मवि''वास वाढविण्यासाठी दर्जदार ि"ाक्षणव्यवस्था असणे गरजेचे आहे. उच्च ि"ाक्षणाच्या माध्यमातुन स्वातंत्र्य, समानता बंधुभाव, सर्वाना न्यायाचा आधिकार देण्याचा प्रयत्न या माध्यमातून होणार आहे. त्यामुळे दे''ाच्या विकासासाठी राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 उपयुक्त ठरणार आहे.

2. राष्ट्रीय **भौक्षणिक धोरण 2020 वैशिश्टेः–**

1) उच्च शिक्षणासाठी नवीन अणि भविश्योमुख दुश्टिकोण :– सामाजाच्या कल्यानासाठी उच्च ि"क्षणाचे लक्षणीय योगदान असते. एकविसान्या शतकाच्या गराजाचा विचार करता अष्टपैलू अणि कल्पक व्यक्ती विकसित करणे, सामाजिक स्तरावर एक ज्ञानी, सामाजिक दुष्टया जागृत, कु"ाल राष्ट्र निर्माण करण्याची क्षमता, हे दर्जदार उच्च ि"क्षाणाचे उद्दिष्ट असले पाहिजे की ज्या माध्यामातुन रोजगाराच्या अधिक चांगल्या संधी तयार करणे एवढयापूरतेच मर्यादीत न राहता त्यामाध्यमातुन चैतन्यपूर्ण, सामाजिकदुष्टया सहभागी, आधिक आनंदी, सुसंस्कुत, पुरोगामी आणि समुध्द राष्ट्र तयार करण्यची क्षमता उच्च ि"क्षणामध्ये असली पाहिजे या करीता उच्च ि"क्षण व्यवस्थेचे नूतनीकरण करून त्याद्वारे समता आणि सर्वसमावे"ाक असे उच्च– गुणवतेचे उच ि"क्षण प्रदान करणे.

2) संस्थांची पुनरर्चना अणि बळकंटी करण :– मोठया बहु"ाखीय विधापीठमध्ये, महाविधालयामध्ये 3000 किंवा त्यापेक्षा जास्त विदयार्थी असलेल्या उच्च ि"क्षण संस्थाचे HEI क्लस्टर्स हबमध्ये रूपातंर करणे. त्यामाध्यमातुन विद्यार्थी कलात्मक, सर्जन"ाील अणि वि"ालेषक विषयासह खेळांमध्ये देखील अष्टपैलू होतील जी दार्जेदार ि"क्षण सं"ाोधन, सामुदायिक सहभाग असलेले पदवीपूर्व अणि पदवी ि"क्षण प्रदान करेल अध्यापन आणि सं"ाोधनाला समान महत्व देणा-या संस्था त्यामाध्यमातुन सं"ाोधन केद्रीत विधापीठ तयार करणे,

3) अधिक सर्वागीन आणि बहुशाखीय शिक्षण :– भारताला सर्वागीन आणि बहु"ाखीय ि"क्षणाची प्रदीर्घ परंपरा लाभली आहे. प्राचीन भारतीय साहीत्यामध्ये चांगल्या ि"क्षणाचे वर्णन म्हणजे 64 कलांचे ज्ञान असणे असे केले आहे. त्यामध्ये गायन, चित्रकला, रसायन"ास्त्र, गाणित, सुतारकाम, वस्त्रानिर्मिती वैधकीय आणि अभियांत्रिकी सारखी व्यावसातिक क्षेत्रे, सवांद, चर्चा या सारखी "व्यवहार कौ"ाल्ये" विषय होते, बौध्दिक, सौदर्य विषयक, सामाजिक, शारीरीक, भावनिक, नैतिक या सर्व मानवी क्षमता एकत्रितपणे विकसित करणे हे सर्वागीन बहू"ाख्यीय ि"क्षणाचे उदिष्ट असेल, कल्पक आणि लवचिक अभ्यासक्रमामुळे अभ्यासासाठी विविध शाखाचे कल्पक संयोग करणे शव्य होईल. अध्यापन"ास्त्रात संवाद, वाद–विवाद, सं"ाोधन अणि दुसन्या शाखेतील आणि आंतर"ाखीय विचार करण्यासाठी संधीवर भर दिल्या जाईल, असे सर्वागीन आणि बहु"ाखिय ि"क्षण साध्य करण्यासाठी सर्व HEI च्या लवचिक आणि नाविण्यपूर्ण अभ्यासक्रमामध्ये क्रेडीटवर आधारीत कोर्सस समाविष्ट असतील.

4) शिक्षणासाठी अनुकुल वातावरण अणि विधार्थ्याचा सहयोग:– प्रभावी अध्यपनासाठी योग्य अभ्यासक्रम, अध्यापन"ास्त्र सातत्यपूर्ण रचनात्मक मूल्यांकन आणि विध्यार्थ्याचा पुरेसा पाठीबा याची गरज असते. अध्यापन"ास्त्रीय पध्दती मुलाना दिल्या जाणाच्या अध्यनाचा अनुभव नि"ाित करतात व त्याचा थेट परिणाम अध्यान निष्पतीवर होतो. सुयोग्य साधने, दर्जेदार ग्रंथालये, प्रयोग शाळा तंत्रज्ञान, खेळ मनोरंजनाच्या जागा, विद्यार्थ्याकरीता चर्चा करायला जागा, भोजनालये यासारख्या पायाभुत सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देणारे अध्ययनाचे वातावरण उपलब्ध करूण देणे. प्रत्येक सस्थेने अभ्यासक्रम सुधारणां पासून वर्गातील व्यवहाराच्या दर्जापर्यतच्या आपल्या सर्व शैक्षणिक योजनाचे एका मोठया इंन्टिटयु"ानल डेवलपमेंट प्लॅनमध्ये एकात्मीकरण करावे वर्गात व वर्गाबाहेर होणा-या शैक्षानिक देवाघेवाणीसाठी एक मजबुत अंतर्गत व्यवस्था तयार करेल, ग्रंथालयाच्या माध्यमातुन वाचनाचे व्लब, विज्ञान, गणित, कविता, भाषा साहित्य, वादविवाद संगीत संबधित कार्यक्रम आयोजित करणे सामाजिक, अर्थिकष्टया वांचित पा"ार्वभूमी असलेल्या विदयार्थ्याना उच्च ि"क्षनापर्यत पोहचण्यसाठी प्रोत्साहन आणि पाठीबा देणे आणि दर्जदार उच्च ि"क्षण सहजपणे उपलब्ध होण्यासाठी, ODL आणि ऑनलाईन ि"क्षण नैसर्गिक मार्गने उपलब्ध करणे.

5) विदयार्थ्याना आर्थिक सहाय्य:–
विविध उपाययोजनाद्वारे SC, ST, OBC आणि SEDG मधील विदयार्थ्याच्या गुणवतेस आर्थिक प्रोत्साहन देण्यासाठी विद्यार्थ्याना अर्थसहाय्य उपलब्ध करून विद्यार्थ्याना मदत करणे, त्यांच्या प्रगतीवर लक्ष देण्यासाठी राष्ट्रीय

ि"ष्यवृत्ती पोर्टलचा विस्तार करून खाजगी उच्च ि"क्षण संस्थानी विद्यार्थ्यांना मोठया प्रमाणात शुल्कमाफी आणि ि"ष्यवृत्ती दयावी.

6) उच्च शिक्षनात समता आणि समावेशकताः–.

चांगल्या दर्जाच्या उच्च ि"क्षणाच्या संधी सर्व व्यक्तीना उपलब्ध करूण देणे, हे सर्वोच्च प्राधान्यांपैकी एक असले पाहीजे, उच्च ि"क्षणात समानता आणि समावे''ाकतेची उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी आव''यक असलेली धोरणे वापरली पाहीजेत.

या हेतुसाठी सर्व सरकारे आणि HEI च्या माध्यमातुन खालील पावले उचलायची आहेत.

1) SEDG च्या ि"क्षणासाठी योग्य सरकारी निधी बाजुला काढणे.
2) HEI च्या प्रवे''ांमध्ये लिग आधारीत संतुलन आणणे.
3) भारतीय भाषामध्ये किंवा दोन भाषामध्ये ि"ाकवण–या HEI ला अर्थिक मदत उपलब्ध करूण देणे.
4) उच्च ि"क्षाणातील संधी विषयी आणि SEDG साठीच्या ि"ष्यवृत्याविषयी प्रसार कार्यक्रम तयार करणे.
5) अधिक सहभागासाठी अणि अध्यपन निष्पतीसाठी तंत्रज्ञान साधने विकसित करणे आणि त्यांना सहाय्य करणे.
6) प्रवे''ा प्रक्रिया अधिक सर्वेसमावेषक करणे.
7) अभ्यासक्रम अधिक सर्वसमावेषक करणे.
8) उच्च ि"क्षण कार्यक्रमाची रोजगार क्षमता वाढवणे.
9) भारतीय भाषांमध्ये अणि दोन भाषामध्ये ि"ाकवले जाणारे अधिक पदवी अभ्यासक्रम विकसित करणे.

7) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर :–

ि"क्षणाच्या विविघ पेलूमध्ये सुधारणा करण्यासाठी तंत्रज्ञाणचा वापर करून शाळा अणि उच्च ि"क्षण या दोन्हीतील अध्ययन, मुल्याकन, नियोजन अणि प्र''ासन इत्यादीची गुणवत्ता वाढवण्याच्या दुष्टीने अर्टिफि''ायल इंटेलिजन्स, म''ीन लार्निग बलॉक चेन्स, स्मार्ट बोडर्स, हस्तचलित कंप्युटिग डिवायसेस इतर स्वरूपातील सॉफ्टवेअर अणि हार्डवेअर, ई मजकुराचे अध्यापन – अध्ययन सर्व प्रादे"ाक भाषामध्ये विकसित करणे DIKSHA/SWAYAM सारखे तंत्रज्ञान आधारीत शैक्षणिक प्लेटफार्म, शाळा, कृत्रिम बुध्दिमत्ता (AI)3D/7D आभासी वास्तविकता हे एक क्रंतिकारी तत्रंज्ञान म्हणून उद्यास आले आहे.

3. शिक्षण व्यवस्थेला मार्गदर्शन करणारे मुलभुत सिध्दातः

- ❖ प्रत्येक विदयार्थ्याच्या वै"िष्टपूर्ण क्षमता ओळखून त्या विकसित करण्यासाठी प्रयत्न करणे.
- ❖ प्रत्येक विदयार्थ्याच्या मूलभूत साक्षरता यांना प्राधान्य देणे.
- ❖ अभ्यासक्रमात लववचिकता असावी, ज्यामुळे ते आपली प्रतिभा अणि आवड जोपासू शकतील.
- ❖ बहूआयामी असा ि"क्षणक्रम तयार करून त्यामधून बहू''ाखिय असा समग्र ि"क्षणाचा विकास.
- ❖ परीक्षेसाठी ि"ाकण्या ऐवजी संकल्पना समजून घेण्यावर भर देणे.
- ❖ नैतिकता अणि घटनात्मक मुल्यावर भर देणे.
- ❖ अध्यापनात अणि अध्ययनात बहु भाषिकल्तवाला प्राधान्य देणे.
- ❖ अध्यापनात अणि अध्यपनात तत्रंज्ञानाचा परीपूर्ण असा वापर करून भाषेचे अडथळे काढून टाकणे.
- ❖ दिव्यांग विदर्थ्यासाठी शैक्षणिक नियोजन करून ि"क्षण सुलभ बनविणे.
- ❖ कोचिग संस्कृती ऐवजी ि"ाकण्यासाठी सातत्यपूर्ण मूल्यांकनावर भर देणे.
- ❖ सर्व शैक्षाणिक निर्णयमध्ये पूर्ण समानता अणि सर्वसामवे''ाकता असावी.

- बाल्यावरथेतील ि"ाक्षणापासून ते शालेय ि"ाक्षण ने उच्च ि"ाक्षणापर्यत सर्व पातळयावरील ि"ाक्षणाच्या अभ्यासक्रमात सुसूत्रता असावी.
- ि"ाक्षक हे ि"ाक्षण प्रकि्रयेचे केंद्र मानावे.
- गुणवतापूर्ण आणि विकासात्मक ि"ाक्षणासाठी उत्कृष्ट दर्जाचे सं"ोधन.
- ि"ाक्षण तज्ञाद्वारे प्रगतीचा सातत्यपूर्ण आढावा घेणे.
- भारतीय मुळांचा आणि भारताच्या समुध्द, प्राचीन आणि आधुनिक संस्कृती, परंपरा याचा, अभिमान असणे.
- गुणवता पूर्ण ि"ाक्षण उपलब्ध करूण प्रत्येक बालकाचा मूलभत हक्क समाजला पाहीजे.
- खाजगी आणि सामुदयिक संस्थाच्या भागीदारीला सार्वजनिक ि"ाक्षण व्यवस्थेत प्रोत्साहन देणे.

4. ग्रंथपाल :– एक मार्गदर्शक

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरणात ग्रंथपाल हा सुध्दा एक चागंली मार्गद"र्ाकाची भुमिका पार पाडू शकतो. आज या माहीती तत्रंज्ञान अणि सो"ाल मिडीयाच्या युगात आपल्या हाताच्या बोटाच्या एक क्लिकवर अमर्यादीत असा माहीताचा साठा, वाचका समोर उपलब्ध होतो. परंतु समोर असलेल्या अमर्यादीत माहीती सग्रहामधून आव"यक ती माहीती मिळवून देण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथपालाच्या मार्गद"र्ानाच आव"यकता असते ग्रंथपालाने आपल्या सेवाच्या माध्यमातुन ऐप्स, ऑनलाईन पुस्तके, ई बुक्स, डिजिटल ग्रंथसामुग्री सं"ोधनासाठी उपयोगी साहीत्याचा, तत्रंज्ञानाचा वापर व महत्व समजुन वाचकांना उपलब्ध करून देण्याची जवाबदारी ग्रंथपालाची असते.

ग्रंथलयात येणारा प्रत्येक वाचक हा स्वंतत्र असतो त्याची माहीतीची गरज व क्षमता भिन्न असते ती ओळखून त्याचे समाधान करण्याची गरज असते नव्या युगातील ग्रंथपालानी केवळ तंत्रज्ञानाचे जानकार न बनता किंवा केवळ माहीती देणारे न राहता एक मार्गद"र्ाक म्हणून त्याची भुमिका समजुन घेणे अत्याआव"यक झालेले आहे. बदलत्या काळा नुरूप येणाऱ्या ि"ाक्षण प्रवाहातील बदला बरोबर काळाच्या पुढे एक पाऊल विचार करून भविष्यात वाचकांच्या काय अपेक्षा आहेत. यावर चिंतन व मनन करूण त्यादुष्टीने स्वतःची व्यावसायकि कौ"ाल्ये व स्तर उचांवण्यासाठी सतत प्रयत्न"ाील राहणे राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरनात ग्रंथपालाकडून अपेक्षित आहे.

5. ग्रंथालयाची भुमिका आणि जबाबदारीः–

स्वातंत्र्यप्रातीनतंरच्या 75 वर्षाच्या कालखंडात दे"ा एक विकसित व महासत्ता म्हणून उदयास येत आहे.भारतीय ग्रंथालये विविध साहीत्याने फुलली आहेत. ग्रंथालयाच्या माध्यमातुन उच्चि"ाक्षणाच्या क्षेत्रात अभुतपूर्व अ"ाी कांती उदयास आलेली आहे व जी सर्वच विदया"ााखाच्या माध्यमातुन पहाण्यास मिळत आहे. राष्ट्रीय ि"ाक्षण आराखडा 2020 चा विचार करीत असताना ग्रंथालयामध्ये प्रंचड प्रमाणात बदल होत आहे. भारताचे माजी राष्ट्रपती स्वर्गीय डॉ. ए.पी.जे अब्दुल कलाम यानी "मायक्रोसोफ्ट" समिट 2005 च्या उद्घाटनाच्या भाषणात ि"ाक्षणप्रक्रियेविषयी आपली खंत व्यक्त केली होती. आपल्या उद्बोधनपर भाषणात ते म्हाणाले होते की "Can we make an education sytem whish will retain smiles on the face of the students through – out the period of education"संपूर्ण ि"ाक्षण काळात विद्यार्थ्याच्या चेहन्यावरील हास्य कायम ठेवू शकेल अ"ाी एखादी ि"ाक्षण प्रणाली आपण निर्मण करू शकतो का ? ज्यामाध्यमातुन कृत्रिम बुध्दिमत्ता, वैद्यकीय, अभियंत्रिकी ि"ाक्षण, सं"ोधन, कौ"ाल्य विकासाला गती देण्यासाठी शाळाना ब्रॉडबंन्ड कनेव्टिव्हीटी, भारतीय भाषा पुस्तक योजनेत शाळा महाविद्यालयीन ि"ाक्षाणासाठी सर्व भारतीय भाषातील डीजीटल पुस्तके उपलब्ध करण्याची योजना ज्यामुळे विद्यार्थी मात्रुभाषेसह इतर भारतीय भाषा अवगत करतील. सुलभरीत्या हजारो पुस्तके ग्रंथालयाच्या माध्यमातुन डिजिटल पध्दतीने सर्वासाठी उपलब्ध होतील.

ग्रंथालयात तंत्रज्ञानचा वापर करून आभासी वास्तविकता AI 30/ 70 च्या माध्यमातुन क्रंतिकरी तत्रंज्ञान म्हणून उदयास आलेले आहे. शाळा, महविदयालये, सार्वजनिक ग्रंथालये, उच्च ि"ाक्षण देणा-या संस्था, व्यावसयिक ि"ाक्षण देणा-या संस्था अ''या सर्वाच्या माध्यमातुन विदयार्थ्यामध्ये वाचनाची सवय रूजाविण्यासाठी पुस्कांची उपलबधता, पुस्तके सर्वापर्यत पोहचाण्याची स्थिती सुधारणे, दिव्यांग व वेगळया क्षमता असलेल्या व्यक्ती सहीत सर्व विद्यार्थ्याच्या गरजा भागविष्यासाठी अणि आवडी पूर्ण करण्यासाठी पुरतकाचा पुरेसा पूरवठा उपलब्ध करण्यासाठी आधुनिकी करण करण्याची ि"ाफारस या धोरणामध्ये केलेली आहे. संपूर्ण दे''ा भरातील सांमाजिक, आर्थिकदुष्टया वांर्चित भागांसह, ग्रामीण अणि दुर्गम भागात राहणान्यांना सुध्दा पुस्तके उपलब्ध केल्या जातील. ग्रंथालयातील पुरतकांची ऑनलाईन उपलब्धता, ि"जिटल ग्रथांलयाचा विस्तार, ग्रंथालयामध्ये पुरेसा कर्मचारी वर्ग त्याचे नियोजन करणे अ''या विविध बाबीचा यामध्ये समावे''ा केलेला आहे.

6. निष्कर्ष

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 मध्ये ि"ाक्षण मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारे दे''ाच्या सवार्गात विकासाचा पाया तयार कराण्यात आला त्या माध्यमातुन राष्ट्रीय विकासाला चालना देण्यासाठी ि"ाक्षण हा मुलभूत पाया आहे.दे''ाची राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता, संस्कुतीचे जतन, समुध्द, भारत आणि सर्जन''ील नागरीक तयार करणे हा आहे. यामध्ये विविध सुधारणा सोबतच पांरपारीक ग्रंथालयामध्ये आधुनिक तत्रंज्ञानाचा वापर करून विदयार्थ्याचा सर्वागीन विकासाठी आधुनिक ग्रंथालय उभे करावे.

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सारांश :

ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याचे संवर्धन हे एक जटिल आणि आव्हानात्मक काम आहे ज्यासाठी साहित्य, त्यांची स्थिती आणि त्यांचे संवर्धन करण्यासाठी वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या पद्धतींची सखोल ज्ञानाची आवश्यकता आहे. साहित्याचा आढावा हा संवर्धन प्रक्रियेतील एक आवश्यक टप्पा आहे, कारण तो या विषयावरील विद्यमान

ज्ञान आणि संशोधनाचा व्यापक आढावा प्रदान करतो. हा संशोधनपेपर ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनात साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाच्या भूमिकेचे विश्लेषण, महत्त्व, फायदे आणि मर्यादा अधोरेखित करतो. हा संशोधन पेपर साहित्याचे विविध स्रोत, साहित्याचे पुनरावलोकन करण्याच्या पद्धती आणि संवर्धन तसेच निर्णय घेण्यामध्ये साहित्य पुनरावलोकनाचा वापर यावर देखील चर्चा करतो.

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1. परिचय :

हस्तलिखिते, पुस्तके आणि इतर कागदपत्रे यांसारखी दुर्मिळ साहित्य ग्रंथालयाच्या संग्रहाचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग आहेत. ही सामुग्री केवळ त्यांच्या ऐतिहासिक आणि सांस्कृतिक महत्त्वासाठी मौल्यवान नाही तर भूतकाळातील अंतर्दृष्टी प्रदान करण्याच्या त्यांच्या क्षमतेसाठी देखील मौल्यवान आहे. तथापि संसाधने, कौशल्ये आणि पायाभूत सुविधांच्या कमतरतेमुळे दुर्मिळ साहित्याचे संवर्धन करणे हे एक गुंतागुंतीचे आणि आव्हानात्मक काम आहे. साहित्याचा आढावा हा संवर्धन प्रक्रियेतील एक आवश्यक टप्पा आहे, कारण तो या विषयावरील विद्यमान ज्ञान आणि संशोधनाचा व्यापक आढावा प्रदान करतो.

2. साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाचे महत्त्व :

अनेक कारणांमुळे ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनात साहित्याचा आढावा महत्त्वाचा आहे. प्रथम, ते या विषयावरील विद्यमान ज्ञान आणि संशोधनाचा व्यापक आढावा प्रदान करते, जे ज्ञानातील अंतर आणि पुढील संशोधनाची आवश्यकता असलेल्या क्षेत्रांना ओळखण्यास मदत करते. दुसरे म्हणजे, ते संवर्धनात वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या सर्वोत्तम पद्धती आणि पद्धती ओळखण्यास मदत करते, ज्या विशिष्ट संवर्धन प्रकल्पात लागू केल्या जाऊ शकतात. तिसरे म्हणजे, ते संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्याच्या प्रभावीतेचे मूल्यांकन करण्यासाठी एक चौकट प्रदान करते, जे माहितीपूर्ण संवर्धन निर्णय घेण्यासाठी आवश्यक आहे.

3. साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाचे फायदे :

ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनात साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाचे फायदे असंख्य आहेत. प्रथम, ते दुर्मिळ साहित्याचे संवर्धन करण्यासाठी वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या सर्वात प्रभावी संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य ओळखण्यास मदत करते. दुसरे म्हणजे, ते या विषयावरील विद्यमान ज्ञान आणि संशोधनाचा व्यापक आढावा प्रदान करते, ज्याचा वापर संवर्धन निर्णय घेण्यास माहिती देण्यासाठी केला जाऊ शकतो. तिसरे म्हणजे, ते ज्ञानातील अंतर आणि पुढील संशोधनाची आवश्यकता असलेले क्षेत्र ओळखण्यास मदत करते, ज्याचा वापर नवीन संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य विकसित करण्यासाठी केला जाऊ शकतो.

4. साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाच्या मर्यादा :

साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाचे महत्त्व आणि फायदे असूनही, अनेक मर्यादा विचारात घेणे आवश्यक आहे. प्रथमम्हणजे साहित्याचा आढावा व्यापक असू शकत नाही, कारण त्यात साहित्याचे सर्व संबंधित स्रोत समाविष्ट नसतील. दुसरे म्हणजे, साहित्याचा आढावा पक्षपाती असू शकतो, कारण तो समीक्षकाचे विचार आणि मते प्रतिबिंबित करू शकतो. तिसरे म्हणजे, साहित्याचा आढावा अद्ययावत असू शकत नाही, कारण त्यात क्षेत्रातील नवीन संशोधन आणि घडामोडींचा समावेश नसतो.

5. साहित्याचे स्रोत :

ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनासाठी साहित्याचे अनेक स्रोत वापरले जाऊ शकतात. यामध्ये पुस्तके, जर्नल्स, परिषदेच्या कार्यवाही आणि ऑनलाइन संसाधने समाविष्ट आहेत. साहित्याचे स्रोत प्राथमिक

आणि दुय्यम स्त्रोतांमध्ये वर्गीकृत केले जाऊ शकतात. प्राथमिक स्त्रोतांमध्ये मूळ संशोधन लेखांचा समावेश आहे, तर दुय्यम स्त्रोतांमध्ये प्राथमिक स्त्रोतांचे पुनरावलोकन, सारांश आणि टीका समाविष्ट आहेत.

6. साहित्याचे पुनरावलोकन करण्याच्या पद्धती :

ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनासाठी साहित्याचे पुनरावलोकन करण्याच्या अनेक पद्धती वापरल्या जाऊ शकतात. यामध्ये पद्धतशीर पुनरावलोकन, कथात्मक पुनरावलोकन आणि स्कोपिंग पुनरावलोकन यांचा समावेश आहे. पद्धतशीर पुनरावलोकनामध्ये साहित्याचा व्यापक आणि पद्धतशीर शोध समाविष्ट आहे, तर कथात्मक पुनरावलोकनामध्ये साहित्याचा वर्णनात्मक आणि विश्लेषणात्मक पुनरावलोकन समाविष्ट आहे. स्कोपिंग पुनरावलोकनामध्ये संशोधनाची व्याप्ती आणि स्वरूप ओळखण्यासाठी साहित्याचा प्राथमिक आढावा समाविष्ट आहे.

7. संवर्धन निर्णय घेण्यामध्ये साहित्य पुनरावलोकनाचा वापरः

साहित्य पुनरावलोकन अनेक प्रकारे संवर्धन निर्णय घेण्यामध्ये लागू केले जाऊ शकते. प्रथम, सर्वात प्रभावी संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य ओळखून संवर्धन उपचारांची माहिती देण्यासाठी याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो. दुसरे म्हणजे, ज्ञानातील अंतर आणि पुढील संशोधनाची आवश्यकता असलेल्या क्षेत्रांची ओळख करून संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्यांच्या प्रभावीतेचे मूल्यांकन करण्यासाठी याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो. तिसरे म्हणजे, पुढील संशोधन आणि विकासाची आवश्यकता असलेल्या क्षेत्रांची ओळख करून नवीन संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य विकसित करण्यासाठी याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो.

8. निष्कर्ष :

ग्रंथालयांमधील दुर्मिळ साहित्याच्या संवर्धनासाठी साहित्याचा आढावा हा एक आवश्यक टप्पा आहे. ते या विषयावरील विद्यमान ज्ञान आणि संशोधनाचा व्यापक आढावा प्रदान करते, ज्याचा वापर संवर्धन निर्णय घेण्यास माहिती देण्यासाठी केला जाऊ शकतो. साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाचा वापर सर्वात प्रभावी संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य ओळखण्यासाठी, संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्याच्या प्रभावीतेचे मूल्यांकन करण्यासाठी आणि नवीन संवर्धन पद्धती आणि साहित्य विकसित करण्यासाठी केला जाऊ शकतो. तथापि, साहित्याच्या पुनरावलोकनाला अनेक मर्यादा आहेत, ज्यामध्ये पूर्वग्रहाची शक्यता आणि साहित्याच्या व्यापक आणि अद्ययावत स्रोतांची आवश्यकता समाविष्ट आहे.

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नविन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० आणि ग्रंथालयामध्ये चॅट जीपीटी तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर

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प्रस्तुत लेखात नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० रूपरेषा, दूरदृष्टी, तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर, डिजिटल ग्रंथालय, ग्रंथालयात तंत्रज्ञानाची आवश्यकता, ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप, चॅट जीपीटीचा इतिहास, चॅट जीपीटीचे क्षेत्र, ग्रंथालयात चॅट जीपीटी तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर इत्यादीची माहिती प्रस्तूत लेखात दिलेली आहे.

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१. प्रस्तावना:

भारताला ज्ञान महासत्ता बनविण्यासाठी, विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये आवश्यक कौशल्य व ज्ञानप्राप्ती आणि विज्ञान, तंत्रज्ञान, शिक्षण आणि औद्योगिक क्षेत्रामधील मनुष्यबळाची कमतरता दूर करण्यासाठी, भारतातील लोकसंख्येला गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षण, नाविन्यपूर्ण शिक्षण व संशोधनाच्या सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देण्यासाठी भारत सरकारने नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० लागू केलेले आहे. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरणामध्ये सर्वांगीण आणि बहुविद्याशाखीय शिक्षण प्रणालीचा अंतर्भाव करण्यात आला असून ज्याच्या उद्देश मानवाच्या सर्व क्षमतांचा नैतिक एकात्मिक पध्दतीने विकास करणे आहे.

शिक्षण व्यवस्थेतील मूलभूत सुधारणांच्या केंद्रस्थानी शिक्षक असला पाहिजे. नवीन शिक्षण धोरणाने शिक्षकाला सर्व पातळयांवर आपल्या समाजातील सर्वांत आदरणीय आणि आवश्यक सदस्य म्हणून पुनर्स्थापित करण्यासाठी मदत करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे. कारण तो खरोखर आपल्या नागरिकांच्या पुढील पिढीला आकार देतो. शिक्षकांना सक्षम करण्यासाठी आणि त्यांनी आपले काम शक्य तितक्या प्रभावीपणे करावे म्हणून या धोरणाने शक्य त्या सर्व गोष्टी केल्या पाहिजे. तसेच सर्वोत्तम आणि बुध्दिमान व्यक्तींना सर्व पातळीवर शिक्षकी पेशांत सामावून घेण्यासाठी नवीन शिक्षण धोरणाने मदत केली पाहिजे.

२. नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० रूपरेषा:

भारताला जागतिक ज्ञान महासत्ता बनविणे हे नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० चे अंतिम उद्दीष्ट आहे. म्हणूनच मनुष्यबळ विकास मंत्रालयाचे नाव बदलून शिक्षण मंत्रालय ठेवण्यात आलेले आहे. भाताताला स्वातंत्र्य मिळाल्यापासून शिक्षण क्षेत्रात झालेला हा तिसरा मोठा बदल आहे. भारताच्या प्रगतीच्या दृष्टीने आर्थिक विकास, सामाजिक न्याय, राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता आणि संस्कृतीचे जतन इत्यादी क्षेत्रामध्ये जागतिक पातळीवर नेतृत्व करण्यासाठी समाजातील सर्व घटकांना दर्जेदार शिक्षण उपलब्ध करून देणे आवश्यक आहे. ज्ञानाच्या बाबतीत जगामध्ये वेगाने बदल होत आहे. हा बदल लक्षात घेऊन शैक्षणिक अभ्यासक्रमाची आखणी करणे आवश्यक आहे.

३. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० दूरदृष्टी:

भारतीय मूल्यांपासून विकसित केलेली, सर्वांना उच्च गुणवत्तेचे शिक्षण उपलब्ध करून देऊन, त्याव्दारे भारताला एक जागतिक ज्ञान महासत्ता बनवून भारताचे एका न्याय्य आणि चैतन्यमय ज्ञान समाजात शाश्वतपणे परिवर्तन करण्यात प्रत्यक्षपणे योगदान देणारी अशी शिक्षणव्यवस्था निर्माण करणे हे आहे. धोरणात असे संकल्पित आहे की, आपल्या शिक्षणसंस्थांचा अभ्यासक्रम आणि शिक्षणपध्दत विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये मूलभूत कर्तव्ये आणि घटनात्मक मूल्यांविषयी तीव्र आदर, स्वत:च्या देशाशी दृढ नाते आणि बदलत्या जगातील स्वत:च्या भूमिका आणि जबाबदाऱ्याविषयी जाणीवपूवे जागरूकता निर्माण करणारे असायला हवेत.

या धोरणाची दूरदृष्टी अशी आहे की, भारतीय असल्याचा सखोल अभिमान विद्यार्थ्यांच्या केवळ विचारांमध्येच नव्हे तर त्यांच्या व्यवहारात, बुध्दीमध्ये आणि कृतीमध्ये देखील रूजवणे, तसेच मानवी हक्क, शाश्वत विकास आणि जीवनमान यांच्याशी जबाबदारीपूर्ण बांधिलकीचे समर्थन करणारे ज्ञान, कौशल्ये, मूल्ये आणि स्वभाव विकसित करणे, जेणेकरून ते खऱ्या अर्थाने एक वैश्विक नागरिक बनतील.

४. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२०: तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर

तांत्रिक विकासाच्या तीव्र वेगाला, तंत्रज्ञानाचे जाणकार शिक्षक आणि उद्योजकांसहित विद्यार्थी उद्योजकांच्या कल्पकतेची जोड मिळाल्यावर, तंत्रज्ञानाचा शिक्षणावर अनेक प्रकारे परिणाम होईल हे निश्चित. सध्या यातील फक्त काही परिणामांचा अंदाज लावता येईल. आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स, मशीन लर्निंग, ब्लॉक चेन्स, स्मार्ट बोर्ड्स, हस्तचलित, कंप्युटिंग डिवायसेस, विद्यार्थ्यांच्या विकासासाठी अडॅप्टीव कंप्युटर टेस्टिंग आणि इतर स्वरूपातील सॉफटवेअर आणि हार्डवेअर यासारख्या नवीन तंत्रज्ञानांमुळे विद्यार्थी वर्गात काय शिकतात फक्त यामध्ये बदल होणार नाही तर ते कसे शिकतात यातदेखील बदल होईल.

५.नविन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० मध्ये डिजिटल ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप:

आजच्या डिजिटल युगात ज्ञान हि एक शक्ती आहे. ज्ञानशक्ती ही सत्ता व संपत्ती मिळवण्याचे एक साधन आहे. त्यामुळेच असा ज्ञानसंग्रह व त्याचा उपयोग करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयाची निर्मिती झाली. ग्रंथ ग्रंथालये ही मानवी जीवन समृध्द करणारी ज्ञानभांडारे आहेत. सुरूवातीच्या काळापासून ग्रंथालयात विविध सेवा देण्यासाठी वेगवेगळया तंत्राचा वापर केला जात आहे. त्या सर्वाना काही प्रमाणात मर्यादा पडतात. संगणकामध्ये माहितीवर प्रक्रिया करण्याची असलेली क्षमता, अद्ययावतता, माहितीची साठवण व उपलब्धता यासाठी लागणारा अत्यल्प वेळ, विविध प्रकारे नेमक्या माहितीचा शोध, माहितीच्या आदान प्रदानाला कमालिचा वेग, वापरकर्त्यास सुलभ अशा विविध कारणामुळे ग्रंथालयात संगणकाचा उपयोग सुरू झाला. यामुळे ग्रंथालये चार भिंतीत आणि कपाटामध्ये बंदिस्त न राहता ती सरळ वाचकाला हव्या त्या स्वरूपात, हव्या त्या ठिकाणी उपलब्ध होऊ लागली आहे.

पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयामध्ये पुर्णत: माहिती आणि संप्रेषण तंत्रज्ञानाचा अभाव होता. त्यानंतर हायब्रीड स्वरूपाच्या ग्रंथालयामध्ये इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यमावर चालणाऱ्या साधनाचा संग्रह करण्यात येऊ लागला. म्हणजेच हायब्रीड ग्रंथालयांमध्ये माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव थोडयाप्रमाणात दिसू लागला आणि यापुढे जावून विसाव्या शतकात उत्तरार्धामध्ये पुर्णत: माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव ग्रंथालयावर होवून त्या आधारीत डिजिटल ग्रंथालये अस्तित्वात येवू लागली आहे.

६. ग्रंथालयात तंत्रज्ञानाची आवश्यकता :–

ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथ, वाचन साहित्य यांचे केवळ जतन करुन चालत नाही. तर उपलब्ध वाचन–साहित्य जास्तीत–जास्त वाचकांपर्यंत कसे पोहोचविले जाईल हे महत्वाचे आहे. नवनविन व आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा ग्रंथालयात वापर करुन कमी वेळात, वेगाने व योजनाबद्ध रीतीने ग्रंथालयातील उपलब्ध माहिती वाचकांपर्यंत पोहोचविणे शक्य झाले आहे. माहिती तंत्रज्ञान हे समाज परिवर्तनाचे आणि व्यक्ति विकासाचे प्रभावी साधन आहे. आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा विचार केल्याशिवाय समाज परिवर्तन घडणार नाही याची सर्वाना जाणीव आहे. म्हणूनच आजच्या आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करणे आवश्यक झाले आहे. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयातून विद्यार्थी व शिक्षक यांना विविध प्रकारची माहिती पाहिजे असते. अश्यावेळी यांनासुद्धा ग्रंथालयातील तंत्रज्ञानाची माहिती असणे अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे.

७. ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप:–

पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयापासून ते आधुनिक काळातील ग्रंथालये यांचा आढावा घेतला असता, ग्रंथालयाचे पुढीलपैकी वर्गीकरण करण्यात येते.

- पारंपारिक ग्रंथालय
- इलेक्ट्रॉनिक ग्रंथालय
- स्वयंचलित ग्रंथालय
- हायब्रीड ग्रंथालय

- डिजिटल ग्रंथालय
- वर्च्युअल ग्रंथालय

8-चॅट जीपीटीचा (ChatGPT) इतिहास:

चॅट जीपीटी हे OpenAI या आस्थापनाने विकसित केलेले कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित भाषिक मॉडेल आहे. हे मॉडेल नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (Natural Language Processing - NLP) वापरून मानवी भाषेतील संवाद समजते आणि उत्तर देते. याचा विकास GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) मालिकेच्या संशोधनातून झाला आहे.

1. GPT-1 (2018):पहिले भाषिक मॉडेल OpenAI ने सादर केले.हे मॉडेल मोठ्या प्रमाणावर मजकूर प्रक्रिया करू शकत होते , पण संवादक्षम नव्हते.यामध्ये सुधारित भाषिक समज आणि वाक्यरचना शिकण्यावर भर होता.

2. GPT-2 (2019): 1.5 अब्ज (billion) पेक्षा जास्त न्यूरॉन्स असलेले मॉडेल . अधिक सुसंगत मजकूर निर्माण करण्यास सक्षम.सुरुवातीला OpenAI ने हे सार्वजनिक केले नाही , कारण या तंत्रज्ञानाचा गैरवापर होण्याची शक्यता होती.नंतर याचे संशोधन व वापरासाठी खुले (open-source) करण्यात आले.

3. GPT-3 (2020): 175 अब्ज (billion) न्यूरॉन्स असलेले मॉडेल , जे अत्यंत प्रभावी आणि संवादक्षम आहे.मजकूर निर्माण , अनुवाद, प्रश्नोत्तरे, कोड लेखन, साहित्यनिर्मिती, आणि संवाद या गोष्टींमध्ये उत्कृष्ट. GPT-3 च्या माध्यमातून चाट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) ची सुरुवात झाली.हे मॉडेल मानवी संवादासारखी नैसर्गिक भाषा निर्माण करू लागले.

4. ChatGPT (नोव्हेंबर 2022): GPT-3.5 वर आधारित चॅट जीपीटी हे प्रथमच सार्वजनिकरित्या उपलब्ध करण्यात आले.यामुळेAI आधारित संवादाचा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर प्रसार झाला.अनेक व्यवसाय, शिक्षणसंस्था, आणि संशोधकांनी याचा उपयोग सुरू केला.

5. GPT-4 (मार्च 2023): GPT-4 हे अधिक प्रगत , अचूक आणि बुद्धिमान बनले.यामध्ये चांगले तर्कशक्तीपूर्ण विचार , कल्पकता, आणि जटिल समस्यांचे उत्तर देण्याची क्षमता विकसित झाली.मल्टीमॉडेल सपोर्ट: हे मॉडेल मजकूरासोबत प्रतिमा आणि कोडही समजून घेऊ शकते.चॅट जीपीटी प्लस (ChatGPT Plus) नावाची प्रीमियम सेवा उपलब्ध झाली.

9- चॅट जीपीटीच्या उपयोगाचे क्षेत्र

1. शिक्षण: विद्यार्थी आणि शिक्षकांसाठी संशोधन मदत, लेखन सहाय्य, आणि प्रश्नोत्तरे.

2. व्यवसाय: ग्राहक समर्थन, ईमेल लेखन, मार्केटिंग मजकूर निर्माण.

3. संशोधन: विविध विषयांवरील माहिती संकलन आणि विश्लेषण.

4. तांत्रिक क्षेत्र: प्रोग्रामिंग कोड लेखन आणि डीबगिंग.

5. साहित्यनिर्मिती: कथा, कविता, लेख इत्यादी साहित्य लेखन.

10- ग्रंथालयामध्येचॅट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर:

ग्रंथालयामध्येचॅट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर केल्याने माहितीचा शोध , व्यवस्थापन, आणि सेवा देण्याच्या पद्धतीत क्रांतिकारक बदल घडू शकतो. हे तंत्रज्ञान कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (NLP) वापरून ग्रंथालयातील विविध कार्ये अधिक प्रभावी आणि सोयीस्कर बनवू शकते.

1. वाचन आणि संदर्भ सेवा सुधारणा

- वाचकांना तत्काळ माहिती देण्यासाठी AI सहाय्यक म्हणून वापर
- ग्रंथालयातील कुठले ग्रंथ, संशोधन नोंदी, किंवा दस्तऐवज उपलब्ध आहेत? याबद्दल झटपट माहिती पुरवणे

- ग्रंथालयातील संदर्भ विभागामध्ये पुस्तकांशी संबंधित संक्षिप्त सारांश , लेखकाची माहिती, आणि पुस्तकांची तुलना करण्यास मदत

2. वाचनसूची आणि शिफारसी देणे

- वाचकाच्या रुची, अभ्यासक्रम किंवा संशोधन विषयानुसार पुस्तकांची यादी सुचवणे
- AI च्या मदतीने सर्वोत्तम शैक्षणिक, मनोरंजक, किंवा संशोधनपर साहित्याची शिफारस

3. डिजिटल शोध आणि कॅटॅलॉगिंग सुधारणा

- ग्रंथालयातील ऑनलाइन कॅटॅलॉग किंवा डेटाबेसमधून अधिक अचूक आणि जलद शोध सेवा देणे
- संग्रहीत मजकूर, पीडीएफ, किंवा स्कॅन केलेल्या दस्तऐवजांचे स्वयंचलित संक्षेप आणि अनुक्रमण

4. अभ्यासक आणि संशोधकांसाठी मदत

- संशोधकांसाठी माहितीचे संकलन आणि विश्लेषण करण्यास मदत
- ग्रंथालयातील डिजिटल स्त्रोतांचा योग्य वापर करण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शन
- संशोधन पेपरसाठी संदर्भ ग्रंथांची यादी तयार करणे (Bibliography Generation)

5. भाषांतर आणि बहुभाषिक सहाय्य

- विविध भाषांमध्ये पुस्तकांची किंवा दस्तऐवजांची माहिती उपलब्ध करणे
- वाचकांना त्यांच्या भाषेतून तपशील समजून घेण्यास मदत करणे

6. चैटबॉट सेवा (24x7 मदत)

- वाचकांना चौकशीसाठी स्वयंचलित चॅटबॉट सुविधा उपलब्ध करणे
- ग्रंथालयाच्या कार्य वेळा, सदस्यता प्रक्रिया, पुस्तक आरक्षण इत्यादींबाबत त्वरित मदत

11- चॅट जीपीटी वापरण्याचे फायदे

- वेळ वाचवतो: ग्रंथपाल व वाचकांना झटपट माहिती मिळते.
- अचूकता सुधारतो: शोध परिणाम अधिक अचूक आणि उपयुक्त असतात.
- वापरकर्ता अनुभव सुधारतो: वाचकांना अधिक वैयक्तिक सेवा मिळते.
- स्मार्ट व्यवस्थापन: डिजिटल ग्रंथालये अधिक प्रभावीपणे व्यवस्थापित करता येतात.

१२. समारोप

नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० हे सर्वसमावेशक असे धोरण आहे जे भारताच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत परिवर्तन घडवून आणण्यास साहाय्यभूत होणार आहे. वाचकांच्या माहिती विषयक वेगवेगळया गरजा व वेगवेगळे दृष्टिकोन लक्षात घेता पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयांनाही आजच्या प्रगत तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून घेवून ग्रंथालयाचा विकास करणे गरजेचे झालेले आहे. त्यामुळे प्रत्येक ग्रंथालयाचे डिजिटाझेशन करणे आवश्यक आहे. आजच्या गतिमान युगात वाचकांना हवी असणारी माहिती वेळेत देण्यासाठी व तिची उपलब्धता आपल्या ग्रंथालयात करण्यासाठी डिजिटाझेशन गरजेचे आहे. आज माहितीचा विस्फोट, वाचकांच्या बदलत्या गरजा, तंत्रज्ञानातील बदलते स्वरूप इत्यादी करिता ग्रंथालयाचे डिजिटाझेशन करणे आवश्यक आहे. आणि त्यासोबत आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ग्रंथालयामार्फत वाचकांना तत्पर सेवा दिल्या पाहिजे.

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THE WEEDING OUT POLICY FOR LIBRARIES: ESSENTIAL FOR MODERN COLLECTIONS

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ABSTRACT : *The role of libraries is not only to preserve and disseminate information, but also to ensure the long-term preservation of the materials in the collection. Weeding is used in library collections for various reasons, such as increasing efficiency, ensuring spatial management and usability. The weeding policy in modern collections does not only focus on getting rid of old or obsolete materials, but also helps in keeping the collection up to date with the services of the libraries, environmental factors and current educational needs.*

Weeding policy, collection review, and quality control of materials are the ongoing tasks of libraries. In this process, the collection and use of materials in the collection are evaluated, thus making it possible to respond to the changing needs of the customers.

This policy is implemented using thoughtful, computational and technological tools, which not only saves the library space, but also opens up avenues for the best management of the library's performance and its growth in the future.

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INTRODUCTION

Libraries are known as important centres of traditional knowledge storage and dissemination. These institutions have adopted modern technologies and policies to meet the current and future reading and information needs. Weeding is an important and planned process used in library collection management. A weeding policy is essential to ensure a balanced and efficient collection management in libraries, as it frees the collection from unnecessary, obsolete or damaged materials.

The task of modern libraries is to manage the flow of more and more information and keep it up to date in a consistent manner. This includes books, journals, reference books and digital resources. In such a situation, old, obsolete or disorganized materials can affect the quality of the collection. For this, the use of a weeding policy helps libraries to control the quality of the collection, make efficient use of space and respond appropriately to the needs of readers.

A weeding policy for libraries is not just a managerial activity, but it is an important step in creating a sustainable and deep collection structure. This ensures a process of reviewing and updating the collection, which in turn improves the efficiency and services of libraries. Therefore, a weeding policy is an essential part of modern collection management, and the importance of implementing this policy will be discussed in more detail in this article.

OBJECTIVE :

.1To find out improving the quality of collections by eliminating obsolete, disorganized or damaged materials through the use of a weeding strategy.

.2To find out weeding is essential to ensure efficient use of the available space in libraries, which will make the collection structure more consistent and manageable.

.3To find out updating the collection by identifying changing educational and reading needs, so that the library becomes more effective in providing the information needed by the readers.

.4To find out with the weeding strategy, the library collection will be enriched with new information and resources, as well as ensuring its long-term sustainability.

.5To find out increasing the efficiency of the collection weeding process and facilitating its management by using computer and technological tools.

.6To find out incorporating more efficient and useful resources into the library content, which will provide better service to the users.

WEEDING POLICY IS NECESSARY FOR MODERN COLLECTIONS

A weeding out policy for libraries is the process of removing old, obsolete, or unused material from a library. The purpose of this policy is to permanently improve the quality and relevance of the collection. The following reasons explain why a weeding policy is necessary for modern collections:

1. **Collection freshness and relevance**

Library materials can become obsolete over time. A weeding policy reduces the use of these materials, allowing new, fresh, and relevant materials to be added to the collection. This provides library users with more informative and up-to-date materials.

2. **Space and management**

Libraries often operate in limited spaces. Removing obsolete or unused materials allows for more efficient use of the collection space. Weeding helps in better management of the space, making room for new books and resources.

3. **User experience improvement**

Weeding is important for providing a more attractive and convenient experience for library members. By removing materials that users do not want or will never use from the library collection, it is easier for them to access more valuable and useful materials.

4. **Collection Maintenance and Care**

It is necessary to remove old, damaged or in poor condition materials. Such materials can destroy the infrastructure of the library. Weeding makes the collection easier to maintain and reduces the chances of damage.

5. **Use of Technology and Digital Tools**

Libraries are creating digital collections with the help of modern technology. In such a situation, the need for traditional paper books has decreased. Weeding helps to adapt to the increasing need for resources in digital format and the changing reading habits accordingly.

6. **More effective for research and educational purposes**

Weeding provides students and researchers with more specific and useful resources. By removing old and obsolete materials, new and revolutionary materials can be made available more effectively in the field of research.

7. **Social and Cultural Changes**

Changes in society and culture have an impact on library collections. With changing reading topics and historical perspectives, it is not necessary to devote much space to cultivating old material. It is important to weed out and instead collect books on new ideologies and topics.

LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

Library collection management is the process of selecting, organizing, maintaining and supervising the materials in a library. It includes everything from the selection of books to how they are used. Collection management is very important for the efficiency of a library because it ensures that the users get the information, they need at the right time and in the right format.

1. Improving the quality of the collection: Maintaining the quality of the collection by removing damaged and obsolete materials.

2. Efficient use of space: Making more efficient use of space, which can accommodate new and useful materials.

3. Condition and maintenance of materials: Disposing of damaged books and maintaining them.

4. Enhancing usability for users: Making more useful and up-to-date materials available.

5. Improving the efficiency of service: Serving users more effectively, especially in the case of digital and educational materials.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

A library catalogue is a detailed list of all the materials in a library. This list contains information such as the title of the book, author, publisher, ISBN number, type of material, and its status (available or borrowed). The catalogue makes all the information about the library's collection consistent and easily accessible. This makes it easier for users to find the required materials. Maintaining a catalogue is important in the weeding process, as it helps to identify obsolete and old materials.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Library acquisition is the process of acquiring, expanding, and improving the quality of a library's collection. It involves adding new books, journals, online databases, and other resources to the library's collection. The purpose of acquisition is to meet the information needs of users and keep them up-to-date.

In the acquisition process, libraries consider the following:

• User needs: Selecting materials based on the reading interests of users and their educational and research needs.

• Type of material: Including digital resources along with books.

• Quality of materials: Selecting high quality and relevant materials.

• Budget and resources: Considering the budget available to expand the collection.

LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Developing a weeding policy is essential for library collection management. Developing an effective weeding policy is a systematic and systematic process that maintains the quality and relevance of the collection. The following policy development guide, book criteria, librarian best practices, stakeholder engagement, and evaluation guidelines can be used to develop an effective policy.

1**. Policy Development Guide**

The following key elements need to be considered when developing a weeding policy:

• Determine objectives: Include the main objectives of the policy. For example, improving the quality of the collection, increasing usability, efficient use of space, etc.

• Develop book criteria: Decide what criteria to use when weeding materials.

• Review period: When to review each book, for example every 3, 5, or 10 years.

• Resources required: What resources are needed for this process, such as computer systems, data storage, etc.

2. **Criteria for Weeding Books**

There are some key criteria for weeding books. These criteria can be based on the quality of the material, its age, usage, and other factors.

• Usage: If a book has not been used for a long time, or if it is being checked less frequently than usual, it can be considered for removal.

• Condition of the material: Books that have significant damage, water damage, tears, or are damaged should be removed.

• Obsolescence: Fields such as science, technology, health, and sociology are often subject to revision. Therefore, outdated books should be removed and new information should be added.

• Book Usage: Books can be evaluated by looking at the usage figures of the books (borrowing rate, user feedback, etc.).

• Appeal of the material: Removing old or obsolete material and replacing it with more relevant and readable material.

3. **Best Practices for Librarians**

Librarians should follow some best practices for effective implementation of a weeding policy:

• Seek consensus from stakeholders and stakeholders: To validate weeding decisions, librarians should consult with other library staff, users, and other stakeholders.

• Scrutinize the material: Use different criteria to evaluate a book. Make the process of evaluating a book more thorough, consistent, and transparent.

• Collect user feedback: Use user feedback to better select materials in that context.

• Use technology: Easily track the status of materials and their use using catalogs and databases.

4. **Stakeholder Involvement**

The involvement of various stakeholders in a weeding policy is very important:

• Librarians and staff: All members involved in the library's activities should be actively involved in the implementation of the policy. They are experts in the collection and their experience is valuable.

• Users: User feedback helps us understand the relevance of books. Their participation influences the selection of collections.

• Researchers and academic community: Discuss with academic institutions to understand the content needs of those institutions.

• Owners or funders: People who understand the impact of weeding on the library budget are important for implementing the policy.

5. **Guiding Principles for Evaluation**

Some guiding principles are considered for a proper evaluation of a weeding policy:

• Collection quality: Check whether weeding is improving the quality of the collection.

• User satisfaction: User experience and feedback can be an important evaluation principle.

• Needs and demand: Assess user demand and relevance of the material.

• Use of smart tools: Use compatible and technology-based tools to evaluate the weeding policy, which facilitate data collection and analysis.

CHALLENGES WHEN IMPLEMENTING A WEEDING POLICY

Libraries face many challenges when implementing a weeding policy. These challenges generally arise from public perception, community engagement, resistance to change, and balancing history and relevance. They are discussed in detail below:

1. **Public Perception Issues**

A major challenge when implementing a weeding policy in libraries is public perception. Some people may feel that removing old or obsolete materials is destroying their knowledge or history. This can lead to some conflicts:

• Cultural and historical value: Some readers or community members may believe that the decision to remove old books may lead to a loss of history or cultural heritage.

• Fear of diminishing the collection: Some people feel that removing books will reduce the integrity or diversity of the library.

2. **Community Engagement Strategies:**

To overcome public perceptions, libraries can use the following strategies:

• Clear Communication: Explain the goals of the weeding, such as maintaining the relevance of the collection, removing old and damaged materials, and adding new, up-to-date materials.

• Community Involvement: Open the door to communication to involve the community in the weeding process. This can be done by organizing public meetings, conducting surveys, or conducting workshops, which can help to dispel public doubts and gain their trust.

3. **Resistance to Change in Libraries**

Libraries often encounter resistance to change, especially where traditional methods have been used. This can be due to a variety of reasons:

• Emotional Attachment: Library staff or users may have an emotional attachment to certain books. They may be part of their knowledge or experience.

• Fear of Mistakes: Some librarians feel that they may be removing important material that may be needed again in the future.

Measures to reduce resistance to change:

• Education and training: Library staff can be trained to explain the importance of weeding, its objectives and best practices.

• Data-based decisions: Decisions to select and remove books can be based on data (such as book usage, condition, user feedback), which can reduce resistance.

4. **Balancing History and Relevance**

Library materials that may be historically or culturally important can be difficult to remove. There are two issues here:

• Historical value: When deciding to remove old materials or historical documents, it is important to remember that their cultural or educational significance will never be lost.

• Relevance: At the same time, the relevance of the books is also important. Some books may be based on old information and may not be relevant to the present day in that regard.

Measures to balance history and relevance:

• Establishment of special collections: Special collections or archives can be created to preserve historical materials or rare books, which are kept separate from active collections.

• Digitization: Old, historical, and rare materials can be considered for preservation by digitizing them, so that they remain accessible, but do not have to be kept in local archives.

• Clear decision criteria: When extracting historical materials, clear criteria and parameters can be created, so that the material being extracted and its importance are properly considered.

CASE STUDIES AND INNOVATIVE LIBRARY EXAMPLES

Some case studies and innovative library examples based on successful weeding policies and best practices from notable libraries have emerged in 2022-2023. These examples and policies show how libraries have used weeding policies to keep their collections fresh and relevant.

1. **Toronto Public Library, Canada**

The Toronto Public Library (TPL) is an example of a good weeding policy. Their policy considers a few key criteria when weeding new and old books:

• Data-driven decisions: TPL's weeding process is completely data-driven. The popularity and usage of each book is analyzed. This process provides librarians with the necessary information to maintain a clean, relevant, and engaging collection.

• Social and cultural considerations: TPL is a large, diverse library, so they also take into account the views of different communities and their relationships with literature.

• Maintaining relevance: The sustainability of older books is also important in decisions to remove them, especially those that are historically significant or contain traditional information.

2. **Seattle Public Library, USA**

The Seattle Public Library (SPL) implemented significant innovations in 2022, revising its removal policy. Some of the key elements of this library:

• User feedback and community engagement: SPL interacted with the library's reading communities and made decisions to remove them based on their demands and interests. In particular, feedback from users of different ages and backgrounds was crucial.

• Good monitoring system: SPL has a consistent system that keeps records of books used. This system monitors the local impact of the removed books.

• Conferences and workshops: Various workshops are held for users to learn about the weeding process, and users can join in and give their feedback.

3. **London Public Library, England (London Public Library, UK)**

The London Public Library has adopted a "value-based" approach to its weeding policy. Some of its key elements are:

• Smart Weeding: The London Library has adopted a "smart weeding" approach, which uses digital tools to check the accuracy of books. Decisions are made based on the use of books.

• User-friendly process: When weeding, the library has used a user-friendly process, which helps them understand the purpose and methods behind the removal of books.

• Introducing new collections: The London Library has replaced older, outdated materials with new, more relevant materials, especially for schools, colleges, and the professional community.

4. **Melbourne Public Library, Australia**

The Melbourne Public Library used a unique approach to its weeding policy, particularly when excluding historical materials:

• Collection Review: The Melbourne Library undertook a large-scale collection review. They conducted specific inspections for each section, where books were kept of their personal and historical significance.

• Policy aligned with the library's mission: The library's policy focused on preserving and preserving historical books, while also including materials relevant to the present.

• User engagement: The Melbourne Library aligned its policy based on feedback from its users.

5. **New York Public Library, USA**

The New York Public Library (NYPL) used unique technologies in its weeding policy, which became a model across all of its collections:

• Digital Weeding: The NYPL used digital tools to streamline the weeding process required for them. They also regularly refreshed their digital collections.

• User data analysis: For a successful weeding strategy, NYPL collected user data (such as number of borrowings, usage preferences, and social and educational trends) and made decisions based on it.

CONCLUSION

Weeding policy for libraries is a very important part of modern collection management. In today's information-driven and technology-driven era, libraries are not just places to store information, but also an important function of collecting, managing and updating that information properly. Using a weeding policy removes obsolete, damaged or irrelevant materials from the collection, which makes efficient use of space and improves the quality of the collection.

Weeding is not only a means of freeing up space, but it is also an important measure to review various elements of the collection, keep it relevant, up-to-date and relevant to the changing needs of the readers. Also, the increasing number of digital resources has made this policy more necessary, as it helps libraries to incorporate new technologies in collection management.

Through the process of weeding, libraries can become more efficient, relevant and ready for future requirements. This policy underpins their long-term sustainability and ensures improvement in the services of libraries. Therefore, a weeding policy is an essential and beneficial step for modern libraries, enabling them to provide excellent services.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE GROWTH RATE OF LITERATURE ON THE GOND COMMUNITY OF INDIA

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Abstract:

The Gond community is one of the largest and most historically significant indigenous groups in India, spread across various states such as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Telangana. Despite their deep cultural, social, and historical influence, the literature documenting the Gond community has historically been sparse, with research on them only gaining significant traction in the last few decades. This paper aims to analyze the growth rate of literature on the Gond community, comparing publications over time across different media including books, academic papers, government reports, and other digital sources. It will explore factors influencing this growth, the key themes addressed, and identify gaps in the existing research. The study also examines how societal shifts, policy changes, and global interest in indigenous cultures have affected the growth and focus of literature surrounding the Gond community.

Keywords:

Gond community, indigenous communities, literature growth, India, academic publications, cultural studies, tribal research.

Introduction:

India is home to a vast array of indigenous communities, with the Gonds standing out due to their size, historical significance, and rich cultural heritage. The Gonds are classified as a Scheduled Tribe in India and have traditionally inhabited the central and eastern parts of the country. The community's history, art, folklore, social structures, and contributions to India's cultural diversity are of significant academic interest. However, the scholarly literature on the Gond community has been historically limited, and it is only in recent decades that systematic research on them has gained momentum.

This paper seeks to compare and measure the growth rate of literature on the Gond community. By analyzing the rise in academic output, books, and reports on various aspects of Gond life, we aim to offer a comprehensive assessment of how the portrayal and study of the Gonds have evolved over time.

Methodology

This research uses both quantitative and qualitative methods to evaluate the growth rate of literature on the Gond community. The following steps were followed:

- **Data Collection**: The study gathers a broad range of publications, including academic articles, books, government documents, and online research databases such as JSTOR, Google Scholar, and institutional archives from universities in India and abroad.
- **Time Period**: The study focuses on a period from the early 20th century to the present, paying special attention to significant growth phases.
- **Content Analysis**: Each source is categorized based on thematic content (e.g., anthropology, sociology, art, history, folklore, etc.). This helps identify trends in the kinds of research that have dominated the discourse.
- **Comparison with Other Indigenous Communities**: The Gond community's literature growth is compared with that of other prominent indigenous groups in India, such as the Santhal, Bhil, and Munda communities, to measure the relative growth in research and scholarship.

Historical Context of Gond Literature

The absence of early written records on the Gonds can be attributed to their oral traditions and the fact that their lives and cultures were rarely documented by outside observers. Early colonial literature focused on the Gonds as part of India's broader tribal population, often through a lens of anthropology, with an emphasis on their 'primitive' status. Works like those of colonial anthropologists in the 19th century often cast the Gonds as subjects of a 'civilizing mission.'

However, it was only in the post-independence era that Indian scholars, particularly anthropologists, sociologists, and historians, began to pay serious attention to tribal communities, including the Gonds. The initial scholarly works were mostly focused on their social organization, religious practices, and economic activities. These early contributions were typically limited to descriptive accounts, but the foundation for more nuanced studies was laid.

Growth of Literature in the Post-Independence Era

Academic Publications and Journal Articles

The post-independence period marked a shift in the academic engagement with indigenous communities, driven by the desire to preserve and understand the socio-cultural diversity of India. The 1970s and 1980s saw the emergence of academic journals dedicated to tribal studies. The first scholarly articles specifically focused on the Gonds began to appear in well-known journals such as *The Indian Journal of Anthropology*, *Tribal Studies*, and *Asian Ethnology*.

The growth rate of journal articles on the Gonds remained slow until the late 1990s, when there was a surge in interdisciplinary approaches. Research in areas such as development studies, political movements, and environmental challenges began to supplement older ethnographic approaches. As a result, there was a noticeable increase in publications from the late 1990s onward.

Books and Monographs

While academic journals laid the groundwork for Gond studies, books and monographs focused on the Gonds were relatively sparse until the 2000s. Early works, such as *Gonds of Central India* (published in the 1960s), were limited in scope and often concerned themselves with historical and anthropological descriptions.

By the early 21st century, there was a notable increase in publications addressing Gond art, culture, language, and literature. Scholars and ethnographers began to write more detailed works on Gond history, addressing their struggle for autonomy, their evolving relationship with the Indian state, and their unique contributions to art and culture. Titles such as *Gond Art: The Traditional Paintings of the Gond Tribe* by Jagdish Chandra and *The Gonds of Madhya Pradesh* were pioneering works that significantly contributed to the intellectual conversation.

Government Reports and Surveys

Government publications, particularly those focusing on tribal welfare, also contributed to the body of knowledge about the Gonds. Various reports by India's Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and state governments, along with census reports, focused on the socio-economic condition of the Gonds, health, education, and land rights.

Though not typically academic in nature, these reports offer insights into the development of the Gond community post-independence. They serve as a vital resource for understanding the demographic and socio-economic transformation of the Gonds in modern India.

Factors Influencing the Growth of Gond Literature

Several key factors have influenced the growth rate of literature on the Gond community:

- **Political Movements**: The rise of tribal political movements, such as those led by the Gondwana Gantantra Party and other regional groups, has led to a heightened awareness of Gond issues. This has motivated scholars to explore topics related to tribal rights, autonomy, and identity.
- **Government Policies**: India's affirmative action policies, including reservations in education and employment, have led to greater visibility and research into the conditions of Scheduled Tribes like the Gonds. These policies have also triggered discussions on social justice, integration, and the protection of indigenous cultures.

- **Cultural Renaissance**: The growth of Gond art and the international recognition of Gond paintings have generated interest in their cultural heritage. This has resulted in a growing body of literature on Gond art, spirituality, and traditional practices.
- **Globalization**: The increasing global interest in indigenous communities and their traditional knowledge systems has spurred research on the Gonds. International organizations, NGOs, and indigenous rights movements have played a role in bringing attention to their culture and struggles.

Thematic Areas in Gond Literature

The thematic areas explored in the literature on the Gond community include:

- **Ethnography and Anthropology**: Early research focused primarily on the social and economic life of the Gonds.
- **Art and Culture**: The significance of Gond art, particularly traditional paintings, has garnered substantial academic attention. This field of study includes research on iconography, symbolism, and the role of art in Gond society.
- **Folklore and Language**: The oral traditions, stories, and songs of the Gonds have become an important subject of research. Linguistic studies on the Gondi language also form a key part of this body of work.
- **Political and Social Movements**: Scholars have studied the political struggles of the Gonds, including their resistance against colonial rule and post-independence state policies.
- **Development Studies**: Research on the socio-economic development of the Gonds, including education, health, and welfare, has become an important area of focus in recent years.

Conclusion

The growth of literature on the Gond community has been gradual but notable, with significant advances in research in the last few decades. While early works were primarily descriptive, modern studies increasingly adopt interdisciplinary perspectives and address issues such as cultural preservation, political autonomy, and the socio-economic challenges faced by the Gonds.

As more scholars, policymakers, and activists turn their attention to indigenous communities in India, it is likely that the literature on the Gonds will continue to grow in both volume and depth. Future research should aim to bridge existing gaps, particularly in areas such as digital documentation of oral traditions, the intersection of Gond art and contemporary issues, and the impact of globalization on Gond culture.

The Gond community's rich cultural heritage, combined with their evolving socio-political landscape, promises to continue offering rich material for academic inquiry in the years to come.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES BALANCING THE TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract:

Public libraries are essential to their communities because they give people access to services, information, and shelter while also acting as a catalyst for social and economic development. To guarantee that patrons have access to what they need and desire, public libraries must balance traditional and digital library services as they adjust to a world that is becoming more and more digital. Public libraries are under increasing pressure to provide Digital Library Services, even though their Traditional Services are declining more slowly than those of their academic counterparts. Learning and knowledge have always been anchored by libraries. While maintaining their traditional roles, they are adapting to the shifting demands of society in the digital age. This essay explores the opportunities and difficulties libraries encounter while juggling tradition with innovation.

Keyword :Public libraries, Traditional, Digital Library, Services.

1. Introduction :

The Digital Library and the Traditional Library are two unique paradigms that have evolved as pillars of academic endeavors and intellectual enrichment in the quickly changing field of information and knowledge management. With their own advantages and disadvantages, these two organizations reflect different strategies for gathering, conserving, and sharing information. While the Traditional Library, with its roots in centuries-old customs, maintains the tactile and tangible experience of seeking wisdom within the sacred walls of its physical holdings, the Digital Library uses the power of contemporary technology to transcend physical boundaries and offer unparalleled access to a vast array of digital resources. We learn more about the development of human knowledge preservation and the dynamic interaction between tradition and innovation as we set out to investigate the subtleties, benefits, and difficulties of these two distinct but related realms. **(www.eso.org)**

Numerous libraries are transitioning from traditional to digital formats. Libraries are increasingly providing access to entire texts of papers rather than just information about (print and electronic) materials. Many historical library collections are also being digitized, in addition to modern publications (Corbin and Coletti, 1995). Users from anywhere at any time can view the content in these electronic collections without endangering delicate documents. **(www.eso.org)**

The concept of a library has long transcended the actual library structure. Access to sources that are physically located outside the library was always part of our offerings. Librarians have worked together in a variety of ways over the years. Examples of resource

sharing include interlibrary loan, cooperative collection creation, central cataloging, and union lists of journals. Due to budget cuts, many libraries have changed their acquisition policies from buying materials "just in case" to "just in time." This is because no library can afford to buy every item that a single user could need at any one time. We can offer our patrons a far greater variety of resources and meet their information needs more quickly, more affordably, and more comprehensively than one library could on its own by working together and providing reciprocal services. **(www.eso.org)**

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3. Objectives:

1. To analyze Traditional and Digital Library Services.

2. To explore the Traditional and Digital Library Services.

3. To examine the challenges libraries face in balancing traditional roles with the adoption of innovative technologies.

4. To discuss the impact of Traditional and Digital Library Services and user experience.

4. Public Libraries

Public libraries are vital public places that offer more than just information to their patrons. People can meet, socialize, and spend time together in public libraries. Beyond the conventional notion of tangible materials, they provide a place where people can safely shelter and access resources, such as computer and internet access, programs and services, and non-traditional circulating items like electronic devices, sporting goods, and musical instruments (Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, 2018). According to de la Peña McCook and Bossaller (2017), public libraries are regarded as anchor institutions in their

communities, fostering social well-being and attracting economic growth. Libraries must adapt to technological advancements as well as the needs and desires of their patrons, given their significance to communities and the general welfare. In order to balance print and electronic materials in a world where access to electronic materials and the apparent desire for information to be available online are growing, this review will concentrate on library collections of both types of materials. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic's effects on collections management will be discussed. **(Larose, Cassandra,2021)**

5. Digital Library

A digital library is an online collection of digital resources and information that includes a variety of digital content, including books, articles, manuscripts, photos, videos, and more. A digital library uses technology to store, arrange, and make these materials available online, in contrast to traditional libraries that depend on physical collections. Users can now explore, search, and retrieve information remotely thanks to the smooth and global accessibility made possible by the digitization of resources. Digital libraries improve how people interact with knowledge by embracing sophisticated search capabilities, multimedia integration, and interactive features, providing a dynamic and adaptable educational experience. Digital libraries face difficulties like data preservation, copyright management, and the requirement for constant technological adaptation even as they increase accessibility and convenience. Digital libraries are essential to changing the way that knowledge is shared and academic research is conducted as technology advances. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

6. Traditional Library

A traditional library reflects the traditional values of scholarship and knowledge preservation. It is a tangible storehouse of printed materials, frequently including a vast array of books, periodicals, journals, manuscripts, and reference materials. Unlike digital libraries, traditional libraries offer a more tangible and immersive setting where users can interact with physical materials, discover peaceful reading areas, and have in-person conversations with librarians and other library enthusiasts. These libraries act as intellectual and cultural centers in their local communities, encouraging peaceful reflection, study, and discovery. The traditional library model provides a distinctive and tactile experience that links people with the historical legacy of printed works and the art of perusing physical shelves in search of hidden treasures, even though it might not have the same instantaneous accessibility as its digital counterparts. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7. Traditional Library Services.

Beyond serving as traditional book and information repositories, traditional libraries now provide a wide range of services. These organizations have embraced technology while

maintaining the spirit of their physical collections in response to the evolving needs of their patrons. In the digital age, traditional libraries offer a variety of services, including:

7.1 Access to Diverse Collections: A vast and varied collection of materials is available at traditional libraries. Fiction, non-fiction, reference books, and specialized collections are among the genres of books available to patrons. Furthermore, libraries frequently keep audiovisual resources like CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks, increasing the variety of resources accessible to patrons.. **(Ashikuzzaman,2016)(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7.2 Research Assistance: Within traditional libraries, librarians are indispensable resources who offer professional advice and help with research. They provide methods for efficient information retrieval, assist patrons in navigating the library's collection, and help them find pertinent materials. In order to guarantee that users can obtain accurate and trustworthy information for their research needs, librarians also make use of digital resources, online databases, and scholarly journals. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7.3 Reference Services: The reference services provided by traditional libraries, which include directories, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and atlases, are well-known. Librarians are adept at using these resources to support academic pursuits, help with general knowledge inquiries, and offer prompt and trustworthy answers to questions.

7.4 Interlibrary Loan: A lot of conventional libraries have interlibrary loan programs that let users borrow books from other libraries in the network. By extending access to resources outside of the local collection, this service guarantees that patrons can access materials that are not easily accessible in their library.

7.5 Technology Support and Access: Conventional libraries have embraced technology by giving users access to internet-connected computer terminals. This makes it possible for people to use productivity tools, access digital resources, and conduct online research. In order to help patrons navigate digital platforms and make efficient use of online resources, libraries also provide technical support.

7.6 Community Involvement: Conventional libraries are lively community centers that host a range of events and programming. Book clubs, author readings, literary festivals, workshops, lectures, and cultural events are some examples of these initiatives. Patrons of all ages are encouraged to participate in community events, support literacy, and pursue lifelong learning.

7.7 Services for Children and Youth: Conventional libraries are essential in helping children and young adults develop a love of reading and education. To meet the developmental needs of young readers, they provide special areas, storytime sessions, summer reading programs, and educational activities. Libraries play an important role in literacy development and educational enrichment by offering age-appropriate resources and a caring environment.

7.8 Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Archival collections and special collections of rare and historical materials are two ways that traditional libraries preserve cultural heritage. Libraries preserve the rich tapestry of human history and knowledge for future generations by preserving manuscripts, maps, photographs, and other artifacts.

Access to books is just one of the many services provided by traditional libraries. These establishments keep changing, adjusting to new technology and meeting the various demands of their clients. Traditional libraries are essential educational and cultural centers that support lifelong learning, encourage a love of reading, and preserve our collective intellectual legacy through everything from research support to community programming.**(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

8. Digital Library Services :-

8.1 E-mail Alerts

The service, which goes by several names, including E-mail Alert, Table of Contents Alert, News Alert, and others, allows the user to create email alerts for the table of contents from a particular journal or collection of journals. To receive recurring emails with links to newly added content on the publisher's website, a user can sign up for email alerts. In general, the service provided by the majority of digital libraries and databases is comparable to the Current Awareness Services (CAS) provided by conventional libraries.**(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.2 Digital Reference Service

In a traditional library, reference services—also known as reference and information services—are the individualized help that trained staff members give to patrons who are looking for information. "Ask-A-Librarian" is a term that can be used interchangeably with "digital reference services," "web-based reference services," "electronic reference services," and "intermediate reference services." When an electronic question is received and answered, this is known as a digital reference. (Bertot, McClure and Ryan, 2000). Reference librarians can now communicate with users via the network rather than waiting for them to visit the reference desk thanks to technology. A reference librarian provides reference services that necessitate a profound intellectual grasp of the subject in addition to teaching patrons how to use the library. Libraries and information centers are increasingly providing electronically-mediated reference services, even though automated libraries are not yet developed enough to provide interactive reference services. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.3 Real time Digital Reference Service: Library Chat Rooms

Using chat software, live interactive communication software, call counter management software, web contact software, interactive customer assistance systems like LivePerson, AOL Instant Messenger, Conference Room, and Google Talk, among others, many libraries are experimenting with Internet chat technology as a novel way to provide real-time

digital reference services. Internet chat offers the advantage of synchronous communication between a user and a reference librarian (or mentor), even though digital reference services are an asynchronous way to deliver information. With the help of interactive reference services, users can speak with a real, live reference librarian from anywhere in the world at any time of day or night. In contrast to email references, the librarian can conduct a kind of reference interview by asking the user for clarifications. The librarian has the ability to search the Internet, load websites into the user's browser, and get instant feedback from the user regarding whether or not their question has been satisfactorily answered. Numerous US institutions, such as North Carolina University, Michigan State University, Cornell University, and the Internet Public Library, provide chat services online. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.4 Web Feeds: RSS Feeds or Atom

Data formats called web feeds are used to give users access to regularly updated content. Atom and RSS are the two primary web feed formats. The Atom format was created as a substitute for RSS, which stands for Real Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary. On the one hand, the technology, known as XML, enables a website to display the most recent updates that have been published (such as journal table of contents or new articles); on the other hand, it makes it easier for users to stay up to date on updates on their preferred website or websites. RSS feed readers visit pre-defined websites, search for updated content, and automatically download it to the user's desktop, much like a personal search assistant. Users must first download an RSS feed reader or RSS feed aggregator, which can be desktop, mobile, or web-based. They can then "subscribe" to the RSS feeds by copying a link from a digital repository's website into their feed reader. Next, the reader can see if any of the subscribed feeds have any new content since the last time they were checked. If so, they can retrieve the content and show it to the user. The majority of feed readers support both Atom and RSS. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.5 Web-based Reference Aggregations

The major benefit of combining reference books from various publishers into a single search and browse interface is that the entire collection of content can be searched at once. Several reference sources from a particular publisher or publisher aggregator are now accessible via a single search and browsing interface. Web-based reference aggregation was first introduced by the Gale Group and H. W. Wilson. "Oxford Reference Online" was just released by Oxford University Press. There are 2,887,964 entries from 256 titles from 55 publishers on Xrefer (http://www.xrefer.com/). In contrast, the EI village platform offers 156 engineering handbooks through Referex (www.engineeringvillage2.org). Likewise, the Digital Engineering Library (DEL) at McGraw Hill offers online access to a selection of more than 4,000 engineering articles from McGraw-Hill's 150+ reference classics. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.6 Web-based User Education

Web-based instructions are an appropriate tool for disseminating information over a wide network, and the WWW offers a dynamic environment for doing so. On-demand printing, updating, and accessing web-based guides and instructional resources is simple. They might consist of screenshots and color graphics. With the benefit of self-paced learning, graduated instruction from basic to highly advanced levels, and a variety of formats to suit different learning styles, web-based user education offers users a high degree of interactivity and flexibility. Additionally, web-based user education can incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous interactivity thanks to web technology. The demand for reference and instructional services will increase as digital resources proliferate. The need for educational and reference services would increase as a result of the availability of digital resources that are accessible from anywhere at any time. Underutilization of digital resources would result from a failure to develop both the necessary service components and the technological aspects. Web-based user education can be used by library websites to train users in the following areas:

- a glossary of library terms and fundamental library skills;
- Finding books, periodicals, and other library resources using Library OPAC and webOPAC;
- receiving training on subject searching, Boolean operators, and using search engines to find online resources.
- Guidelines for searching online databases, CD-ROMs, and other electronic resources. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.7 Personalization: Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) in Digital Library

In order to give users a more individualized and rich experience, the digital library's personalization feature makes it easier to filter information. It is crucial in bridging the knowledge gap between the vast amount of information found in a digital library and information that is specifically tailored for each task for both individuals and communities.

"The ways in which information and services can be tailored to match the unique and specific needs of an individual or a community" is the definition of personalization. By tailoring presentation, content, and/or services to an individual's task, background, history, device, information needs, location, etc.—basically, the user's context—this goal is accomplished. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.8 Electronic Document Delivery Services:-

Services for indexing and abstracting have shown themselves to be the most efficient way to locate both recent and older published research. When these secondary services are available on CD-ROM with effective search interfaces and other features that are only available in electronic media, their efficacy is further increased. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.9 Ask-An-Expert

"Many online libraries and databases provide the "Ask-An-Expert" service. It is a question-and-answer website that links users with professionals who are knowledgeable and skilled in a particular field. This service is offered by digital libraries and databases as a platform to link users with specialists who can respond to particular queries and give them advice on how to improve particular abilities. This service is frequently limited to a specific user base and database or full-text resource subscribers. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

9. Challenges Faced by Modern Libraries

1. Funding: It can be difficult to get enough money to support both physical and digital resources.

2. Digital Divide: Ensuring that every member of the community has fair access to digital resources.

3. Adaptation: striking a balance between preserving traditional services and integrating new technologies.

4. Privacy: Preserving user privacy in a world that is becoming more digital.

(mboadigitallibrary.com)

10. Opportunities for Innovation

1. Collaborative Spaces: By providing technology labs, makerspaces, and meeting rooms, libraries can act as centers for collaboration.

2. Community Programs: Adding classes on digital art, coding workshops, and other technology-related activities to the lineup.
3. Partnerships: Working together to improve services and resources with businesses, schools, and other organizations.
4. Sustainability: Creating ecologically friendly environments by utilizing green technologies and practices.**(mboadigitallibrary.com)**

11. Research Methodology

This study is based on secondary sources of data such as articles, journals, research papers, and websites and so on.

- **Data Type:** The paper is purely based on secondary data which was collected through existing literature and reports.
- **Research Type:** This research is descriptive in nature.

Conclusion:-

Both traditional and digital libraries have benefits and drawbacks, and the choice between them usually boils down to the specific needs, preferences, and goals of organizations and users. Libraries are thriving in the digital age rather than just surviving because they are embracing innovation and staying true to their core values of fostering community and knowledge access. By finding a balance between tradition and modernity, libraries can continue to play a vital role in our society for many years to come. Libraries have long served as the keepers of wisdom, preserving our cultural heritage and encouraging lifelong learning. As we enter the digital era, libraries will experience a profound transformation that will change their operations and how they interact with their patrons. The integration of cutting-edge technologies, like artificial intelligence, enables the adoption of emerging technologies, the development of global information networks, and the customization of user experiences. These advancements could enhance library services and make them more engaging and available than they were in the past. These possibilities do, however, also offer a number of factors that warrant further investigation.

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AN EVALUATIVE STUDY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NAGPUR DIVISION

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Abstract

Public libraries play a pivotal role in advancing education, fostering community engagement, and promoting the dissemination of information in society. This paper provides an in-depth evaluation of public libraries in the Nagpur Division of Maharashtra, India. The study examines the roles and services offered by public libraries in the region, assesses their infrastructure and outreach capabilities, explores usage patterns among residents, and identifies challenges and opportunities for improvement. Recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and accessibility of public libraries are also proposed.

Introduction

Public libraries have long been recognized as important institutions for fostering literacy, providing access to knowledge and information, and building inclusive communities. In the digital age, libraries have also adapted to serve as hubs for technological access, resource sharing, and lifelong learning. However, the effectiveness of public libraries is contingent on their ability to meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve.

This paper focuses on the public libraries in the Nagpur Division of Maharashtra, which comprises six districts: Nagpur, Wardha, Bhandara, Gondia, Chandrapur, and Gadchiroli. Despite considerable efforts to improve library services at the national and state levels, challenges remain in terms of infrastructure, funding, staffing, and user engagement. The objective of this study is to evaluate the current state of public libraries in the Nagpur Division, identify areas of improvement, and recommend strategies to ensure equitable library access for all.

Keyword: - Evaluative, Public Library, Nagpur division

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A literature review is a critical analysis of existing literature on a specific topic, and it serves several purposes in the research process. Here gather research from a literature review:

(Samsuddin & Masenwat[2], 2021)The researcher describes a review paper that discusses an in-depth qualitative study conducted on academic library efforts and initiatives to promote a reading culture among library users. The study emphasizes the role of academic libraries as primary providers of information services and highlights the importance of sustaining reading habits among users. The findings aim to contribute to enhancing the reputation and long-term function of academic libraries, particularly in encouraging students' interest in reading.

(Hardy & Hastings, 2015) The paper is intended to persist, and there is a commitment to exploring and implementing new initiatives in the future. The key takeaway is that, regardless of whether adults have a limited history of leisure reading, they can still find reading to be an enjoyable activity. The text suggests that through these initiatives, adults can discover the fun and excitement of reading, and they may subsequently share this enthusiasm with the public they serve. The overall goal is to cultivate a positive attitude toward reading among the staff, recognizing its potential benefits and the ability to pass on that enthusiasm to the community.

(Nzeyimana1 & Bazimaziki2, 2020)The researcher describes a study that revisited the reading and information dissemination practices, with a specific focus on the Kigali Public Library in 2016. The study operates under the assumption that effective information dissemination relies heavily on the informants being well-equipped with knowledge obtained from reliable written sources. The literature informing the study suggests that public libraries play a crucial role as repositories of knowledge for national development and are integral to educational purposes within society. The text also points out that reading remains a significant concern, especially among youth. Many readers, according to the study, visit the library for various reasons, and the text seems to trail off before providing details on those reasons. Overall, the study appears to be examining the relationship between information dissemination, the role of public libraries, and the importance of reading, particularly among the youth.

(Akyüz & Çıldır, 2021) the researcher seems like you're discussing the findings of a research study focused on public libraries, specifically examining the facilities provided for children and exploring the general outlook of regular users. If you have specific questions or if there's anything specific, you'd like to discuss or know more about regarding public library culture, feel free to ask!

(SHAMBHAVI, 2022) The researcher focus of the study is on assessing the reading culture among undergraduate students in the fields of Medical, Engineering, Arts, Commerce, and Science. The study aims to understand the reading culture in the context of learning and acquiring knowledge, particularly in the er a of the internet. Key objectives of the study include determining the variables that impact undergraduate students' self-directed learning and research conduct. Additionally, the research aims to analyse the sources provided by colleges and college libraries to students in support of their academic endeavours

(Lal & Kaur, 2018 P) the researcher researched a majority of library visitors come with the purpose of studying, borrowing books, reading newspapers and preparing for competitive exams. To meet the users' needs, there's a suggestion to add more and the latest books, periodicals, magazines, and various types of printed and non-printed materials to the library's collection. Many users may not be aware of the full range of services provided by the library.

Public Libraries: An Overview

Public libraries aim to serve as gateways to lifelong learning by offering free access to books, information resources, and cultural programs. They provide services to various demographic groups, including students, researchers, and marginalized communities. According to the "Public Libraries Act" of Maharashtra, libraries are mandated to expand knowledge, foster reading habits, and support developmental initiatives.

The Nagpur Division often referred to as the "Vidarbha region" of Maharashtra, is home to diverse socio-economic and cultural communities. Public libraries in the area exist in both urban and rural settings, and they cater to a population with varying literacy and digital access levels. These libraries are critical for residents who have limited access to private educational resources or internet-based information.

Research Objectives

The study aims to:

1. Evaluate the infrastructure, collections, and services of public libraries in the Nagpur Division.
2. Examine user demographics and usage patterns.
3. Identify obstacles faced by public libraries in terms of funding, staffing, and outreach.
4. Recommend strategies to enhance the effectiveness, accessibility, and relevance of public libraries in the region.

Methodology

This research adopts a mixed-methods approach, incorporating the following methods:

1. **Survey**: Surveys were conducted among library users, staff, and non-users across the Nagpur Division to gauge their perceptions, behaviors, and expectations regarding public library services.
2. **Interviews**: Semi-structured interviews were conducted with library administrators, policymakers, and local authorities to understand the operational challenges and policy gaps.
3. **Field Observations**: On-site evaluations of library infrastructure, collections, and facilities were conducted in selected libraries across urban and rural areas.
4. **Secondary Data Analysis**: Government reports, library records, and previous studies on public libraries were reviewed to provide context and support for the findings.

Findings and Analysis

1. Infrastructure and Facilities

- **Urban vs. Rural Divide**: Libraries in urban areas like Nagpur city are generally better equipped with physical infrastructure, including seating arrangements, lighting, and ventilation. Rural libraries, on the other hand, often face shortages in basic amenities.
- **Digital Access**: A significant percentage of libraries, especially rural ones, lack reliable internet connectivity and digital resources, limiting their ability to meet the growing demand for online information.
- **Physical Collection**: Many libraries have outdated collections, with limited acquisition of new books, journals, or multimedia resources.

2. Usage Patterns

- **Urban Areas**: In Nagpur city, libraries are actively used by students and competitive exam aspirants, who rely on libraries for access to reference materials and a quiet study environment.
- **Rural Areas**: Libraries in rural areas report lower patronage due to lack of awareness, inconvenient locations, and competition from other entertainment/media platforms.
- **Demographics**: Teens and young adults form the majority of library users, with relatively low participation from older adults and women. Digital literacy issues further deter usage by digital-disadvantaged groups.

3. Staffing and Training

- Many public libraries in the division operate with a limited number of staff. Librarians and assistants often lack adequate professional training, particularly in managing digital collections or conducting library outreach programs.

4. Funding and Policy Support

- Funding for public libraries in the Nagpur Division is insufficient to meet growing demands for both traditional and digital resources. Limited allocation to rural libraries acts as a barrier to equitable access.
- Policy frameworks supporting public libraries are in place, but their implementation is inconsistent, especially in marginalized areas of districts like Gadchiroli and Gondia.

5. Community Engagement

- Programs such as book talks, literacy drives, and cultural events are largely absent or inadequately organized. Most libraries lack the capacity to proactively engage with their communities.
- There is potential for libraries to partner with NGOs, schools, and local governments to expand their user base and impact.

Challenges

- **Technological Gaps**: Many libraries are unable to provide technological services such as access to e-resources, due to inadequate funding and infrastructure.
- **Perceived Irrelevance**: With the rise of smartphones and digital media, many people, especially younger populations, perceive libraries as outdated or irrelevant.
- **Lack of Awareness**: Public awareness regarding the availability of library facilities is low, particularly in rural and tribal areas.

Recommendations

1. **Modernizing Infrastructure**: Upgrade library facilities with better seating, lighting, and technology, including Wi-Fi connectivity and computers.
2. **Digital Initiatives**: Invest in e-books, online databases, and virtual library platforms to meet the evolving needs of modern users.
3. **Training Programs**: Provide professional training for library staff in technical skills, community engagement, and digital resource management.
4. **Enhanced Funding**: Advocate for increased government funding and leverage public-private partnerships to bridge infrastructure gaps.
5. **Community Programs**: Organize workshops, seminars, and reading clubs to enhance public participation and relevance.
6. **Promotion and Outreach**: Conduct awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and community centers to highlight the importance of library services.
7. **Library Networks**: Establish district-level networks to promote resource sharing and collaboration between libraries across the Nagpur Division.

Conclusion

Public libraries in the Nagpur Division have enormous potential to serve as catalysts for literacy, education, and community development. However, they face persistent challenges related to infrastructure, outreach, and funding. By addressing these challenges through targeted strategies and leveraging modern technologies, public libraries can remain relevant

and impactful in the digital era. Investments in public libraries are investments in social equity, knowledge dissemination, and empowerment for the people of Nagpur Division.

Future research should focus on exploring innovative models for public library sustainability, such as partnerships with private entities and integration with e-learning initiatives. An effective and accessible public library network is essential for nurturing an informed and progressive society.

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Abstract : *In the digital era, online legal resources play a crucial role in enhancing accessibility to legal information. The Tripura High Court Library website serves as a key platform for legal practitioners, researchers, and academicians by providing a wide range of legal materials, including judgments, acts, journals, and digital databases. This study conducts a systematic content analysis of the website to evaluate its structure, functionality, and effectiveness in meeting user needs. The research examines various sections of the website, such as the Digital Library, Legislation, Journal Holdings, and eLibrary, along with features like search mechanisms, navigation, and frequency of content updates. Through qualitative and quantitative assessment, the study identifies the strengths of the website, including its well-organized content and comprehensive legal resources, while also highlighting areas for improvement, such as user engagement and search functionality. A comparative analysis with other High Court library websites provides insights into best practices that can be adopted for further enhancement. The findings underscore the importance of maintaining an updated, user-friendly, and information-rich digital library to support legal research and education. This study concludes with recommendations for improving the Tripura High Court Library website to optimize its usability and effectiveness in the modern legal landscape.*

Introduction

In the digital age, the role of libraries has evolved significantly, with institutions increasingly adopting web-based platforms to enhance accessibility and resource management. High Court libraries, being crucial centers of legal research and reference, have also embraced this transformation by developing and maintaining online portals. The Tripura High Court Library website serves as a vital resource for legal practitioners, researchers, academicians, and students, offering access to a wide array of legal literature, judgments, acts, and reference materials. Analyzing the content of such a website provides insights into its structure, functionality, and effectiveness in meeting the information needs of its users. The primary objective of this study is to conduct a systematic content analysis of the Tripura High Court Library website. By evaluating its features, content organization, and accessibility, this research aims to assess the comprehensiveness and usability of the website. Content analysis, as a research method, enables the identification of strengths and gaps in information dissemination, which is crucial for improving the digital experience of users.

A well-structured High Court library website should ideally provide seamless access to legal databases, judgments, case laws, e-books, legal journals, and research papers. Additionally, it should feature an efficient search mechanism, user-friendly navigation, and updated legal resources. The effectiveness of the website in fulfilling these criteria will be examined through various qualitative and quantitative parameters. This study will employ a methodological framework that involves collecting data from the Tripura High Court Library website and categorizing it based on predefined parameters such as content richness, ease of navigation, availability of legal resources, frequency of updates, and user engagement features. Comparative analysis with similar High Court library websites from other states may also be included to highlight best practices and areas for improvement.

Understanding the efficacy of the Tripura High Court Library website is essential for multiple stakeholders, including legal professionals, researchers, and policymakers. A well-maintained and information-rich online library portal can significantly enhance legal research capabilities and contribute to the broader goal of digital legal education.

In conclusion, this research aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the Tripura High Court Library website through content analysis. By identifying its strengths and areas needing improvement, this study will offer recommendations to enhance its functionality, accessibility, and overall user experience. Such an assessment is crucial in the modern legal landscape, where digital resources play an increasingly important role in facilitating legal knowledge and practice.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE-

1.) Chandra(2018) has described this title The Supreme Court of India: An Empirical Overview of the Institution Indian Supreme Court is considered to be the most powerful court in the world and apart from this, many legislators have very different interpretations of the functioning of the courts. In this way, the purpose of this chapter is to present the judgments of the Supreme Court from 2010 to 2015 with a strong empirical explanation, whether it is its analysis or social change. plays an important role in.

2) Khan(2012) his described topic like this title Present Status of Information Communication technology (ICT) and Infrastructure facilities in high court Libraries in India. Centre of intellectual endeavor as an active legal providement in the form of legal advancement from the present education it has been followed by us that such communication technology is trying to provide huge science or basic subjects in the library of high court in India. that's why this chapter has revealed the origin of internet and it is also serving as Selected references include Xerox and printing facilities.

3.) Thanuskodi (2012) his described this title E-Resources And Their Usage Patterns Among The Lawyers of The Supreme Court Of India: A Case Study.The Supreme Court's library, which has been transformed into a digital form, is about to dry up. The present study focuses on evaluation in terms of the use of electronic resources and services. Use and user satisfaction in the Supreme Court Library.

4.)Singh(2024) his described this title The need and importance of social media adoption at Orissa high court Judges' library: An overview this article explains that by using the media one can promote the system or services of the Supreme court which can have a major impact on the law of the country. By using social media users can access services or resources for the benefit of their community or thus the enormous increase in knowledge and literature in the subjects the development of information technology has created additional responsibilities on libraries all even today.

Objectives

1. To Evaluate Available Resources
2. To Study the Digital Library Functionality
3. To Analyze Website Structure

Table No. 1 Tripura High Court Websites-

Sr. No.	Section	Description
1.	Home	The main landing page of the website, providing an overview and quick navigation options.
2.	History	A section detailing the history and evolution of the Tripura High Court Library.
3.	Judge's Profile	A Section

4.	Registrar General	Information about the library's registrars and setting general and Information their contact details.
5.	Gallery	Photo Gallery is also available here.
6.	Important Link	Tripura high court Collection of external links to related legal resources, databases, or government sites.
7.	FAQs	A section for users to submit feedback or suggestions regarding the library website.
8.	Services	A unique section highlighting humor and light-hearted all information moments from court proceedings.
9.	Judicial Services	A collection of Judicial Services.
10.	Other Information	A collection of Other Information.
11.	Map & Location	Maps & Location all is present here
12.	NJDG	Other Information related to the Court is present here.
13.	eCourts	Tripura Court related information
14.	eLibrary	Digital library access to legal resources, books, and journals for research purposes.
15.	Download App	A collection of Download Apps.
16.	Video	A collection of videos,
17.	Calendar of The High Court of Tripura	Calendar of the Tripura High court is also available
18.	Notification	You can Get latest updates related to Tripura High Court

The **Tripura High Court Library website** comprises various sections that provide comprehensive information and services. The **Home** page serves as the main landing page, offering an overview and quick navigation options. The **History** section details the evolution of the library, while the **Judge's Profile**and**Registrar General** Sections provide information about judges and library registrars, including their roles and contact details. A **Gallery** showcases photos of events, and an **Important Links** section provides external resources related to law and governance. Users can access the **FAQs** section for inquiries and feedback. The **Services**section highlights legal services, while **Judicial Services** offers information on court proceedings. Additional resources, including **Other Information**, **Map & Location**, and **NJDG** (National Judicial Data Grid) updates, are also available. The **eCourts** and **eLibrary**

sections offer digital access to legal resources, judgments, and research materials. Users can also download relevant apps from the **Download App** section, explore legal videos in the **Video** section, and check the **Calendar of the High Court of Tripura** for important dates. Lastly, the **Notification** section provides the latest updates and announcements related to the High Court.

Table No. 2 Tripura High Court Library Websites-

Sr. No.	Section	Description
1.	Digital Library	Online access to legal resources, books, and research materials.
2.	Legislation	Collection of laws, acts, and legislative documents.
3.	Gazettes/Gazetteer	Official government publications and legal notices.
4.	Judges Library	A dedicated library section for judges with legal references and case materials.
5.	Overview of Judges Library	General information and services available in the Judges Library.
6.	Cataloguing	Systematic classification and management of library resources.
7.	Journal Holding	Collection of legal journals and periodicals.
8.	Current Journals	Latest legal journals and ongoing subscriptions available in the library.
9.	Equivalent Citation Table	A reference table providing equivalent legal citations for case laws.
10.	Contact	Contact details for library assistance and inquiries.
11.	Online Resources	Digital legal databases and external online research materials.
12.	Related Links	Collection of useful links to legal institutions, government portals, and related websites.

The **Tripura High Court Library website** provides a comprehensive range of legal resources and services for users. The **Digital Library** section offers online access to legal resources, books, and research materials, while the **Legislation** section contains a collection of laws, acts, and legislative documents. The **Gazettes/Gazetteer** section includes official government publications and legal notices. A dedicated **Judges Library** provides legal references and case materials, with an **Overview of Judges Library** offering general information about its services. The **Cataloguing** section ensures systematic classification and management of library resources. Users can explore a vast **Journal Holding**, which includes a collection of legal journals and periodicals, along with **Current Journals**, which provide access to the latest legal publications. The **Equivalent Citation Table** serves as a reference for legal citations related to case laws. The **Contact** section provides essential contact details

for library assistance and inquiries. Additionally, the **Online Resources** section grants access to digital legal databases and external research materials, while the **Related Links** section offers useful connections to legal institutions, government portals, and relevant websites.

Conclusion :

The **content analysis of the Tripura High Court Library website** highlights its significance as a digital repository for legal professionals, researchers, and academicians. The website effectively organizes and presents a wide range of **legal resources,** including **judgments, acts, journals, gazettes, and digital databases**, ensuring that users have access to crucial legal materials. The **Digital Library, Legislation, and eLibrary sections** serve as valuable tools for legal research, while sections such as **Judge's Library, Journal Holdings, and Cataloguing** contribute to efficient legal reference management.The **website's structure and organization** are designed to enhance usability, offering clear navigation through sections like **Home, FAQs, Notifications, and Related Links.** The presence of features such as the **Equivalent Citation Table, Judicial Services, and Online Resources** further enhances its functionality, enabling users to retrieve legal information with ease. Additionally, **interactive elements**, including the **Gallery, Video section, and Download App feature**, add value to the overall user experience.

Despite its strengths, certain aspects, such as **content updates, search functionality, and userengagement,** may require further enhancement to improve accessibility and efficiency. Comparative analysis with other **High Court library websites** could help identify best practices for further development.In conclusion, the **Tripura High Court Library website** serves as a crucial **legal information hub**, integrating **digital resources, structured legal references, and user-friendly navigation**. This study highlights the importance of regular updates, improved search mechanisms, and enhanced interactive features to further optimize the platform. A well-maintained and information-rich website can significantly contribute to **legal research, digital education, and efficient legalpractice** in the modern digital era.

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SENTIMENT ANALYSIS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE: A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract: *Sentiment analysis, a branch of natural language processing (NLP), has emerged as a powerful tool in understanding user opinions, feedback, and trends in various fields, including Library and Information Science (LIS). This paper explores the significance of sentiment analysis in libraries, focusing on its applications in user reviews, library services, collection development, and librarian performance evaluation. The study highlights various methods used for sentiment analysis, including machine learning and lexicon-based approaches. Furthermore, it discusses the challenges and future directions in leveraging sentiment analysis for improving library services. The paper also reviews past studies on sentiment analysis in the LIS domain and presents a case study analyzing sentiment trends in academic libraries.*

Keywords: *Sentiment Analysis, Library Science, User Feedback, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Library Services*

1. **Introduction** Libraries play a crucial role in academic, research, and public spheres by providing access to a wealth of information. With the advent of digital platforms, libraries have transitioned into user-centered service providers, relying on user feedback to enhance their offerings. Sentiment analysis enables libraries to gauge public perception through online reviews, surveys, and social media interactions. This paper aims to explore the role of sentiment analysis in the LIS domain and its potential benefits in improving library services.

2. Objectives of the Study

- To examine the role of sentiment analysis in assessing user satisfaction with library services.
- To explore sentiment analysis applications in library collection management.
- To identify sentiment-based trends in library social media interactions.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of sentiment analysis in librarian performance assessment.
- To propose strategies for libraries to implement sentiment analysis effectively.

3. Sentiment Analysis: Concept and Methodologies Sentiment analysis involves the computational study of opinions, emotions, and attitudes expressed in textual data. It is categorized into the following approaches:

- **Lexicon-Based Approach**: Uses predefined word lists with positive and negative sentiment scores.
- **Machine Learning Approach**: Employs algorithms like Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and deep learning models.
- **Hybrid Approach**: Combines lexicon-based and machine learning techniques for enhanced accuracy.

4. Applications of Sentiment Analysis in Library Science

4.1 **User Feedback Analysis** Libraries collect user feedback through surveys, suggestion boxes, and online reviews. Sentiment analysis helps identify recurring issues, user satisfaction levels, and areas needing improvement.

4.2 **Library Collection Development** By analyzing book reviews and patron recommendations, libraries can make data-driven decisions regarding acquisitions, ensuring that their collections align with user preferences.

4.3 **Librarian Performance Evaluation** User reviews and social media discussions about library staff can be analyzed to measure librarian effectiveness, communication skills, and service quality.

4.4 **Social Media Engagement** Libraries maintain an active presence on social media to engage with patrons. Sentiment analysis of comments and shares helps in understanding user engagement and planning outreach strategies.

4.5 **E-Library and Digital Resource Optimization** Analyzing feedback on digital libraries and e-resources can guide improvements in accessibility, usability, and content availability.

5. Studies on Sentiment Analysis in Library Science Several studies have explored the application of sentiment analysis in Library Science. For instance:

- **Hussain and Raza (2020)** conducted a sentiment analysis of user feedback on digital library services and found that positive sentiments were dominant regarding ease of access, while negative sentiments were mainly related to interface design issues.
- **Smith et al. (2021)** performed a sentiment analysis on academic library reviews collected from Google and identified trends indicating user concerns about library seating and digital resource availability.
- **Patel and Sharma (2019)** analyzed social media comments on public libraries and discovered that sentiment trends varied seasonally, with peak negative feedback during exam periods due to overcrowding.
- **Thelwall and Buckley (2018)** used sentiment strength detection methods to assess library blogs and found that constructive feedback often contained mixed sentiment, combining praise with criticism.
- **Jones et al. (2022)** applied deep learning-based sentiment analysis on library chat transcripts and found that sentiment trends aligned with service quality perceptions, helping to refine library assistance services.
- **Kim and Park (2023)** conducted sentiment analysis on open-access journal comments related to library science and identified prevalent themes in scholarly discussions.

These studies demonstrate the growing relevance of sentiment analysis in understanding user needs and improving library services.

6. Challenges in Implementing Sentiment Analysis in Libraries

- **Ambiguity in User Reviews**: Library users often express opinions in nuanced ways, making it difficult to categorize sentiments accurately.
- **Data Privacy Issues**: Collecting and analyzing user feedback must comply with ethical guidelines and data protection regulations.
- **Integration with Existing Library Systems**: Many library management systems lack built-in sentiment analysis tools, requiring additional resources for implementation.

- **Multilingual Sentiment Analysis**: Libraries serve diverse populations, necessitating multilingual sentiment analysis capabilities.

7. Case Study: Sentiment Analysis in Academic Libraries A study was conducted on user reviews from three academic libraries to analyze sentiment trends. Data was collected from library websites and social media platforms. The findings revealed that users frequently praised digital services but highlighted concerns regarding physical infrastructure and staff responsiveness. Sentiment polarity classification showed 65% positive, 25% neutral, and 10% negative sentiments. Additionally, topic modeling revealed that digital resources, study space availability, and librarian assistance were key themes influencing user sentiment.

Sentiment analysis has significant potential in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS), offering valuable insights into user opinions, emotions, and engagement with library resources and services. One of its primary applications is in user feedback analysis, where libraries can assess sentiment from online reviews, survey responses, and social media discussions to improve services. By understanding the positive, neutral, or negative sentiments expressed by users, libraries can identify pain points, enhance user satisfaction, and make informed decisions regarding service modifications. For example, if multiple users express frustration about library hours or the availability of specific resources, sentiment analysis can help in recognizing these trends and addressing them effectively.

Collection development is another critical area where sentiment analysis can provide valuable insights. Libraries continuously acquire books, journals, and digital resources to meet the needs of their patrons. By analyzing sentiment from book reviews, academic discussions, and user feedback, libraries can make data-driven decisions regarding acquisitions. This ensures that popular and well-received materials are prioritized while identifying resources that may not be meeting user expectations. Additionally, sentiment analysis can help librarians gauge the popularity of emerging research areas and make strategic investments in new subjects or disciplines.

Academic research trends can also be analyzed using sentiment analysis. In the evolving landscape of scholarly communication, researchers engage in discussions across various platforms, including academic blogs, open-access repositories, and social media. Sentiment analysis tools can process these discussions to identify shifts in research focus, emerging trends, and the reception of new theories or methodologies. By leveraging such insights, libraries can refine their research support services, offer more targeted workshops, and provide access to cutting-edge resources that align with current academic interests.

Another promising application of sentiment analysis in LIS is the enhancement of chatbot and virtual assistant interactions. Many modern libraries incorporate AI-driven chatbots to assist users with queries related to book availability, research guidance, and general library services. By analyzing sentiment in user interactions, these virtual assistants can be refined to provide more empathetic and contextually relevant responses. If a user expresses frustration or confusion, the system can adapt by offering more detailed explanations or

redirecting the query to a human librarian. This enhances user experience and ensures that library patrons receive efficient and satisfactory assistance.

Library marketing and outreach initiatives can also benefit from sentiment analysis. Libraries frequently conduct events, workshops, and literacy programs, and they rely on user engagement to measure success. By analyzing sentiment in social media discussions, event feedback, and online forums, libraries can gauge public perception of their initiatives. Positive sentiment indicates successful outreach efforts, while negative sentiment can help identify areas for improvement. Moreover, sentiment analysis can be used to tailor promotional strategies by understanding which types of content resonate best with the audience.

Another innovative application of sentiment analysis in LIS is in information retrieval and recommendation systems. Digital libraries and online catalogs often implement recommendation engines to suggest books, articles, and other resources to users. By integrating sentiment analysis, these systems can refine recommendations based on user preferences and opinions expressed in reviews or ratings. For example, if a book receives overwhelmingly negative sentiment, the recommendation algorithm can adjust its rankings accordingly. This ensures that users receive more relevant and well-received suggestions, ultimately improving their overall experience with library resources.

The integration of sentiment analysis in bibliometric studies is also an emerging trend. Traditionally, bibliometric studies focus on citation analysis and impact factors to assess the influence of scholarly publications. However, sentiment analysis can add another dimension by evaluating how researchers and academics perceive specific publications. By analyzing sentiment in citation contexts, research reviews, and discussion forums, libraries can gain a deeper understanding of the qualitative impact of research articles. This approach can be particularly useful in identifying controversial or highly influential works that may not have high citation counts but generate significant academic discourse.

User engagement and behavioral analysis in digital libraries can be further enhanced through sentiment analysis. Digital library platforms generate vast amounts of user interaction data, including search queries, browsing patterns, and content engagement metrics. By applying sentiment analysis to user-generated comments and queries, libraries can identify factors influencing user satisfaction and engagement. This can lead to improvements in user interface design, search algorithms, and content organization, ultimately making digital libraries more intuitive and user-friendly.

Moreover, sentiment analysis can contribute to policy and decision-making in libraries. Library administrators and policymakers often rely on surveys and feedback mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of policies, such as late return fines, membership rules, or digital lending services. Sentiment analysis can provide real-time insights into public reactions to these policies, allowing libraries to adapt and refine their strategies accordingly. By

leveraging data-driven sentiment insights, libraries can implement policies that align better with user expectations and enhance overall service efficiency.

Finally, sentiment analysis can play a crucial role in combating misinformation and fake news within library systems. As information hubs, libraries have a responsibility to provide accurate and credible sources to users. Sentiment analysis can be used to monitor discussions and detect patterns associated with misinformation. By analyzing sentiment trends in news articles, research papers, and social media discussions, libraries can develop tools to flag potentially misleading content. This proactive approach strengthens the role of libraries in information literacy and ensures that users have access to reliable information.

Overall, sentiment analysis presents numerous opportunities for libraries to enhance their services, improve user engagement, and make data-driven decisions. By integrating sentiment analysis tools into various aspects of LIS, libraries can better understand user needs, refine their service offerings, and contribute to a more effective and user-centric information ecosystem.

8. Future Directions and Recommendations

- **Developing Library-Specific Sentiment Analysis Models**: Creating customized models trained on library-related data for better accuracy.
- **Integration with Library Management Systems**: Embedding sentiment analysis features into existing library software for seamless analysis.
- **Enhancing User Engagement Strategies**: Using sentiment insights to develop targeted programs, events, and services.
- **Continuous Monitoring and Feedback Loop**: Implementing real-time sentiment analysis tools to continuously improve services.
- **Expanding Research on Sentiment Analysis in Libraries**: Encouraging more academic studies to refine methodologies and enhance accuracy in LIS applications.

9. Conclusion Sentiment analysis is a valuable tool for libraries and librarians in understanding user needs, improving services, and making data-driven decisions. By leveraging AI-driven analysis techniques, libraries can enhance user satisfaction and optimize their resource management strategies. However, challenges such as data privacy, accuracy, and integration need to be addressed for effective implementation. Further research and collaboration between LIS professionals and data scientists can enhance the utility of sentiment analysis in library services.

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A Critical Study on Subject Coverage in Resonance Research Journal

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Abstract

Subject coverage studies of research journals are critical in the realm of academic and scientific research. These studies provide valuable insights into the scope and representation of various disciplines within journals, guiding researchers, policymakers, and institutions in a number of ways. Conducting such studies is essential for the following reasons i.e. to determine depth of a specific research field. Subject coverage studies highlight gaps or underrepresented areas within journals, revealing fields of research that may be overlooked or underreported. By identifying gaps, journals, researchers, and institutions can focus on fostering research in these underexplored areas, thus promoting diversity and innovation in academic disciplines. In the backdrop of above information this investigation was carried out to assess subject coverage in the Resonance Journal of Science Education. To assess the subject coverage of the Resonance: Journal of Science Education, a systematic content analysis methodology was employed. Articles published in the journal over a specified time frame i.e. 2001 to 2024 were collected and categorized based on their subject matter. Categories were aligned with core scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics topics, as defined by the journal's scope. From the study results it is evident that high no. of physics, mathematics and chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period i.e. 2001 to 2024. While publication of articles related to Botany and Zoology subject was relatively less.

Keywords: *Subject coverage, scientific research, Resonance Journal of Science Education*

1.0Introduction

Research journals are fundamental to the dissemination of knowledge, playing a critical role in academic and professional development. One of the key factors that determine the impact and utility of a research journal is its subject coverage (Walters and Linvill, 2011). Understanding the scope and diversity of topics covered by a journal offers insights into its relevance, target audience, and contribution to the scholarly community. Specifically, subject coverage defines the thematic boundaries within which a research journal operates (Singh et al., 2021). It reflects the journal's academic identity and its focus on addressing specific fields or interdisciplinary connections. Comprehensive subject coverage is an important aspect that can attract a diverse audience by encompassing a wide range of topics; a journal can cater to

researchers (Mongeon and Paul-Hus, 2016), practitioners, and policymakers across various disciplines (Kong and Wangn, 2020). Moreover, journals with broad subject coverage foster collaboration and innovation by bridging gaps between distinct fields. In addition to above, specialized journals with focused subject coverage provide in-depth exploration of particular areas, serving as valuable resources for experts and scholars (Zhang and Glänzel, 2021).

Thus, research journals serve as critical platforms for disseminating knowledge and fostering academic discourse and their subject coverage plays a pivotal role in shaping their identity (Singh and Prasad, 2020) and impact and one such important journal from India in the field of Science is Resonance Journal of Science Education. It is a widely recognized journal that focuses on science education, catering to both undergraduate students and educators. It aims to present complex scientific concepts in an accessible manner while fostering curiosity and critical thinking. The journal covers a broad spectrum of topics across disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, and interdisciplinary sciences (Kaya et al., 2024). In the context of this journal, it is a publication aimed at enhancing the understanding of science among students and educators, and analyzing its subject coverage can offer valuable insights into its contribution to scientific education and research (Aksnes and Sivertsen, 2019). Hence, in view of the above, this study was carried out to study subject coverage in it to assess how effectively it meets its objectives of promoting scientific literacy and interdisciplinary understanding. The key aspects included identifying core themes i.e. understanding which scientific domains are most frequently addressed. Examining how well the journal integrates concepts across different scientific fields and ensures that the content aligns with the needs of students and educators.

2.0Research Methodology

To assess the subject coverage of the *Resonance: Journal of Science Education*, a systematic content analysis methodology was employed. Articles published in the journal over a specified time frame i.e. 2001 to 2024 were collected and categorized based on their subject matter. Categories were aligned with core scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics topics, as defined by the journal's scope. Each article was analyzed for its thematic focus, type (e.g., research, review, or educational perspective), and relevance to science education. Quantitative data were collected on the frequency of publications within each category, while qualitative analysis provided insights into emerging themes and trends. The process ensured the inclusion of all articles, eliminating duplicates and verifying classification accuracy through inter-coder reliability checks. Statistical analysis of data was done with the help of various statistical tests and by using SPSS 18.0 Software. The significance level was chosen to be 0.05 (or equivalently, 5%) by keeping in view the consequences of such an error.

3.0Results & Discussion

3.1No. of Articles published

Table No.1: TotalNo. of articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	775	25.0
2006-10	613	19.7

2011-15	569	18.3
2016-20	570	18.4
2021-24	578	18.6
Total	**3105**	**100.0**

Above Table 1 shows information pertaining to no. of articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 775 articles were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 613 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 569, 570 and 578 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.2Articles Related to Chemistry Subject

Table No.2: Chemistry subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	103	23.1
2006-10	76	17.1
2011-15	97	21.8
2016-20	79	17.8
2021-24	90	20.2
Total	**445**	**100.0**

Above Table 2 shows information pertaining to Chemistry subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 103 articles of chemistry subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 76 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 97, 79 and 90 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.3Articles Related to Botany subject

Table No.3: Botany subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	9	25.0
2006-10	5	13.9
2011-15	6	16.7
2016-20	9	25.0
2021-24	7	19.4
Total	**36**	**100.0**

Above Table 3 shows information pertaining to Botany subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 9 articles of botany subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 5 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 6, 9 and 7 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.4Articles Related to Zoology subject

Table No.4: Zoology subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	24	23.3
2006-10	19	18.4
2011-15	5	4.9
2016-20	30	29.1
2021-24	25	24.3
Total	**103**	**100.0**

Above Table 4 shows information pertaining to Zoology subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 24 articles of zoology subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 19 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 5, 30 and 25 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.5Articles Related to Mathematics subject

Table No.5: Mathematics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	146	26.2
2006-10	113	20.3
2011-15	92	16.5
2016-20	99	17.7
2021-24	108	19.4
Total	**558**	**100.0**

Above Table 5 shows information pertaining to Mathematics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 146 articles of mathematics subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 113 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 92, 99 and 108 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.6Articles Related to Physics subject

Table No.6: Physics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	150	22.9
2006-10	141	21.5
2011-15	122	18.6
2016-20	127	19.4
2021-24	115	17.6
Total	**655**	**100.0**

Above Table 6 shows information pertaining to Physics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 150 articles of physics subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 141 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 122, 127 and 115 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.7 Total no. articles published in selected subjects (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, and Physics),

Table No.7: Total no. of various subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Subjects	Nos. of articles	Percent
Chemistry	445	24.8
Botany	36	2.0
Zoology	103	5.7
Mathematics	558	31.1
Physics	655	36.4
Total	**1797**	**100.0**

χ^2=49.813; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

Above Table 7 shows information pertaining to total no. of various subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 445 articles of chemistry subject were published in this journal while 36 articles of botany were published in this journal. In addition to this 103, 558 and 655 articles of zoology, mathematics and physics were published in this journal respectively.

4.0Conclusions

4.1No. of Articles published

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.2Chemistry Subject Related Articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the Chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.3Botany subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the botany subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05 and 2016-20.

4.4Zoology subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the zoology subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2016-20.

4.5Mathematics subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the mathematics subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.6Physics subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the physics subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.7Total no. of various subject related articles published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education

- From the study results it is evident that high no. of physics, mathematics and chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. While articles related to Botany and Zoology subject were less published.

4.8 Conclusion : The study results indicate that the Resonance Journal of Science Education underscores its vital role in advancing science education and fostering understanding of research in the field of science, which primarily focuses on Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry Subjects receive relatively higher attention while Biology receives relatively less attention. By maintaining a diverse and evolving thematic focus, the journal tries to serve as an essential resource for students, educators, and researchers. Ensuring alignment with educational goals and global scientific trends will further enhance its impact in the years to come.

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DESCRIPTIVEBIBLIOGRAPHYOFBOOKSPUBLISHEDONLIBRARYANDINFORMATIONSCIENCEININDIADURING2005-2007.

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Abstract:

The paper has discussed Descriptive Bibliography of Books Published on library and information Science in India During 2005-2007. No descriptive Bibliography list of such books is available. This creates the problem in bibliography control. The researcher intends to list the books published in 2005 to 2007 in India. The research paper will be defiantly helpful not only to the researchers but also students and Booksellers. This research will be helpful in getting period-wise publication date of time. This research also helpful in getting state wise list of published.

Keyword: *Books, Bibliography, Descriptive Bibliography, Library and Information Science.*

Introduction: (Descriptive Bibliography)

Adescriptivebibliographyisasubfieldofbibliographythatdescribesthe format, pagination, typographical particulars, illustrations, price, and otherphysicalcharacteristicsofbooks,suchasthetypeofpaperusedintheconstructionofantiquebooks,thebinding,andsoon.

Therefore,whenthebibliographicdataaboutadocumenthasbeengatheredusinganalyticalbibliography, descriptivebibliography'smainobjective is to record those characteristics. This means that the function of ananalyticalbibliographyistoanalyze,whereasthegoalofadescriptivebibliographyistodescribe. Adefinedformatisusedtopresentanalyticalmethodsandresultsinthedescriptivebibliography.Sincestandardized procedures are now employed in the creation of books, the need for a detailedbibliographyhaslessened.

Objectives of the Study

1. To prepare descriptive bibliography of LIS books published in India during 2004-2007.
2. To analyze the LIS books published in India by Author Wise
3. To Analyze the LIS books published in India by Publisher- wise
4. ToanalyzetheLISbookspublishedinyear-wiselist.
5. ToanalyzeLISbookspublishedbygenderofAuthor(Male/Female)

Scope of Study

Research covers LIS books published during 2004-2007. Scope is restricted to LIS books published is in Marathi, Hindi and English Language.

Methodology

This study will use a descriptive approach. Data collect via surveyswillbe a beneficialtool.

DataCollectionTechniques

Data for this research will be collect from publisher website and catalogue.

Data will also be collected by books ships and Libraries

DataAnalysisTechniques

Methods in Mathematics and Statistics, Forms of tabulation & graphics(includingbarcharts,piecharts,andtables)andtheAPAsystemofcitation.

Bibliographical Fild:

1. Author
2. Title
3. Place of Publication
4. Publication Year
5. Subject
6. Language
7. Gender of Author

Data Collection and Analysis:

1. Survey of Language

In this chapter we are explain the quantitative relation of collected information by using chart graphs and pi-chart According to language interpretation on the following information. We realised one thing that, in the past 04 years (2004 to 2007) near about 137 (76.02%) books were written in English Language and the same way books. Hindi Language 22 (12.25%), and Marathi Language 06 (11.73%) books are written.

Table No.: 01

Sr. No.	Language	No of Books	Percentage
1	English	137	83.03%
2	Hindi	22	13.33%
3	Marathi	06	03.63%
Total		**165**	**100%**

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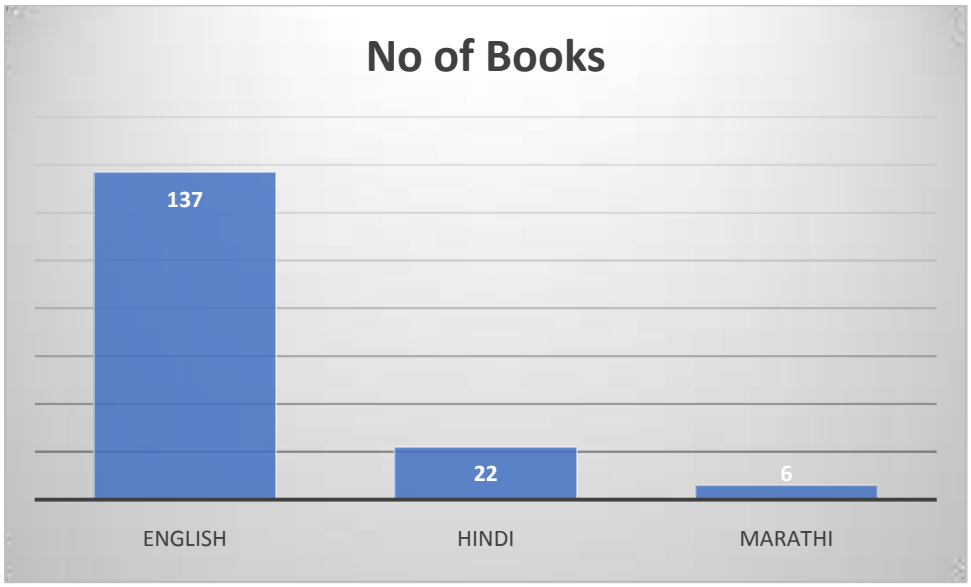
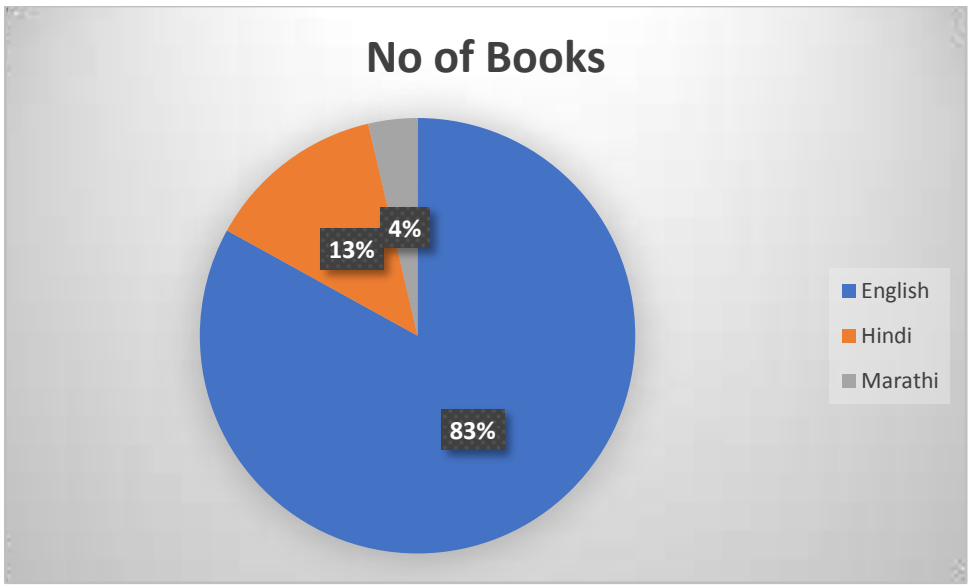


If we consider the publication of books in respect with the Language, we found that Chart number one shows that number of books published in English Language is around 137 while books published in Hindi 22, and Marathi 06. Which are the domestic language are quite less compared to that of English.

Pie Chart -1



This pie chart shows that 83% books are published in English Language. Second Comes a Hindi That is 13% and at the end the region Marathi 4%

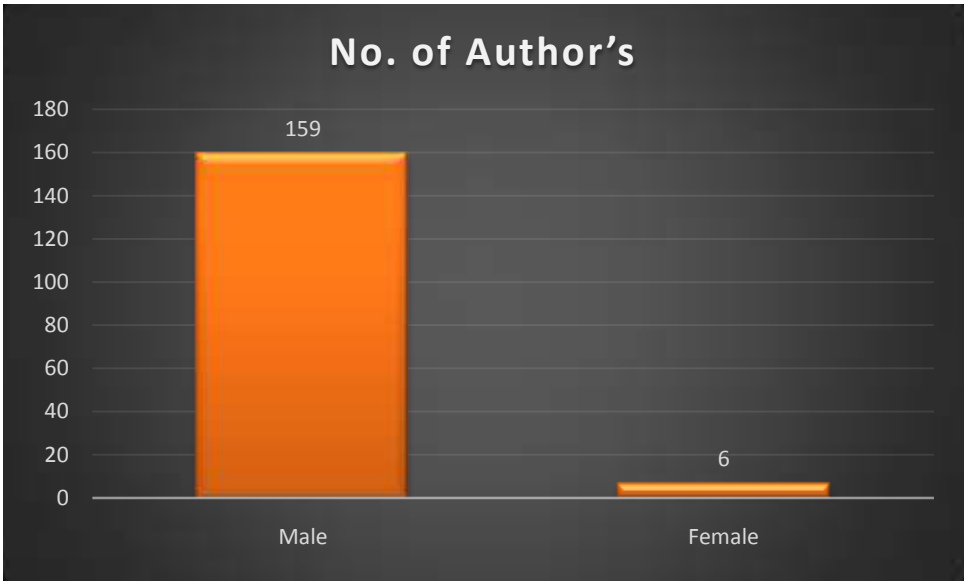
2. Classification of writer (Male and female)

In this unit authors are find out the writers where they are male of female, and study their written published quantitatively. and respect as fallows.

Table No: 02

Sr. No.	Types of Authors	No. of Author's	Percentage
1	Male	159	**96%**
2	Female	06	**04%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

Chart No. : 02



When we consider this publication by the author in correspondence with their gender, we fond that 159 that is 96% of the publishers or author are male while only 06 that is 4.% are female authors.

Pie Chart No. : 2

Here with find out that the number of female authors is comparativily very less that is compare with tha male authors.

From above presentation we concluded that, in India 159 Male writers are present and 06 Ledis (Female) writers present. The ratio of female is very less as compared to male.

3. Durational of Surve (Year Wise)

In this in unite author are tried to find out published books in Library science number of period of 2004 to 2007. In this chapter the published books were classified year-wise and presented follows.

Table No. : 03

This table shows us that number of books published from 2004 to 2007 and their percentage year wise.

We found out that in 2006, highest books are published. That is 55 and total 33.33% while the list books were published in the filed of library science

Sr. No.	Year	No of Books Published	Percentage %
1	2004	49	**29.69%**
2	2005	47	**28.49%**
3	2006	55	**33.33%**
4	2007	14	**08.49%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

On the basis of above we concluded that in 2006, 55 books were written 2004

49 books, 2007 14 books and 47 books written 2005.

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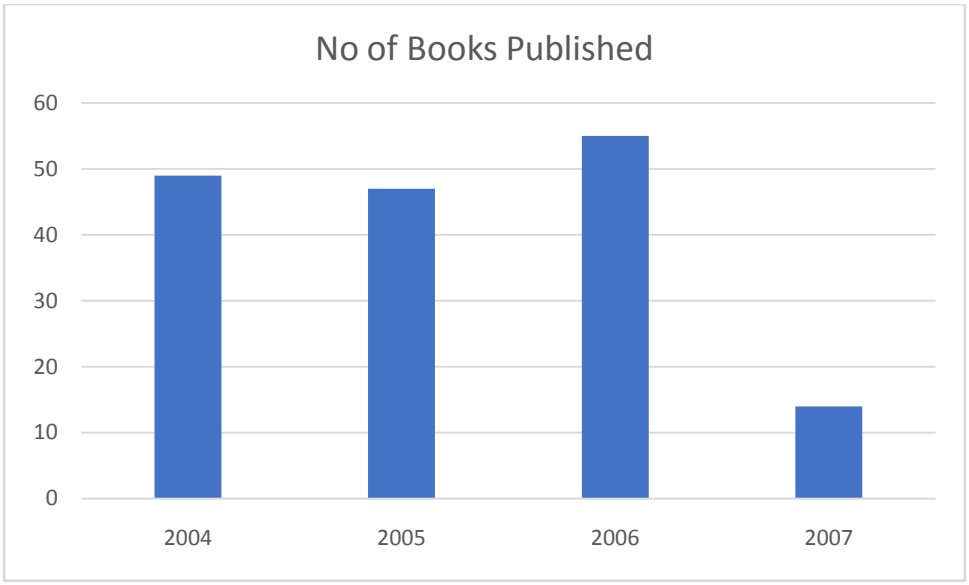


Discharge shoes, how the number of books publised every year is been on consistent increasing side

Pie Chart 3

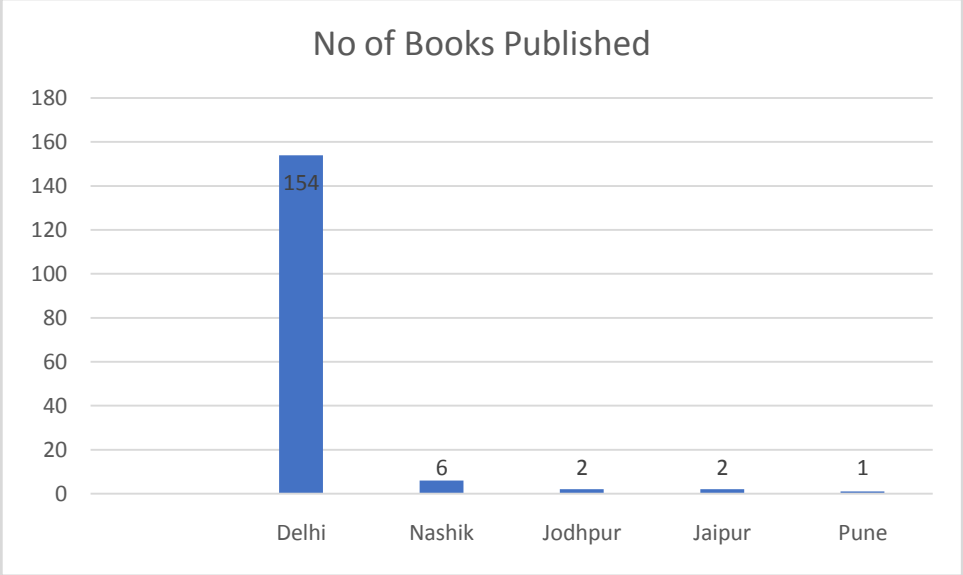
4. Place of Publication

Sr. No.	Place	No of Books Published	Percentage

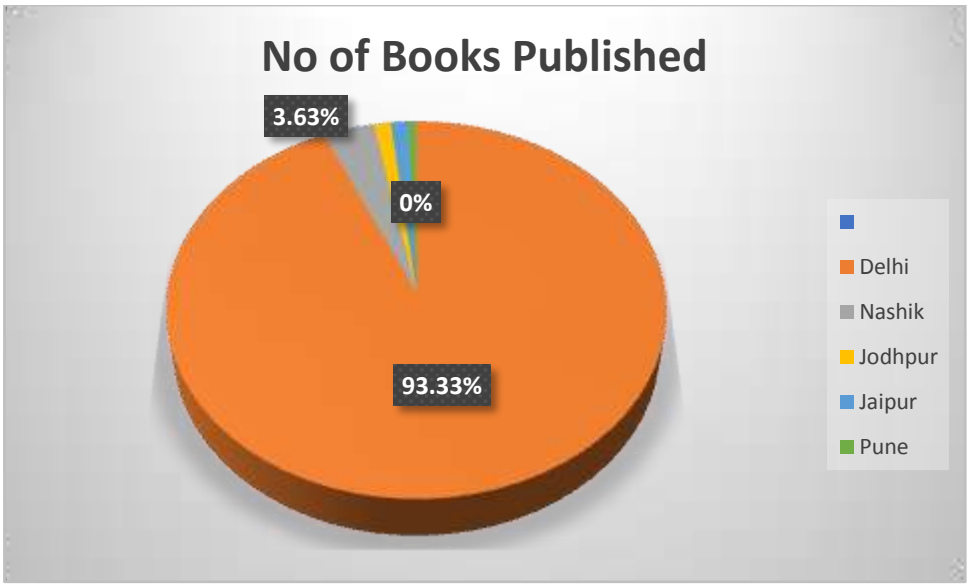
			%
1	Delhi	154	**93.33%**
2	Nashik	06	**03.63%**
3	Jodhpur	02	**01.21%**
4	Jaipur	02	**01.21%**
5	Pune	01	**00.60%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

Chart No 4

If we study the place of publication, we found out Delhi. The capital of India have highest number of publication that is 154 around 93.33% of total publication while Nashik comes second, Where 06 books are published around 03.63%, Jodhpue and Jaipur 02 books are published and Pune is the list. One 1 book are published 0.60%.



In this unit authors was collected data of writer, who lives in Delhi state and publication place was also Delhi State and other place exmp. Nashik, and Pune.



Conclusion:

The present study deals with books published during 2004 to 2007 in India. It is found that majority of books published in English Language i.e. 137 (83.03%) and only 22 (13.33%) books published in Hindi Language. The study also found that the contribution of authors in respect of gender, there are majority of contributed author are male 159 (96%) and Female 06 (04%).

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BIBLIOMETRIC STUDY OF PH.D. THESIS SUBMITTED TO RTM NAGPUR UNIVERSITY IN FACULTY OF SCIENCE(2000-2020)

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Abstract : *This research article is about mapping the phd research output of RTM Nagpur University in the faculty of science from 2000-2020. The data was taken from web opac of university and downloading theses from shodhganga. Study has been made about subject wise and year wise distribution of thesis, authorship pattern, citation analysis, contribution of research supervisors for each subject.*

Key Words: *authorship pattern, contribution of research supervisors, citation analysis*

Introduction

A bibliometric study is a statistical analysis of publications, such as books, journals, and conference proceedings, to learn more about a subject area. It's also known as bibliometrics or research impact. It is used for:

- Measuring impact: Bibliometrics can measure the impact of a publication, researcher, or institution by counting how many times it's cited by other works.
- Identifying trends: Bibliometrics can help identify trends in research, such as new areas of research or emerging fields.
- Finding collaborators: Bibliometrics can help identify potential collaborators for research.
- Finding sources: Bibliometrics can help identify sources for publishing research.
- Predicting trends: Bibliometrics can help predict future trends in a field.

Bibliometrics uses statistical sampling to analyze publications. Data is collected from relevant databases, cleaned and refined, and then analyzed using bibliometric methods. Bibliometric analysis can include calculating journal impact factors, tracking researcher output, and identifying relationships between publications.

Tabulation and Analysis of Data

Table 1: Subject Wise Distribution of Theses

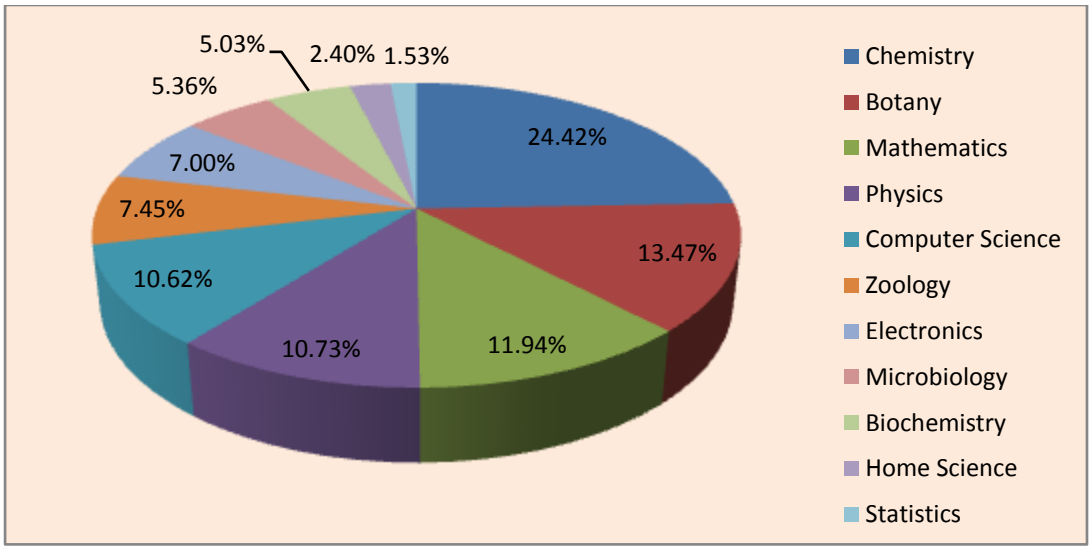
S.No.	Subject Wise	Total Thesis Submitted	Percentage
1	Chemistry	223	24.42%
2	Botany	123	13.47%
3	Mathematics	109	11.94%
4	Physics	98	10.73%

5	Computer Science	97	10.62%
6	Zoology	68	7.45%
7	Electronics	64	7.00%
8	Microbiology	49	5.36%
9	Biochemistry	46	5.03%
10	Home Science	22	2.40%
11	Statistics	14	1.53%
Total		**913**	

Table 1 defines the total doctoral collection of Nagpur University in the faculty of science from 2000 to 2020. Total 913 theses were submitted during this period. Maximum number of theses were submitted in the subject chemistry as this subject is taught at a number of colleges at PG Level. Botany is the next subject in which maximum theses were submitted.

It was observed that maximum number of students preferred to do Ph. D in chemistry, botany and mathematics as these subjects create more jobs. Besides teaching, the students can also apply for central governemt jobs in these areas.

Fig.1 **Graphical Representation ofSubject Wise Distribution of Theses**



The graphical analysis of uploaded theses determines in Figure 1. Out of the totaltheses submitted in science faculty chemistry occupies the maximum domain and statistics the least. Botany, mathematics, physics and computer science also shows a good number of theses.

Table 2: Chronological Distribution of theses (2000-2020)

S.No.	Year	Total Thesis Submitted	Percentage
1	2000	43	4.70

2	2001	56	6.13
3	2002	51	5.59
4	2003	46	5.03
5	2004	33	3.61
6	2005	46	5.03
7	2006	36	3.94
8	2007	40	4.38
9	2008	39	4.27
10	2009	34	3.72
11	2010	41	4.49
12	2011	36	3.94
13	2012	32	3.50
14	2013	38	4.16
15	2014	42	4.60
16	2015	41	4.49
17	2016	68	7.45
18	2017	50	5.47
19	2018	37	4.05
20	2019	42	4.60
21	2020	62	6.85
Total		**913**	**100**

Table2talksabouttheyear-wisesubmission ofthesesto RTMNagpurUniversity in various subjects of science faculty. Theses submitted from 2000 to 2020 in the faculty of science in RTM Nagpur University were studied and an account has been presented in the form of table.

Figure 2:Graphical Representation ofChronological Distribution of theses (2000-2020)

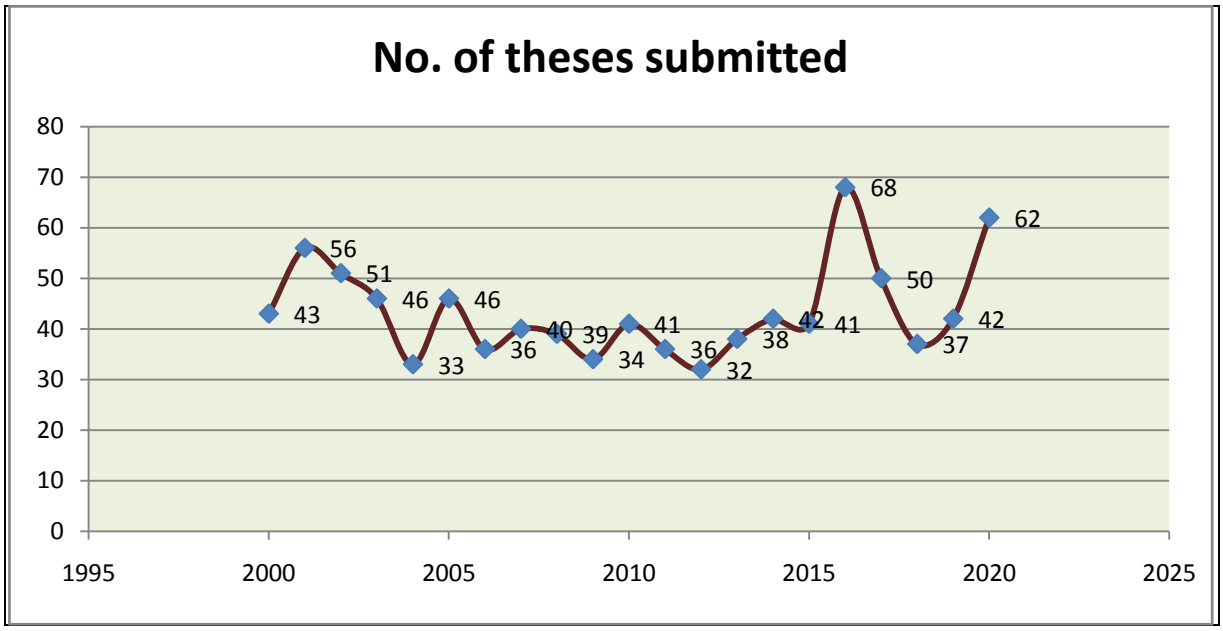


Figure 2 shows the ration of theses uploading, and the year 2016 is on top with7.45%,followedby2020with6.85%.Theyear2012hasthelowestrationof3.50%ofcontribution in total theses submission.

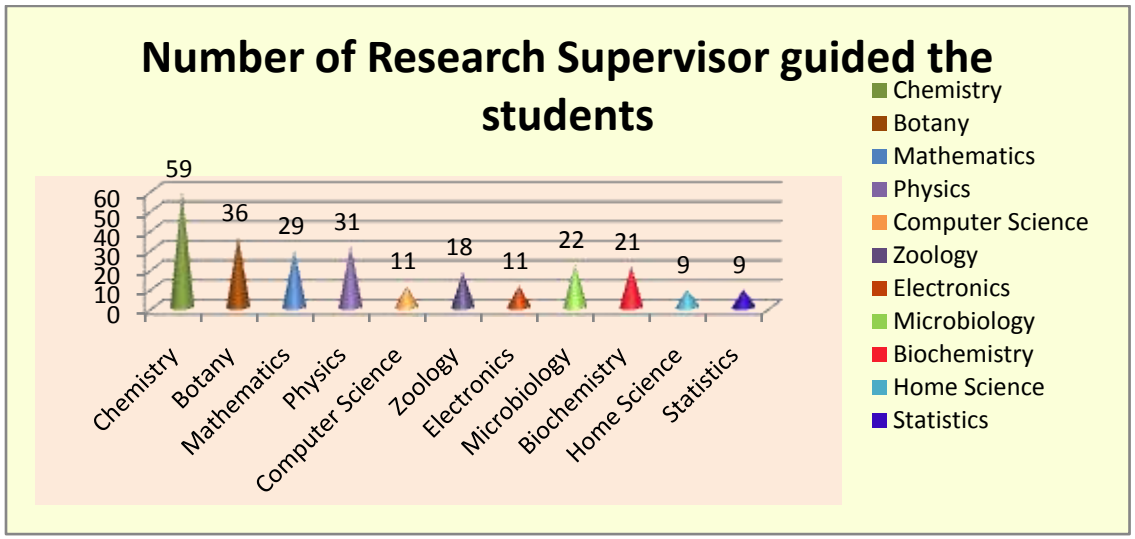
Table 3 Contribution of Research Supervisor (Subject Wise)

S.No.	Subject Wise	Number of Research Supervisor guided the students
1	Chemistry	59
2	Botany	36
3	Mathematics	29
4	Physics	31
5	Computer Science	11
6	Zoology	18
7	Electronics	11
8	Microbiology	22
9	Biochemistry	21
10	Home Science	9
11	Statistics	09
Total		**256**

The above table represents the number of supervisors guided in various subjects of science during the mentioned span of time. In all 256 guides supervised 913 theses in these years. The maximum number is seen in the subject chemistry. It is obvious as the maximum

theses have been submitted in chemistry, hence maximum guides are seen in chemistry, followed by botany and physics.

Figure 3 Contribution of Research Supervisor (Subject Wise)



The figure represents the number of research supervisors who guided various subjects of science from 2000 to 2020 in the university of Nagpur. Inall 256 supervisors guided in science faculty during this period. Maximum number of research supervisors are seen in the subject stream.

Table4: Chronologicaldistribution of pagination of doctoral theses

Ph.D. AwardYear	No. ofTheses	Pagination	Average PagesperTheses	CumulativeTotal	Productivity(%)
2000	43	12956	301.30	12956	0.27
2001	56	16204	289.36	29160	0.12
2002	51	14968	293.49	44128	0.03
2003	46	13840	300.87	57968	0.28
2004	33	9834	298	67802	0.23
2005	46	13846	301	81648	0.48
2006	36	12096	336	93744	0.25

2007	40	15763	394.07	109507	0.26
2008	39	15462	396.46	124969	0.23
2009	34	13260	390	138229	0.41
2010	41	16482	402	154711	0.55
2011	36	13752	382	168463	0.89
2012	32	13088	409	181551	0.46
2013	38	14206	373.84	195757	0.65
2014	42	16452	391.71	212209	0.88
2015	41	16542	403.46	228751	1.02
2016	68	24156	355.23	252907	1.39
2017	50	15645	312.9	268552	1.31
2018	37	14853	401.43	283405	1.56
2019	42	15961	380.02	299366	0.98
2020	62	19406	313	318772	1.56
Total	**913**	318772	**349.15**	-	-

Table 4 summaries the chronological distribution of doctoral these paginations. Total 3,18,772 paginations accounted for 913 theses. The evaluation carried out for the core content paginations., introductory pages not included in the study. The highest pagination 24,156 counted for the year 2016 for 68 theses with an average of 355.23 paginations per thesis contributed 1.39% in total pagination. The year 2020 stand on the second position with 19,406 paginations in 62 theses contributed 1.56% in total pagination and the average stands on 313 paginations per thesis for 2020. followed by a contribution of 0.55% for the year 2010 with the 16,842 paginations for 41theses and settled average pagination per thesis on 402. The lowest pagination accounted for in the year 2004 for 33 theses with an average of 298 paginations.

Table5: Individualdepartment wisedistributionofpaginationproductivity

Subject	Thesis	Pagination	Average Pagination	Percentage
Chemistry	223	78130	350.36	24.51
Botany	123	44061	358.22	13.82
Mathematics	109	37168	340.99	11.66
Physics	98	34684	353.92	10.88
Computer Science	97	33756	348.00	10.59
Zoology	68	24126	354.79	7.56
Electronics	64	22454	350.84	7.04
Microbiology	49	17324	353.55	5.43
Biochemistry	46	15384	334.43	4.82
Home Science	22	6868	312.18	2.15
Statistics	14	4817	344.07	1.51
Total	**913**	**318772**	**349.15**	**100**

Fig. 4:Average Percentage of Pagination per Subject under Study

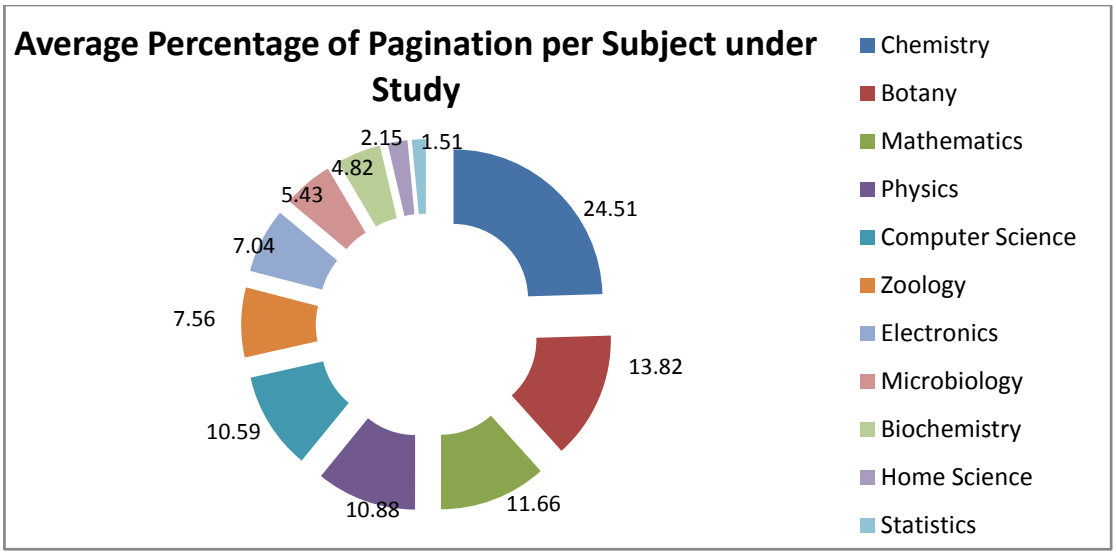


Table 4 and above figure explores the pagination distribution for individual departments. The highest pagination accounted for 78,130 for chemistry department in 223 theses with an average of 350.36 contributed 24.51% in total paginations followed by the Department of Botany with 44,061 pagination in 123 theses with an average of 358.22. The total number of pagination is 318772 for 913 theses, the average of which is 349.15 pages per theses.

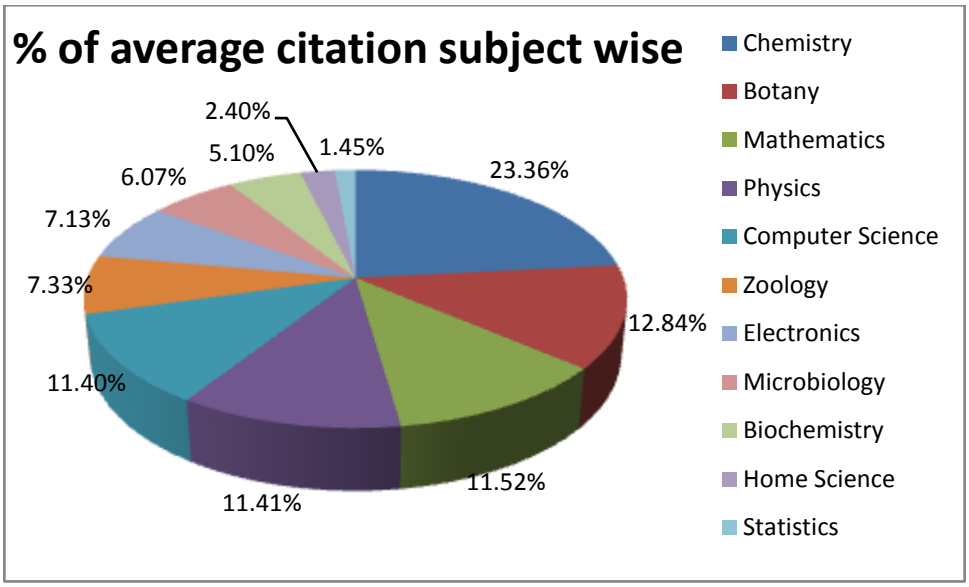
Table 6: Individualdepartmentwisecitationdistribution

Department	Thesis	Citations	ACPT*	Contribution (%)	ACPT Rank
Chemistry	223	43295	194.15	23.36%	9
Botany	123	23768	193.24	12.84%	10
Mathematics	109	21348	195.85	11.52%	8
Physics	98	21148	215.80	11.41%	4
Computer Science	97	21131	217.84	11.40%	2
Zoology	68	13602	200.03	7.33%	7
Electronics	64	13215	216.64	7.13%	3
Microbiology	49	11256	229.71	6.07%	1
Biochemistry	46	9452	205.48	5.10%	5
Home Science	22	4440	201.82	2.40%	6
Statistics	14	2684	191.71	1.45%	11
Total	**913**	185339	**203.00**	-	-
ACPT*=AverageCitationsperthesis					

Table 6 explore the school and individual department wise citation distribution. Department of chemistry cited the highest resources 43295 (23.36%) accounted for a total of 223

doctoral theses followed by Department of Botany with 23768 (11.52%) citations accounted from 109 theses with an average of 193.24 per theses. The top two departments contributed 67063 citations seized 36.18% of total citations. The lowest citation accounted for 2684 citations for the Department of Statistics making a percentage of 1.45 of total citations count.

Fig. 5:Percentage of average citation subject wise



Conclusion:

Researchsupervisorship pattern analysis indicated that Theses with a single supervisor cited thehighest 181896 citations in their 879 theses; the single supervisor Supervised thesescontributedthemost96.27%intotalcitations.Theses supervised by twoor more than twosupervisorscited 5526resourcesin28theses.0.66%thesessupervisedbymorethantwosupervisorsused 1187 citations.

Department of chemistry cited the highest resources 43295 (23.36%) accounted for a total of 223 doctoral theses followed by Department of Botany with 23768 (11.52%) citations accounted from 109 theses with an average of 193.24 per theses. The top two departments contributed 67063 citations seized 36.18% of total citations. The lowest citation accounted for 2684 citations for the Department of Statistics making a percentage of 1.45 of total citations count.

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CITATION ANALYSIS OF ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN INDIAN JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY DURING THE YEAR 2017 TO 2021

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Abstract :
Citation analysis of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO) plays a crucial role in assessing the impact, relevance, and scholarly influence of published research in the field of ophthalmology. By evaluating citation patterns, researchers and institutions can identify significant contributions, emerging trends, and key areas of study within ophthalmic sciences. It also helps in determining the journal's credibility, aiding researchers in selecting high-impact sources for their work. Understanding citation metrics can enhance academic recognition and guide policymakers in allocating resources to foster further advancements in eye care and vision science. In the backdrop of above, this study was conducted to assess various aspects related to the contents published in the IJO during the period of 2017 to 2021. The details of each article were collected from the website of the journal and this data was used for the further citation as well as bibliometrics analysis. All the data was analysed using SPSS 18.0 software. The study results showed that highest no. of the articles were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020 with increasing trend of citations during the course of the study period. The collaborative work appeared to be more with dominant subject area being cataract related studies (during 2017-2021). Overall, the work carried out in India is largely published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the study period.

Keywords: *Citation analysis, ophthalmology, citation metrics, collaborative work*

1.0Introduction

Citation analysis is a bibliometric tool used to evaluate the impact and influence of scholarly articles by examining how often they are cited by other researchers. In the context of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO), conducting citation analysis is of paramount importance for several reasons. It not only provides insights into the journal's academic influence but also helps identify trends, gaps, and opportunities in ophthalmic research, particularly in the Indian and global contexts. Citation analysis serves as a quantitative measure of the academic impact and quality of research published in the IJO. By analyzing how often various articles are cited, researchers and institutions can gauge the journal's

contribution to the advancement of ophthalmic knowledge. High citation counts often indicate that the research is influential, relevant, and widely recognized by the scientific community. For the IJO, this analysis can help establish its reputation as a leading platform for ophthalmic research, both in India and internationally.

In addition to above such analysis can reveal emerging trends and hot topics in ophthalmology. By examining the most cited articles, researchers can identify areas of high interest and innovation, such as advancements in cataract surgery, glaucoma management, or retinal diseases. This information is invaluable for guiding future research priorities and ensuring that the IJO remains at the forefront of cutting-edge developments in the field. The IJO is a key platform for showcasing ophthalmic research conducted in India, a country with a high burden of eye diseases such as cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. Citation analysis can highlight the global impact of Indian research and its relevance to addressing both local and international eye health challenges. By identifying highly cited studies, the IJO can demonstrate its role in contributing to global ophthalmic knowledge and improving patient outcomes worldwide.

Highly cited articles often attract the attention of researchers from diverse geographical and institutional backgrounds. Citation analysis can help identify potential collaborators and foster networking opportunities for Indian researchers. By promoting collaboration, the IJO can facilitate the exchange of ideas, resources, and expertise, ultimately accelerating progress in ophthalmic research and practice. For the editorial board of the IJO, citation analysis provides critical feedback on the types of articles that resonate most with the scientific community. This information can guide editorial decisions, such as prioritizing certain research themes, encouraging submissions in under-researched areas, or adopting strategies to increase the visibility and accessibility of published articles. By aligning its content with the needs and interests of its readership, the IJO can enhance its impact factor and overall standing in the field. In view of the above, this investigation was carried out to assess the number of articles published in the IJO during the period of 2017 to 2021 along with the number of citations as well as authorship pattern, dominant subjects covered and the and degree of collaboration.

2.0Research Methodology

In the present investigation an analytical study of the articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the period 2017 to 2021 was conducted. The details of each article were collected from the website of the journal (https://journals.lww.com). This base line data was used for the further citation as well as bibliometrics analysis. All the collected data was subjected to statistical analysis where primarily descriptive statistics were employed. The methodology involved in the study elaborate as under for data collection and evaluating techniques on Bibliometrics methods. The statistical methods were used to understand the different aspects of published articles such as – year wise distribution of total number of articles as well as citations, authorship pattern, geographical distribution of authors of the articles etc. All the data was analysed using SPSS 18.0 software.

3.0Results and Discussion

3.1Total no. of articles published

Table 1: Total no. of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Year	Total no. of articles published	Percentage
2017	355	9.7
2018	590	16.2
2019	714	19.6
2020	1002	27.5
2021	986	27.0
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 1 shows information pertaining to no. of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 355 articles were published in this journal in the year 2017 while 590 articles were published in this journal in the year 2018. In addition to this 714, 1002 and 986 articles were published in this journal in the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

3.2Total no. of Citations

Table 2: Total no. of citations of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Year	Total no. of citations	Percentage
2017	5856	11.7
2018	8231	16.4
2019	10348	20.7
2020	13548	27.1
2021	12086	24.1
Total	**50069**	**100.0**

Above Table 2 shows information pertaining to no. of citations of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 5856 citations were published in this journal in the year 2017 while 8231 citations were published in this journal in the year 2018. In addition to this 10348, 13548 and 12086 citations were published in this journal in the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

3.3Authorship Pattern of Articles published during 2017-2021

Table 3: Authorship pattern of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Authorship Pattern	No. of articles	Percentage
Single author	318	8.7
Two authors	439	12.0
Three authors	996	27.3
> Three authors	1894	51.9
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 3 shows information pertaining to authorship pattern of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 318 single author articles were published in this journal during study period while 439 two author articles were published in this journal. Moreover, total 996 three author articles were published in this journal during study period and total 1894 articles having more than three authors were published in this journal during study period.

3.4Dominant subject of articles published during 2017-2021

Table 4: Dominant subject of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Dominant subject	No. of articles	Percentage
Retinal Diseases	816	22.4
Glaucoma	193	5.3
Cataracts	1009	27.7
Corneal Diseases	424	11.6
Refractive Errors & Vision Correction	609	16.7
Ocular Oncology	211	5.8
Pediatric Ophthalmology	307	8.4
Other	78	2.1
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 4 shows information pertaining to dominant subject of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 816 articles published during the study period were related to retinal diseases while 193 articles were on glaucoma. In addition to this 1009, 424 and 609 articles published in this journal were related to cataract, corneal disease and refractive errors & vision correction respectively. Furthermore, total 211 and 307 articles related to Ocular Oncology and Pediatric Ophthalmology were published however 78 articles related to other subjects were published in this journal during the study period.

3.5Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published during 2017-2021

Table 5: Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Geographical distribution	No. of articles	Percentage
National	3435	94.2
International	84	2.3
Both (National-International)	128	3.5
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 5 shows information pertaining to geographical distribution of authors of the articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to

2021. It is observed that 3435 articles of Indian authors were published in this journal during study period while 84 articles of international authors were published. Furthermore, 128 articles of both national and international authors were published in this journal during the study period.

4.0Conclusions

4.1Total no. of articles published

- From the study results it is evident that high no. of the articles were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020.

4.2Total no. of Citations

- From the study results it is evident that most of the citations were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020.

4.3Authorship Pattern of Articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021 had more than three authors.

4.4Dominant subject of articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that cataract was the dominant subject of most of the articles published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021.

4.5Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles of national authors were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021.

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बौद्ध साहित्याचा संशोधनात्मक आढावा

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सारांश –

''बौद्ध साहित्याचा संशोधनात्मक आढावा'' हा एक सं"ोधन आहे. यात सर्वात अगोदर प्रस्तावना घेतलेली आहे. त्यात बौद्ध साहित्याचा कसा उगम झाला याबद्दलची माहिती देण्यात आलेली आहे. काही व्याख्या दिलेल्या आहेत. तसेच ग्रंथसूची म्हणजे काय, ग्रंथसूचीचे प्रकार, इत्यादि माहिती देण्यात आलेली आहे. व्याप्ती, समस्या विधान, अभ्यासाची उद्दिष्टये, गृहीतके, सं"ोधन पद्धती, बौद्ध साहित्याचा आढावा याबद्दलची माहिती या लेखामध्ये दिलेली आहे.

मुख्य शब्द –

बौद्ध साहित्य, सं"ोधन, साहित्याचा आढावा.

प्रस्तावना –

बुद्धांच्या महापरिनिर्वाणानंतर भारतात बौद्ध पाली साहित्याची निर्मिती झालेली आहे. म्हणजेच इ.स. पुर्व पाचव्या शतकापासून पाली साहित्याचा निर्मितीचा काळ मानला पाहिजे. भगवान बुद्धाने मनुष्यमात्राच्या कल्याणाकरिता जो धम्मोपदेश केला त्याद्वारे बौद्ध/पाली साहित्याची निर्मिती झाली.

आधुनिक जगामध्ये बौद्ध साहित्य पाली साहित्य, बौद्ध धम्म व तत्वविचार आणि बौद्ध संस्कृतीच्या अध्ययनाला आणि अध्यापनाला अतिशय महत्व प्राप्त झालेले आहे.

आज जगामध्ये जे काही बौद्ध साहित्य उपलब्ध आहे व आजही जे बौद्ध साहित्य लिहिले जात आहे त्या सर्वांचा आधार मुळ पाली – त्रिपिटक साहित्य आहे. या पाली – त्रिपिटक साहित्याला **'बुद्ध वचन'** असे म्हटले जाते.

आजच्या युगात बौद्ध साहित्य, संस्कृत, इंग्रजी, मराठी, हिंदी, पाली, प्राकृत अशा वेगवेगळया भाषेमध्ये आहे. साहित्याची निर्मिती झालेली आहे व हे सर्व साहित्य इतरत्र पसरलेले आहे. हे संपूर्ण साहित्य एक करून त्यांनी व्यवस्थितरित्या मांडणी करून ठेवण्याची एक नितांत आवश्यकता आहे. त्यामुळे हया विषयाची निवड करून बौद्ध साहित्याचा ग्रंथ सुचीत्मक साहित्याचा आढावा या रूपाने मांडणी करण्याचे ठरविले आहे व या साहित्यीक आढाव्याचा फायदा इतर वाचकांना किंवा संशोधकांना भविष्यात होईल या दृष्टीने या विषयाची निवड केलेली आहे.

ग्रंथसूची म्हणजे काय –

व्हर्नर क्लॅप यांच्या मतानुसार, **'मानवी संप्रेषणाच्या अभिलेखांची पद्धतशीर यादी म्हणजे ग्रंथसूची होय'**.

व्हॅन होईसन यांच्या मतानुसार, 'ग्रंथसूची म्हणजे ग्रंथाचे अचुकपणे वर्णन करण्याची कला किंवा शास्त्र होय.'

ग्रंथसूचीचे प्रकार –

ग्रंथसूची ही वेगवेगळया पद्धतीने, वेगवेगळयाप्रकारच्या अभ्यासकांच्या गरजा लक्षात घेऊन केली जाते. त्यामुळे अभ्यासकाच्या अनेक गरजाप्रमाणे ग्रंथसूचीचे अनेक प्रकार आहेत.

1. जागतीक ग्रंथसूची
2. राष्ट्रीय ग्रंथसूची
3. लेखक ग्रंथसूची
4. विषय ग्रंथ सूची
5. भाषिक ग्रंथसूची
6. भुप्रदे"ा ग्रंथसूची
7. व्यापारी ग्रंथसूची
8. ग्रंथसूचीची ग्रंथसूची

9. वर्णनात्मक ग्रंथसूची

10. वि"लेषणात्मक किंवा सटीप ग्रंथसूची

11. पठभेद द"र्शक (Textual) ग्रंथसूची

12. ग्रंथ"ास्त्रेतिहास अभ्यास ग्रंथसूची

13. शास्त्र"ुद्ध किंवा प्रगणन ग्रंथसूची इत्यादी ग्रंथसूचीचे प्रकार देण्यात आले आहे.

व्याप्ती व मर्यादा –

प्रस्तुत सं"ोधन विषयाची व्याप्ती बौद्ध साहित्याचा ग्रंथसूचीत्मक अभ्यासाच्या साहित्यीक आढावा पूरती मर्यादित राहणार आहे.

समस्या विधान –

बौद्ध साहित्या"ी संबंधीत व या सं"ोधन विषयाची संबंधीत साहित्याचा आढावा घेवून हया आढाव्याचा इतर वाचकांना फायदा होईल. या दृष्टीकोनातून हा अभ्यास करण्यात येत आहे.

अभ्यासाची उद्दिष्टये –

1. बौद्ध साहित्याचा अभ्यास करणे.
2. बौद्ध साहित्या"ी संबंधीत पुस्तकांचा आढावा घेणे.
3. बौद्ध साहित्यासाठी संबंधीत प्रबंधाचा आढावा घेणे.
4. जर्नल मधील पेपरचा आढावा घेणे.
5. ग्रंथ हस्तलिखित स्वरूपात उपलब्ध असलेल्या ग्रंथाचा शोध घेणे.
6. संशोधन विषयाची संबंधीत साहित्य कोणकोणत्या भाषेत उपलब्ध आहेत त्यांचा आढावा घेणे.

गृहितके –

1. बौद्ध साहित्य हे हस्तलिखित स्वरूपात उपलब्ध आहेत.
2. बौद्ध साहित्य वेगवेगळया भाषेत उपलब्ध आहेत.

संशोधन पद्धती –

वरील सं"ोधन विषयाशी संबंधीत साहित्याचा आढावा शोधणे. त्यानंतर त्या माहितीचा संग्रह करणे, टेबल तयार करणे, प्रस्तुत संशोधनासाठी खालील पद्धतीचा उपयोग करण्यात येईल.

(1) सर्वेक्षण पद्धती (2) प्रत्यक्ष भेट पद्धती

साहित्याचा आढावा

पुर्व संशोधनाचा आढावा घेतांना पूर्व संशोधन कार्य वेगवेगळया स्वरूपात आढळून आले. त्यामुळे त्याची मांडणी संशोधन कार्याच्या स्वरुपानुसार केलेली आहे.

पूर्व संशोधनाचा आढावा घेण्याचे फायदे

1. पुर्व संशोधनाची पुनरावृत्ती टाळून उचित समस्या निवडण्यास मदत होते.

2. पुर्व संशोधनाच्या आढाव्याने वेळेची व श्रमाची बचत होते.
3. संशोधकाचा आत्मविश्वास वाढतो.
4. संशोधन समस्येची पुनरावृत्ती टाळता येते.
5. अगोदर झालेल्या संशोधकांची माहिती मिळाल्यानंतर संशोधनकर्त्याला समस्या विधान करणे सोपे जाते

आचार्य पदवी प्रबंधाचा आढावा

1) **महात्मे, आशावरी (2014),** यांनी आपल्या शोधप्रबंधात विदर्भातील जैन साहित्याचा ग्रंथसूचीत्मक अभ्यास केला आहे. या प्रबंधात जैन साहित्य विदर्भात कुठे कुठे उपलब्ध आहेत. याबद्दल माहिती दिली आहे. या प्रबंधात जैन धर्माचा इतिहास, जैन धर्म, जैन तिर्थकर, जैन ग्रंथ याबद्दल वर्णन करण्यात आले आहे.

2) **गजभिये, ऋषी (2019).** या सं"ोधकाने दलित साहित्याचा ग्रंथसूचीत्मक अभ्यास केला आहे. यात त्यांनी दलित साहित्याबद्दल माहिती दिली आहे. दलित साहित्य कोणकोणत्या भाषेत, कोणकोणत्या ठिकाणी उपलब्ध आहे. याबद्दल सविस्तरपणे वर्णन केले आहे. संपूर्ण साहित्यांची ग्रंथसूचीच्या रूपाने मांडणी केली आहे.

3) **शंभरकर, स्वाती (2016).** या लेखिकेने आपल्या सं"ोधनात मराठीतील स्त्री साहित्याबद्दल वर्णन केले आहे. महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील मराठी भाषेतील सन 1901 ते 2000 या शंभर वर्षामध्ये प्रका"ित झालेल्या स्त्री साहित्याचा ग्रंथसूचीत्मक आढावा आपल्या शोध प्रबंधामध्ये घेतलेला आहे.

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6) **डाहक, व्ही.ए. (2005).** यांनी आपल्या सं"ोधनामध्ये महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिकांना लेखन कार्याविषयी दिलेल्या योगदानाचा ग्रंथकोषीय अभ्यास केला आहे.

7) **चौरपगारे व्ही.एच.(2004).** प्रस्तुत शोध प्रबंधामध्ये सुत्तपिटकातील विपस्सना व बौद्ध तत्वज्ञान याबद्दलचे विविध पैलू सं"ोधित केले असून त्यामध्ये बुद्धकालीन विविध दा"ंनिक व त्यांचे तत्वज्ञान, बौद्ध तत्वज्ञान

व विपस्सना यांचा संबंध स्पष्ट केलेला आहे. विपस्सनेची व्याख्या तसेच विपस्सनेचा चित्त व मना"ी असलेला संबंध, बोधिपाक्षिके धर्म, दहा अनुस्मृति, बत्तीस कोट्टासांचे विस्तृत विवेचन केलेले आहे.

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1960 – 1984 दरम्यान परदे"ी विद्वानांसह ि"क्षक, सं"ोधन विद्वान, एलआयएस शाळा आणि व्यावसायिक ग्रंथपालकांनी केलेल्या योगदानाचे वि"लेषण करते.

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सारांश :—*श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांच्या खालोखाल महानुभाव पंथात ज्या अधिकारसंपन्न व्यक्ती होऊन गेल्या त्यामध्ये म्हाइंभट व केसोबास या दोन व्यक्ती आहेत. म्हाइंभटांनी आपला अमरग्रंथ लीळाचरित्र संकलीत केला तर केसोबासांनी लीळाचरित्रावर तीन रचना केल्या. १) सूत्रपाठ २) दृष्टांतपाठ ३) रत्नमाला स्तोत्र. मात्र लीळाचरित्रावर हे तीनही ग्रंथ लिहणाऱ्या केसोबासांची (केशिराजबासांची) म्हाइंभटांशी कधीही भेट झाल्याचा उल्लेख येत नाही. बहुधा म्हाइंभटांच्या मृत्युनंतर केसोबास पंथात आलेले दिसतात. केसोबास मराठवाडयातील पाचदंडी रामपुरीचे, श्रीनागदेवाचार्य यांच्या परिवारांत केसोबासांना मोठी प्रतिष्ठा होती. त्यांना शास्त्रचर्चेची मोठी आवड होती व श्रीचक्रधरविचार दर्शन विचारांत तर ते तरबेज होते. त्यांच्या शास्त्रीय नैपुण्याबद्दल श्रीनागदेवाचार्य संतुष्ट होते व १) सूत्रपाठ लीळा २) दृष्टान्तसह लीळा ३) सूत्र दृष्टांन्तसह लीळा. अशा त्रिविध स्वरूपाच्या ज्या ज्या लीळा होत्या त्या डोळयासमोर ठेवून सूत्रांचे व दृष्टांन्ताची निवड कूळ ग्रंथातून केसोबासांनी केलेली दिसते. सूत्रांनाच वचने म्हणतात. किंबहुना वचने जी लीळाचरित्रांत होती ती वचनेच म्हणजे सूत्रे होत अशी भूमिका प्रथम केसोबासांनी घेतली व मूळ लीळाचरित्रात वेगवेगळया लीळातून विखुरलेल्या स्वरूपांत असलेली श्रीचक्रधर वचने निवडली व त्यांच्या निश्चितीसाठी श्रीनागदेवांचे मार्गदर्शन घेतले. तसेच त्यांचा क्रम लावला व ती सर्व वचने नऊ प्रकरणांत गुंफुन त्यांची विषयावर संगती लावली. अशा प्रकारे श्रीचक्रधर वचनांचा जो ९ प्रकरणांत संग्रह करण्यांत आला त्यांनाच सूत्रपाठ असे नाव आहे. याच धर्तीवर दृष्टान्तपाठही तयार करण्यांत आले. या दोन ग्रंथामुळे श्रीचक्रधर वचनांचा अभ्यास सुरू झाला व त्यातून महानुभाव पंथाचा दर्शन विचार स्पष्टपणे अभ्यासकांना उपलब्ध झाला.*

बिज शब्द :— *सूत्रपाठ, दृष्टान्तपाठ, रत्नमालास्तोत्र, लिळाचरित्र, स्मृतिस्थळ, दार्ष्टान्तिक, बीजग्रंथ, सिध्दान्ते.*

प्रसतावना:—सूत्रपाठावर मोठया प्रमाणांत ग्रंथ निर्मिती झाली. सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथाचे वैशिष्टय हे की, हा ग्रंथ कोणत्याही अभ्यासकांने तयार केला नाही किंवा स्वत:च्या प्रतिभेने स्वतंत्ररूपात लिहिलेला नाही. सहसा असे दृश्य दिसते की, मूळ पंथ प्रवर्तकाचे विचारदर्शन मूळ पंथ प्रवर्तकांच्या परंपरेतील अधिकारी व प्रमाण पुरूष करीत असतात. परंतु सुत्रपाठाच्या संदर्भात वेगळी परिस्थिती आहे. येथे श्रीचक्रधरांच्या सर्व वचनांची उपलब्धी म्हाइंभटांनी संकलीत केलेल्या मूळ लीळाचरित्रातून झालेली आहे. म्हाइंभटांनी वेगवेगळया भक्तांकडून लीळा संकलीत केल्या यामुळे परमेश्वराचे चिंतन व मनन करण्यास लीळा फार उपयुक्त ठरल्या. परंतु चिंतन व स्मरणाप्रमाणेच श्रीचक्रधर वचनांची उपलब्धी होऊन श्रीचक्रधर विचार दर्शनाचे उत्तम साधन वचनरूपाने लीळातून मिळाले.

सूत्रपाठ संकलन संपादक:— केसोबासांनी शके १२१२—१३ च्या सुमारास सूत्रपाठ सिद्ध केल्यानंतर सूत्रपाठाचे वर्गीकरण ९ प्रकरणात केले आहे. यातील क्रम व विषय मांडतांना केसोबासांना श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांचे सर्वतोपरी मार्गदर्शन लाभले हे उघड आहे. कारण श्रीनागदेवाचार्या हे श्रीचक्रधरांचे उत्तराधिकारी होते. श्रीचक्रधरविचार पध्दतशीररित्या लोकांसमोर रहावेत अशी तळमळ त्यांना होती. त्यासाठी अनेक भक्तांना त्यांनी तयार केले. म्हाइंभट,लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर व केसोबास हे तीन भक्त हया दृष्टीने उल्लेखनीय आहेत. हया तिघांची गती श्रीचक्रधर विचारांत होती. या मधील लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर यांनी आचार विचार लक्षणे व प्रकरणीची लक्षणे केली आहेत. ही सर्व रचना केसोबास निर्मित केल्यानंतरची आहेत. कारण केसोबासांनी सिध्द केलेल्या सूत्रपाठाची ९ प्रकरणे अशी, १) अन्यव्यावृत्ती २) युगधर्म ३)विद्यामार्ग ४) संहार ५) संसरण ६) असतीपरी ७) उध्दरण ८)महावाक्य ९) निर्वचन. केसोबासांचे हे कार्य पाहून श्रीनागदेवाचार्य संतुष्ट झाले. त्यांची प्रशंसा करतांना ते म्हणतात एक वेळ पंडित केसोबास (केशिराजबास) भटोबासांसी चर्चा करीत होते. भटोबासी तौखोनी म्हण्णीतले : माझे शास्त्र म्हाइंभटा : लक्ष्मीधर भटाचेनी नुजळेची : ते पंडित केशोदेयासि चर्चा करितां उजळले यैसे तोखले : नागदेवांच्या प्रेरणेने जे अनेक भक्त श्रीचक्रधरवचन सूत्राकडे आकर्षीत होऊन वारंवार चर्चा करीत त्यापैकी काही असे. १) लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर व म्हाइंभट २) दामोदरपंडित, त्यांची पत्नी हिराईसा व केसोबास ३) भास्करभट बोरीकर ४) आनेराजव्यास. सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथ सिध्द झाल्यावर त्यामधील वचन सूत्राचे अध्ययन सुरू झाले व त्या अध्ययन प्रक्रियेतून चर्चा, शंका, समाधान, स्पष्टीकरण व विवेचनास प्रारंभ होऊन हळूहळू जीव, प्रपंच, देवता, ईश्वर यावर अधिकाधिक वैचारिक मंथन महानुभाव परिवारांत होऊ लागले. या कार्यात दामोदर, त्यांची पत्नी हिराईसा, केसोबास, लक्ष्मेंद्र, आनेराज, कवीश्वर भास्कर, रामदेव व म्हाइंभट हे बिनीचे अभ्यासक आघाडीवर होते. या सर्वांनी प्रेरणा श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांची असे व जेव्हा केव्हा प्रसंग येत असे तेव्हा हे सर्व श्रीनागदेवाचार्याजवळ येत. स्मृतिस्थळ ग्रंथावरून असे दिसते की, स्वत: श्रीनागदेवाचार्य देखील श्रीचक्रधर वचनावर प्रवचने करीत व मूळ सूत्रवचन विशद करून सांगत पुढे सूत्रपाठाचे अध्ययन व शास्त्रप्रतीपादनासाठी

तीन गटात वर्गीकरण झाले ते असे. १) लक्षण २) आचार ३) विचार. यांनाच आचार विचार लक्षण स्थळ असेही म्हणतात. लक्षण स्थळाला महाभाष्य नाव आहे. यामध्ये १) पुर्वी पंचकृष्ण नामार्थ २) अन्यव्यावृत्ती ३) युगधर्म क्रियापाक ४) विद्यामार्ग ५) संहार ६)संसरण ७) उध्दरण—साध्य वाक्य ८) असतीपर गुढा ही आठ प्रकरणे आहेत, यांचे संपादन श्री. माधवराज पंजाबी यांनी अमरावतीहून केले. त्यांच्या प्रथम आवृत्ती प्रस्तावना संपादकांचे मनोगत नावाने आहे. ही महत्वपूर्ण आवृत्ती २२/०१/१९६९ मध्ये प्रसिध्द झाली. या ग्रंथाचे वैशिष्टय सांगतांना श्री. माधवराव पंजाबी म्हणतात, हा ग्रंथ एक संकलनात्मक चर्चा ग्रंथ आहे यात प्रकरण संबंध, वचन, वचनसबंध, पक्ष शंका प्रयोग, हेतु, सर्व अर्थ, आदिच्या साहाय्याने स्वामींच्या मूळ वचनांचा (सूत्रांचा) अन्वयार्थ दर्शित करण्याचा मी प्रयत्न केला आहे. हया ग्रंथास महाभाष्य ही संज्ञा त्याच अर्थाने सार्थ आहे.

सूत्रपाठावर महानुभावीय अध्ययनकर्ताकडून जे ग्रंथ निर्माण झाली त्याची माहिती श्री. माधवराव पंजाबी देतांना लिहितात, केसोबास (केशिराजबास) यांनी श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींच्या अमृतस्यंदी मराठी वाणीतून निघालेली वचने ग्रंथीत करून तयार केलेली सूत्रपाठाची पोथी आदिग्रंथ श्री कवीश्वर व्यासाकडून खालशाच्या धाडीत गेले. नंतर आपल्या मुख पाठाप्रमाणे सूत्रपाठाची पोथी तयार केली. कवीश्वर व्यासाच्या संमतीने रामेश्वर व्यास व परशुरामव्यास यांनी आचार विचार माळीका तयार केल्या. श्री राजूरकर लक्ष्मींद्र व्यासांनी आचार्यांना दाखवून स्वामीच्या वचनावर लक्षणे तयार केली होती व रामेश्वर परशुराम व कवीश्वरव्यास आदि व इतरही पुष्कळ लोकांची टांचणे होती. शिवाय स्वामीच्या वचनावर निरनिराळी मते बनू लागली होती. जुनी सर्व टांचणे एकत्र करून स्वामींच्या वचनाचा अर्थ विशद करणारा एक अधिकृत ग्रंथ तयार करण्याची आवश्यकता पेठे हरिबासापासूनच भासू लागली होती. ही इच्छा त्यांनी अचलमुरारी जवळ व्यक्त केली होती. पण त्यांच्याने ती पूर्ण झाली नव्हती. हे कार्य होण अत्यंत आवश्यक होते. हाच निरोप अचलमुरारी यांना दिला होता. व त्यांनी पण कार्य करण्याचे निश्चित ठरविले. नंतर गुर्जरशिव व धाराशिवकर ओंकार यांचे शिष्य सिध्दान्ते हरिबास या दोघांनी २२ जनांची श्रीचक्रधर स्वामींच्या तत्वज्ञानावर असलेली टीपणे गोळा करून त्यात आपली मते दाखल करून लक्षण स्थळ, आचारस्थळ, विचारस्थळ अशी तिन्ही स्थळे म्हणजे तिन्ही भाषणे शके १३२५ चे सुमारास तयार केली.

श्री माधवराव पंजाबी प्रमाणेच दुसरे महानुभाव संशोधन संपादक मुरलीधर शास्त्री कोळपकर आहेत. त्यांनी लिहिलेल्या महानुभावांचा इतिहास या ग्रंथात ते म्हणतात, केशिराज पंडितांनी लीळाचरित्रातून सूत्रे निवडून काढली. श्री आचार्यांना विचारून त्या सूत्रांना क्रम लावला. ज्या प्रकरणाची सूत्रे त्या प्रकरणात दाखल केली सर्व प्रकरणे तयार केली. पूर्वी, पंचकृष्ण पंचनामसूत्रे ११, अन्यव्यावृत्ती सूत्रे १०, युगधर्म सूत्रे २८, विद्यामार्ग सूत्रे २२, संहारसूत्रे १५, संसरण सूत्रे २७, महावाक्य सूत्रे ९, निर्वचन सूत्रे २३, उध्दरण सूत्रे ६६, असतीपर सूत्रे ६, अशी एकूण २१७ सूत्रे होतात.

यानंतर असतीपर सूत्र प्रमुख धरून आचार प्रकरण केले ८ प्रकरणांचा विचार प्रकरण एकुण आचारविचार प्रकरणांची ४५० सूत्रे निवडली. एकंदरीत पूर्वी पंचकृष्ण पंचनाम, नव प्रकरण व आचार विचार मिळून ६६७ वचनांचा सूत्रपाठ केशिराज पंडितांनी तयार केला त्यास वेधस्थळ नाव दिले. पूर्वी, पंचकृष्ण पंचनाम हे नव प्रकरणांत न घालता स्वतंत्र केले असा एकूण ७९१ वचनासूत्रपाठ कवीश्वर व्यासांनी तयार केला श्री. कवीश्वर व्यासांनी तयार केलेली सूत्रे ७९१ आणि परशुराम व्यासांनी त्यात २४३ वचनांचा भर घालून १०३४ वचनांचा सूत्रपाठ तयार केला. ज्यांची मते त्यांनी आधारासाठी घेतली त्यांना महानुभाव परंपरेत पक्षकार नावाने ओळखतात. या प्रत्येकाची एक खूण किंवा चिन्ह आहे. यामुळे त्या खुणेवरून त्या त्या व्यक्तीच्या मताचा व विचाराचा बोध होतो. हे पक्षकार असे :— १) म्हाइंभट २)जनार्दन उपाध्ये ३) आनेराज पंडित ४) कवीश्वर भास्कर ५) दंते गोपाल ६) लक्ष्मींद्र राजूरकर ७) अमृते मायाबास ८) कमळाउसा उपाध्ये ९) कुमर रेमाइसा १०) धाडी नागाइसा (कवीश्वर भास्करांची शिष्या) ११) नात नागाइसा (नागदेवाचार्याची नात.) १२) हर्दमुनी उपाध्ये १३) परशुराम व्यास १४)रामेश्वर व्यास १५) हिराईसा उपाध्ये ६) धाराशिवकर ओंकारव्यास १७) कुमर मुनिव्यास १८) पेठे हरिव्यास १९) आबाईसा उपाध्ये २०) ओंकारव्यास पातुरकर २१) मुनीव्यास नांदेडकर २२) फरपठ २३) गुर्जरशिवव्यास २४) सिध्दांत हरीव्यास.

यामधील फरपट पक्ष कोणाचा हे आद्याप निश्चित नाही. २३ व २४ क्रमांकाचे पक्षकार अनुक्रमे तिन्ही स्थळा भाष्यकार गुर्जरशिव व सिध्दान्ते हरिबास आहेत. या चावीस पक्षकारांचा निर्देयश कृष्णमुनी यांच्या अन्वयस्थळात येतो.

सूत्रपाठ स्थळभाष्य:—सूत्रपाठावरील तिन्ही स्थळभाष्याची निर्मिती शके १३७०—७५ च्या आसपासची आहे. अशा तऱ्हेने म्हाइंभट, नागदेवाचार्य, केसोबास, कवीश्वर भास्कर, आचार्य परशुराम व सिध्दांत हरीव्यास व गुर्जरशिव या सात थोर महानुभावीय आचार्याकडून सूत्रपाठ व तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य असे दोन अधिकृत व प्रमाण ग्रंथ मूळ म्हाइंभट संकलीत लीळा चरित्रातील वचनावरून

निर्माण झाले. श्री चक्रधर वचने सूत्रपाठ तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य असा क्रम येथे आहे. वचनसूत्रे त्यांचे वर्गीकरण ९ प्रकरणांत त्यांची मांडणी नंतर १२ प्रकरणापर्यंत त्यांचा विस्तार व सरतेशेवटी तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य आचार विचार लक्षणांत त्यांचे विभाजन व त्यावरील २४ प्रमाण व अधिकारी पुरूषांचे चिंतन हे सर्व येथे पाहावयास मिळते. या तिन्ही स्थळभाष्याचे जे २४ पक्षकार आहेत त्यापैकी काही व्यक्ती लीळाचरित्र पाठाशीही शोधकार म्हणून प्रसिध्द आहेत ते असे :–१) कवीश्वर भास्कर २)परशुराम ३) रामेश्वर ४) कुमर रेमाइसा ५) अमृते मासंबा ६) कमळाईसा उपाध्ये ७) हिराईसा उपाध्ये ८) हर्दमुनि ९) धाराशिवकर ओंकार व्यास १०) आनेराज व्यास ११) गुर्जर शिवबास १२) म्हाइंभट.

जेष्ठ संशोधिका डॉ. उषा देशमुख यांनी महानुभाव साहित्यदर्शन या ग्रंथामध्ये सूत्रपाठ या ग्रंथाविषयी म्हणतात. महानुभाव पंथाचे संस्थापक श्रीचक्रधरस्वामी यांनी तत्वज्ञान आणि आचारधर्म विरहणातून सांगितला तो लीळाचरित्र या मराठीतील आद्यग्रंथात बध्द झालेला आहे. मराठी साहित्याची गंगा लीळाचरित्रातून वाहू लागली व तिच्यातून अनेक वैचारिक ग्रंथाचे घाट नंतरच्या काळात महानुभाव आचार्यांनी आणि अध्ययनकर्तानी बांधून काढले. सूत्रपाठ हा ग्रंथ त्यापैकीच एक. लीळाचरित्रातून दृष्टान्तपाठाची निर्मिती झाली व ती मूळ सूत्ररूप तत्वज्ञानावर सुलभ विचारविनिमयासाठी श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींनी दिलेला दृष्टान्त केसोबासांनी सूत्रदृष्टान्तावर सचलेले दृष्टांतिक अशी दृष्टान्तपाठाची रचना मूळ लीळाचरित्रातून झाली व नंतरच्या काळात त्यावर अनेक टीकाटिप्पणी होत राहिल्या. सूत्रपाठाची निर्मितीही अशीच झाली. लीळाचरित्रातून श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींनी सांगितलेली जी जीवनसूत्र, तत्वसूत्रे आहेत ती वेगळी काढली गेली आणि सूत्रपाठाची निर्मिती झाली. वारकरी संप्रदायात प्रस्थानत्रयी म्हणून जसे ज्ञानेश्वरीला विलक्षण महत्व आहे तसे महानुभाव संप्रदायात सूत्रपाठाला आहे. या दृष्टीने महानुभाव पंथात लीळाचरित्र हा बृहद् ग्रंथ सर्वे सर्वा : अशा स्वरूपाचा ठरतो.लीळाचरित्र हा महानुभाव पंथातील वाङ्:मयाचा बीजग्रंथ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ हे उभयता ग्रंथ अर्थनिर्णयाचे व तत्वचर्चेचे बीजग्रंथ ठरतात. महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाचा सूत्रपाठ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ हे ग्रंथ पायाभूत आहे. यापैकी सूत्रपाठाचे महानुभाव पंथामध्ये विशेष स्थान आहे. कारण या पंथाची तात्विक सिध्दांतिक साहित्याचे मूलस्तोत्र या ग्रंथापासून निर्माण झाली आहे.

दृष्टान्तपाठ:–

म्हाइंभटांच्या लीळाचरित्रावर केसोबास (केशिराजबास) यांचे तीन ग्रंथ आहेत. ते असे :– १) सूत्रपाठ २)दृष्टान्तपाठ ३)रत्नमालास्तोत्रहे तिन्ही ग्रंथ स्वतंत्र नाहीत किंवा लीळाचरित्राच्या आधारावर केलेल्या रचना नाहीत तर लिळा चरित्रातून निष्पन्न केलेल्या रचना आहेत. मूळ लीळाचरित्रांचे वेगळे रूप दाखविणाऱ्या हया तीन्ही रचना आहेत. हया तीन पैकी रत्नमालास्तोत्र हे तर मूळ लीळांना दिलेला संस्कृत पेहराव आहे. सूत्रपाठ व दृष्टान्तपाठ हया दोन्ही रचना एकमेकांशी संलग्न असून श्रीचक्रधरांची वचने व वेळोवेळी भक्तांना दृष्टान्तासह केलेली निरूपणे आहेत. आपले दर्शन विचार स्पष्ट करण्यासाठी दिलेल्या दृष्टान्ताचे स्वरूप अधिक विशद व्हावे म्हणून सूत्रदृष्टान्त व दार्ष्टान्तिक पध्दतीची रचना केशिराजांनी केली. दृष्टान्तपाठात ११४ दृष्टान्त आहेत हे सर्व श्रीचक्रधरांचे असून मूळ लीळाचरित्रातील आहेत. मात्र त्यावरील दार्ष्टान्तिक व लापनिका ही केशिराजांची आहे.

श्रीचक्रधरांच्या दृष्टान्ताचे विवेचन स्पष्टीकरण महानुभाव परंपरेतील अधिकारी व्यक्तीकडून झालेले आहे. उदा. लक्षण रत्नाकर नावाच्या संस्कृत ग्रंथात ज्याच्या योगाने प्रमेयाची सीमा स्पष्ट होते त्याला नाव दृष्टान्त आहे असे आनेराज व्यास म्हणतात. (येन दृष्टी प्रमेयान्त: तम् दृष्टान्त प्रचक्षते) दृष्ट वस्तुच्या साहाय्याने अदृश्य ज्यात दाखवून दिले त्याला दृष्टान्त नाव आहे असे दृष्टान्तस्थळ ग्रंथात विश्वनाथ बीडकर सांगतात. या दृष्टान्तपाठावर स्वत: केशिराज यांनी स्वत:च टीप सारखी रचना केली आहे. त्याला त्यांनी दार्ष्टान्तिक नावाने संबोधले असून दार्ष्टान्तिकांत दृष्टान्ताचा निष्कर्ष दिलेला असतो. मूळ सूत्र, त्यावर टीप व त्याचा आशय स्पष्ट करणे असे धोरण केशिराजांनी ग्रंथ रचनेचे ठरविले आहे.

दृष्टान्तपाठातील ११४ दृष्टान्त मूळचे लीळाचरित्रातील आहेत. या दृष्टान्तपाठांत ४५ सूत्राचा मूळ आशय आलेला आहे. ही ४५ सूत्रे दृष्टान्तपाठात येतात. हे सर्व सूत्रपाठांत दिसून येतात. यावरून सूत्रपाठाचा अधिक विस्तार हे दृष्टान्तपाठाचे स्वरूप आहे. यावर केशिराजांचे लापणिक आहे. ही एक शास्त्रीय संज्ञा आहे. लापणिका ही पृथक्करणात्मक आहे व ती अनुक्रमणिका सारखी आहे. कालांतराने दृष्टान्त पाठावर अनेक ग्रंथ महानुभाव पंथांत तयार झाले. श्रीचक्रधरांनी ११४ दृष्टान्ताचे निरूपणे आपल्या शिष्यांना सांगितली. त्यामध्ये भटोबास उर्फ नागदेव रामदेव दादोस, महादाईसा व बाईसा हे प्रमुख शिष्य होते. या ११४ दृष्टान्ताची विभागणी महानुभावीय सांप्रदायिक अभ्यासकांनी पुढील प्रमाणे केली.

१)देवाद्य दृष्टान्त११०

३)दैवान्त दृष्टान्त६२७०

४)संन्यास दृष्टान्त७१७२
५)जिज्ञासू दृष्टान्त७३८४
६)असंनिधानधर्म दृष्टान्त८५८९
७)साधनविघ्न दृष्टान्त९०९५
८)विघ्नहानी दृष्टान्त९६९८
९)साध्य व्यवस्था दृष्टान्त९९११४

श्रीचक्रधर व केशिराज यांच्या विवेचन पध्दतीचे वैशिष्टय सांगतांना दृष्टान्तपाठाचे संपादक नेने व भवाळकर म्हणतात, दोघेही जरी समकालीन नव्हेत तरी पाठोपाठाचे परंतु आपल्या दीर्घ आयुष्यांत महाराष्ट्रात यथा सुखभ्रमण केल्यामुळे श्रीचक्रधरांना जे जनतेचे भाषा वैशिष्टय प्राप्त झाले होते त्यापासून केशिराज पुष्कळच अंतरावर होते, जिज्ञास व ज्ञानी वर्गातील ते एक प्रतिनिधी हळूहळू चक्रधर सिध्दांताचे मराठीत संहितीकरण करण्याचा खटपटीत होते. त्यामुळे जे अपरिचित सिध्दान्त होते. त्यावर काळ केवळ निर्वाण वाणीत निर्वचनीय असा ज्ञानाविराकार अभ्यासकांना पटेल अशा पध्दतीने मराठीत रूढ करावयाचा प्रचंड सायास त्यांनी शिरावर घेतला होता. सूक्ष्म अशा शास्त्रविचारांना व्यक्त करण्यास प्रतिक्षम व समर्थ अशी शब्द संपदा केशिराजांनी मराठीत आणली. प्राचीन मराठी गद्यरचनेचे ते प्रथमाचार्य होते. मराठीत दृष्टान्तपाठ सदृश्य ग्रंथ झाला नाही. कालदृष्टया अग्रजूजेचे भाग्य श्रीचक्रधरास असल्यामुळे केशिराजांच्या दार्ष्टान्तिकांस नंतरचे स्थान द्यावे लागेल.

दृष्टान्तपाठ ग्रंथ लिहून श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वचनांचे पूजन केशिराजांनी केले. त्यांचा सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथही असाच आहे. या दोन रचनामुळे महानुभाव दर्शन शास्त्राचा पाया घातला गेला व कालांतराने त्यावर महानुभाव तत्वज्ञान मंदिराची इमारत उभी राहिली. अवस्थाभूत गीत व मूर्तिप्रकाश हया दोन रचना त्यांच्या आहेत. केशिराजांचे समग्र नसले तरी त्यांच्या चरित्रांतील काही प्रमुख घटनांची माहिती स्मृतिस्थळ ग्रंथात आलेली आहे. केशिराज हे दामोदर पंडित व हिराईसा यांचे परममित्र होते व त्यांच्या कवित्वाचे काही नमुने वच्छाहरण या ग्रंथात आलेले आहेत. केशिराज हे श्रीनागदेवाचार्याचे शिष्य होते व त्यांचा अखेर शोकजनक झाली. ते एका दारूने धुंद झालेल्या व्यक्तीच्या तलवारीच्या आघातास बळी पडले. केशिराज हे मोठे वैराग्य संपन्न व तपस्वी महापुरूष होते. श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वचनावर त्यांची अतोनात श्रध्दा होती व त्यांच्या संपूर्ण विचारांचे सखोल अध्ययन व चिंतन केशिराजांनी केले होते. ते श्रीनागदेवाकडे त्यांच्या निंबा येथील वास्तव्य काळात आले. श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांचा त्यांच्यावर मोठा विश्वास होता व ते त्यांच्यावर संतुष्ट असतं. जे शास्त्र म्हाईभंट व लक्ष्मेंद्र यांच्या कडून उजळले नाही ते शास्त्र केसोबासांनी उजळले हा केसोबासांच्या कार्यावरील श्रीनागदेवांचा अभिप्राय म्हणजे त्यांना मिळालेले प्रमाणपत्र आहे यांत शंका नाही.

दृष्टान्तपाठ या ग्रंथाचे महानुभाव पंथामध्ये वैशिष्टयपूर्ण स्थान आहे. दृष्टान्तपाठ या ग्रंथाविषयी जेष्ठ संशोधिका डॉ. उषा माधव देशमुख अतिशय अभ्यासपूर्ण मत व्यक्त करतांना म्हणतात, दृष्टान्तपाठ हा जसा महानुभाव संप्रदायाचा बीजग्रंथ आहे तसाच तो पुढच्या काळातील साहित्याचा प्रेरणारूप साधनग्रंथही आहे. सूत्रपाठावर जसे भाष्यग्रंथ लापणिक वार्तिके लिहिली गेलीत तसेच दृष्टान्तपाठावरही अनेक ग्रंथ पुढच्या काळात लिहिले गेलेत. सूत्रपाठ श्रुतीग्रंथ जसा आहे तसा दृष्टान्तपाठ हा श्रृतीस्मृती ग्रंथ ठरता. दृष्टान्ताची व्याख्या विश्वनाथबासांने मोठी मार्मिक केली आहे. तो म्हणतो दृष्टाच्या अंती अदृष्ट बुझाविले म्हणौनि दृष्टान्त बोलिजे आणि दृष्टान्ताचेनि व्यवहारे जो अर्थु निर्धारिजे तो दार्ष्टान्तिक होय. यावरून अदृष्ट विचार व्यवहारे निर्धारिजे हे दृष्टान्तपाठाचे स्वरूप ठरते. सूत्रपाठाची जशी त्रिखंडात्मक निर्मिती आहे. तशीच दृष्टान्तपाठाची आहे. सूत्रपाठाला पूर्वार्ध उत्तरार्ध असे विभाग स्पष्ट होतात. दृष्टान्तपाठातही सूत्रदृष्टान्ताचा पूर्वार्ध आणि दार्ष्टान्तिक केवळ जन्मजनक संबंध नसून त्यापलीकडे सूत्रातील जीवोध्दारणाचे स्वामींचे व्यसन अधिक स्पष्टपणे दृष्टान्तपाठात आलेले आहे. म्हणून सूत्रपाठ श्रुतीग्रंथ म्हणून बीजग्रंथ ठरतो तर दृष्टान्तपाठ श्रुतीस्मृतीरूप साधनग्रंथ ठरतो. दृष्टान्तपाठावर महानुभाव संप्रदायात पुढच्या काळात भरपूर ग्रंथनिर्मिती झाली आहे. भाष्यग्रंथ, टीपग्रंथ, माळिका, सरवळे, स्थळग्रंथ, महावाक्य, लापणिका आणि बंदग्रंथ असे साधनसाहित्य निर्माण झाले आहे.

सूत्रपाठ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ या केसोबासांच्या दोन संकलनांनी महानुभाव संप्रदायाला श्रीचक्रधरांचे धर्मशास्त्र आणि ब्रम्हविद्याशास्त्र सिध्द करून दिले आहे आणि हे दोन्ही ग्रंथ महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानातील बीजग्रंथ ठरतात. शास्त्रवचनरूप परमेश्वराची श्रुतीपूंजा वाकपुष्पी ईश्वरतिन करून केसोबासांने बांधली आहे. त्यामुळे दृष्टान्तपाठातील तत्वविचार हा त्या ग्रंथाचा आत्मा आहे. आविष्कार मात्र वाङ्मयीन कलाकृती नाही तर ती तत्वचिंतनपर भाष्य करणारी ललीत आणि ललितेतर अशी गद्यकृती ठरते. तिचा जन्महेतू महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाची व्यवस्था लावण्याचा आहे. केसोबासांची दृष्टी आणि दार्ष्टान्तिकांचे अंत:सूत्र हे श्रीचक्रधरांचे तत्वज्ञान विशद

करून सांगण्याचे आहे. म्हणूनच तत्वज्ञानाचा प्रभाव किंवा तत्वज्ञानाचा परिणाम किंवा तत्वज्ञानाचा संस्कार या भूमिकेतून दृष्टान्तपाठात तत्वविचार झिरपलेला आहे असे दिसत नाही तर तत्वज्ञानाच्या बैठकीवरच दृष्टान्तपाठाची इमारत उभी आहे. त्यामुळे दार्ष्टान्तिकातील केसोबासांचे तत्वप्रबोधनही महानुभाव संप्रदायाच्या तत्वविशदीकरणाच्या अंगाने होत जाते. कोणतेही दार्ष्टान्तिक नमुना म्हणून बघता येईल. केसोबासांचा संकलनाचा दृष्टिकोण आणि प्रवृत्ती ही विवरणात्मक आहे तर चक्रधरांच्या सूत्रांतून आणि दृष्टान्तातून तत्वसिध्दान्तनाचा प्रयत्न प्रभावी झालेला दिसतो. म्हणजे तत्वज्ञानाचे सिध्दान्तन आणि विशदीकरण या दोन मूलभूत प्रेरणा दृष्टान्तपाठाच्या आशयातून द्विधुवात्मक पध्दतीने साक्षात झाल्या आहेत. आतापर्यंत लीळाचरित्राच्या पाच संपादणी प्रसिध्द झाल्या. त्यापैकी ज्यांनी परिशिष्टामध्ये सूत्रपाठा दिला आहे आणि दिलेला नाही ते खालीलप्रमाणे आहे.

१)डॉ. वि. भि. कोलते यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलेला नाही

२)ह.ना. नेने यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलेला नाही

३)श्री. माधवराज पंजाबी यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलला नाही

४)विद्याधरदादा पंजाबी आणि नरेंद्रमुनी अकुळनेरकर यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिला आहे.

५)पुरूषोत्तम नागपुरे यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ परिशिष्टामध्ये दिलेला आहे.

वरिल डॉ. वि. भि. कोलते, ह.ना. नेने, माधवराज पंजाबी, विद्याधरदादा पंजाबी व नरेंद्रमुनी अकुळनेरकर या संपादकानी लीळाचरित्राच्या संपादनीमध्ये सूत्रपाठ परिशिष्ट रूपात दिलेला नाही. मात्र केवळ पुरूषोत्तम नागपूरे यांनी लीळाचरित्र संपादनाच्या परिशिष्टामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिला आहे

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१) महंत श्री. नागराजबाबा महानुभाव यांचे संग्रहातील तळेगांवकर आम्नायाची पोथी महानुभाव आश्रम, औरंगाबाद येथून मिळाली. ती डॉ. यु. म. पठाणयांनी संपादून मोकळे दृष्टान्त संपादित केले

२) महंत श्री. भालोदकर महानुभाव यांचे संग्रहातील पारमांडल्य आम्नायाची पोथी दिग्रस, जिल्हा यवतमाळ येथून मिळून डॉ. व. दि. कुलकर्णी यांनी मोकळे दृष्टांत संपादित केले.

त्यावर दार्ष्टान्तिक लिहून केशिराज त्यांतून एखादी विशिष्ट तात्विक विचारसरणी उभी करू शकेलही परंतु हे काम दृष्टान्तपाठ सिध्द करणाऱ्या केशिराजांनी केलेले नाही. कदाचित त्यांच्या प्रयत्नातील या अपुरेपणाची जाणीव होऊन एखादया उत्तरकालीन अभ्यासकाने लीळाचरित्रातील दृष्टान्तपाठात न आलेल्या दृष्टान्तांचा शोध घेऊन त्यांची एक यादी तयार केली असावी व तीच आज आपणापुढे मोकळे दृष्टान्त म्हणून आहे. केशिराजांनी तयार न केलेल्या दृष्टान्तपाठाच्या या दुसऱ्या भागाचा तो कच्चा मालमसाला असल्याप्रमाणे आहे.

लीळाचरित्रातून तेराव्या शतकातील वास्तव जीवनचित्रण साक्षात झाले तर दृष्टान्तपाठ व सूत्रपाठ या लीळाचरित्रातून जन्माला आलेल्या ग्रंथांनी वास्तवातील बोलीभाषेतून व सूत्रपाठ या लीळाचरित्रातून जन्माला आलेल्या ग्रंथांनी वास्तवातील बोलीभाषेतून तत्वविचार स्पष्ट केला. त्यात सहजता, स्वाभाविकता आणि उत्स्फूर्तता आहे. दोन–दोन, चार–चार शब्दांत समूहातून मूलभूत विश्वात्मक जीवनानुभूती साकार करण्याचे सामर्थ्य आहे. स्वातंत्र हा मोक्ष पारतंत्र हा बंध असे जीवनानुभव अमूर्तपणे साकार होत नाहीत तर दृष्टांन्त कथांच्या साहाय्याने कांतीमान होऊन ते समूर्त होतात. अर्थ प्रगटीकरणाची निश्चितता आणि लोकभाषेची स्वाभविक अकृत्रिम व नैसर्गिक लय त्यामुळे सूत्रबंधांना आलेली आहे. सूत्रपाठ व दृष्टान्तपाठ मधील सूत्रांमध्येही हेतुनिष्ठ अशी सूत्रे आहेत. त्यामुळे त्यात जिव्हाळा मानवी भावभावनांचे विविध तरंग मिसळून गेले आहे. स्वाभाविकता हे सूत्रांचे महत्वाचे वैशिष्टय आहे. बोलीभाषेची सजीवता, प्रसन्नताआणि ताजेपणा हेच गद्य भाषेचे गुणविशेष ठरतात. "स्त्री म्हणजे मतद्रव्याचा रावोगा" अशी सारखी अतिशय सरलार्थी वाक्यरचना ओघवती गद्यातून साकार झाली आहे व हे वैशिष्टय सर्व महानुभाव गद्य वाङ्मयाच्या भाषेचे ठरले आहे.

निष्कर्ष :–लीळाचरित्र हे जसे सूत्रपाठाचे मूळ आहे. त्याप्रमाणे सूत्रपाठ हे पुढील सर्व तात्वीक ग्रंथाचे मूळ होय. या मुळाला अंकुर त्याच्या जन्मानंतर लवकरच फुटले. केसोबासांनी शके १२१२–१३ च्या सुमारास सूत्रपाठ सिद्ध केले आहे. श्रीचक्रधररोक्त सुत्रपाठ हा महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाचाच केवळ नव्हे तर त्यांच्या सर्व भावी साहित्याचा पाया ठरला. सूत्रपाठ ही महानुभावांची गीता झाली व तो संकलीत करणा–या केसोबासांनी, इतिहासकारांच्या शब्दांत सागांवयाचे म्हणजे 'व्यासायोग्य' केले. तसेच सूत्रांची व

दृष्टान्ताची भाषा श्रीचक्रधरी वळणाची, म्हणजे साधी, सोपी व सुटसुटीत असून केसोबासांच्या दार्ष्टान्किांत त्यांनी मराठी भाषेला लावलेले पंडिती वळण चांगलेच जाणवते. त्यांच्या भाषेत श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वाणीचा जिवंतपणा नसला तरी ती अंगच्या पांडित्याने व गांर्भीर्याने उठून दिसते. श्रीचक्रधरांचे तत्वज्ञान अभ्यासकांना रूचेल अशा रीतीने मराठीत मांडणे व अध्यात्मासारखे शास्त्र पेलण्यास समर्थ अशी शब्दसंपती मराठी भाषेत रूढ करणे हे केसोबासांचे मोठे कार्य होय. या दृष्टीने ते प्राचीन मराठी गद्याचे आद्य आचार्य शोभतात. शास्त्रीय परिभाषा मराठीत रूढ करून स्वभाषेचे वाग्बल वाढविण्याचे श्रेय केसोबासांकडे जाते.

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सारांश:

हे संशोधन युगवाणी मासिकाच्या 1992 च्या संपादकीय सामग्रीचा अभ्यास करते, ज्यामध्ये त्या काळातील सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक, राजकीय आणि शैक्षणिक विकासांचे एक सूक्ष्म विश्लेषण सादर केले गेले आहे. 1992 हे भारतात महत्त्वाच्या राजकीय उलथापालथीचे वर्ष होते, ज्यामध्ये बाबरी मशीद पाडणे, जागतिकीकरणाची वाढ आणि भारताच्या आर्थिक धोरणांतील बदल यांचा समावेश आहे. मासिकाच्या संपादकीय सामग्रीत त्या काळातील गदारोळाचे प्रतिबिंब दिसते आणि राष्ट्रीय एकता, धर्मनिरपेक्षता आणि सामाजिक न्यायासारख्या महत्त्वाच्या मुद्यांवर चर्चा केली आहे.

या संशोधनाचा उद्देश युगवाणी च्या 1992 च्या अंकांमधून मांडलेल्या मुख्य थीम्स आणि –ष्टिकोनांचा समज घेणे आहे, ज्यामध्ये शैक्षणिक सुधारणा, खाजगीकरण आणि नवीन आर्थिक धोरणांच्या प्रभावाचा अभ्यास केला जातो. मराठी साहित्याच्या क्षेत्रातील बदल आणि समकालीन लेखकांचा सामाजिक वास्तवतेशी संबंधित प्रतिसाद यावरही हे विश्लेषण केंद्रित आहे. दलित, महिलांना आणि आदिवासी समुदायांसारख्या मागासलेली गटांच्या सशक्तीकरणावर मासिकाच्या दृष्टिकोनावर देखील लक्ष केंद्रित करण्यात आले आहे. विविध लेखकांचे संपादकीय योगदान साहित्यिक, सांस्कृतिक आणि सामाजिक–राजकीय लँडस्केपमधील बदललेल्या विचारांची एक व्यापक छायाचित्रे सादर करते.

या अध्ययनाद्वारे, हे संशोधन युगवाणी मासिकाच्या बदलाच्या आणि परावर्तनाच्या आवाजाच्या रूपात भूमिका आणि 1992 च्या महत्त्वपूर्ण वर्षात भारताच्या समाजातील समस्यांवर, शैक्षणिक धोरणांवर, राजकारणावर आणि साहित्यावर कसा प्रभाव पडला यावर प्रकाश टाकते.

प्रस्तावना

'युगवाणी' हे मराठी साहित्य विश्वातील महत्त्वाचे नियतकालिक असून, त्याच्या संपादकीय विभागाने १९९२ मध्ये प्रकाशित झालेल्या अंकांमध्ये सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक, शैक्षणिक आणि राजकीय घडामोडींवर सखोल विचार मांडला. या वर्षीच्या संपादकीयांत तत्कालीन राजकीय परिस्थिती, सामाजिक समस्या, आर्थिक धोरणे आणि साहित्य व संस्कृतीच्या जतनाबाबतचे विचार प्रकर्षाने अधोरेखित झाले होते.

१९९२ हे वर्ष भारताच्या इतिहासात महत्त्वाचे मानले जाते. या वर्षी झालेल्या राजकीय उलथापालथी, बाबरी मशिदीचा पाडाव, जागतिकीकरणाचे धोरण, तसेच महाराष्ट्रातील सामाजिक चळवळी यांचा प्रभाव 'युगवाणी'च्या संपादकीय लेखनावर स्पष्टपणे जाणवतो. त्या काळातील संपादकांनी राष्ट्रीय ऐक्य, सामाजिक समता, वाङ्मयीन मूल्ये आणि विचारधारेचे प्रतिबिंब संपादकीय लेखांमध्ये उमटवले होते. विशेषतः बाबरी मशिदीच्या घटनेनंतर देशातील सामाजिक सलोखा, धर्मनिरपेक्षता आणि राष्ट्रीय एकात्मतेसाठी आवश्यक असलेली भूमिका यावर संपादकीयांमध्ये चिंतन करण्यात आले. शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील बदल, नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण, उच्च शिक्षणातील खासगीकरण, तसेच भारतीय शिक्षण व्यवस्थेतील सुधारणा याविषयीही 'युगवाणी'च्या संपादकीयांनी भान राखले. तत्कालीन शिक्षण व्यवस्थेतील उणीवा, ग्रामीण आणि शहरी भागातील शैक्षणिक विषमता, विद्यापीठांच्या स्वायत्ततेवर पडणारे परिणाम आणि ज्ञानाधारित समाजाच्या उभारणीसाठी आवश्यक असलेली धोरणे यावर संपादकांनी परखड मते मांडली.

साहित्य आणि संस्कृतीच्या संदर्भात 'युगवाणी' संपादकीय विभागाने नव्या पिढीतील लेखक, कवी, विचारवंत आणि त्यांची लेखनशैली यांचा आढावा घेतला. मराठी साहित्यातील बदलते प्रवाह, सामाजिक वास्तवाचे प्रतिबिंबित होणारे साहित्य, तसेच साहित्याच्या माध्यमातून समाजप्रबोधनाची भूमिका यावरही संपादकीय चर्चेत मांडणी करण्यात आली. त्याचप्रमाणे जागतिकीकरणाच्या प्रभावामुळे मराठी भाषेच्या टिकावासाठी आवश्यक असलेली उपाययोजना, मराठी साहित्याच्या प्रसारासाठी आधुनिक माध्यमांचा वापर आणि पारंपरिक साहित्याचा

नव्या दृष्टिकोनातून घेतलेला वेध हे विषयही संपादकीयांत चर्चिले गेले. राजकीय घडामोडींचा आढावा घेत असताना 'युगवाणी'ने राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय पातळीवरील घटनांचा सखोल विचार मांडला. १९९२ मध्ये भारताच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेत मोठे बदल घडले. नव्या आर्थिक धोरणामुळे खाजगीकरण, उदारीकरण आणि जागतिकीकरणाच्या प्रक्रियेत वेग आला. संपादकीयांनी या बदलांमुळे होणाऱ्या संभाव्य परिणामांवर विचार करताना देशी उद्योगांचे भवितव्य, कष्टकरी वर्गाचे आर्थिक स्थैर्य, शेती आणि ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्थेवरील परिणाम याचा व्यापक दृष्टिकोनातून ऊहापोह केला.

सामाजिक सुधारणांच्या बाबतीत संपादकीयांनी दलित, आदिवासी, अल्पसंख्याक आणि महिलांच्या हक्कांसाठी आवश्यक असलेले बदल सुचवले. १९९२ मध्ये महिला सबलीकरणाची चळवळ जोर धरू लागली होती आणि या पार्श्वभूमीवर संपादकीयांनी स्त्रीशिक्षण, स्त्री–पुरुष समानता आणि महिलांच्या राजकीय सहभागावर ठोस मते मांडली. श्युगवाणीश्चे संपादकीय केवळ वर्तमान घटनांवर भाष्य करणारे नव्हते, तर ते वाचकांना भविष्याचा वेध घेण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शन करणारे होते. सामाजिक न्याय, समता, शिक्षणातील सुधारणा, साहित्याचे भवितव्य आणि राजकीय स्थैर्य यावर संतुलित आणि परखड विचार मांडत या संपादकीयांनी वाचकांना विचारप्रवृत्त करण्याचे कार्य केले. १९९२ मधील संपादकीयांचा मूलभूत गाभा हा परिवर्तन, सामाजिक बांधिलकी आणि साहित्यिक जाणीवेच्या उन्नतीवर आधारित होता, जो आजही समकालीन संदर्भांमध्ये महत्त्वाचा ठरतो.

उद्देश्य:

1.१९92 मध्ये प्रकाशित लेखांचा आशय समजून घेणे.

2.लेखांच्या प्रमुख विषयांचा आणि दृष्टीकोनांचा अभ्यास करणे.

3.सामाजिक, राजकीय आणि सांस्कृतिक घडामोडींचा लेखांवर झालेल्या प्रभावाचे विश्लेषण करणे.

4.लेखांच्या माध्यमातून मांडल्या गेलेल्या विचारधारा आणि शैक्षणिक योगदानाचे विश्लेषण करणे.

5.लेखांच्या प्रवृत्ती, भौगोलिक विविधता आणि प्रकाशन कालावधीचा अभ्यास करणे.

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१९९२ मध्ये प्रकाशित झालेल्या युगवानी मराठी वाङ्मय नियतकालिकांच्या विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययनासाठी वर्णनात्मक आराखड्याचा उपयोग करून माहिती लिहिताना, प्रथम या नियतकालिकांची ऐतिहासिक पार्श्वभूमी समजून घेणे आवश्यक आहे. यामध्ये त्या काळातील सामाजिक, राजकीय आणि सांस्कृतिक परिस्थितीचा विचार करून नियतकालिकांवर त्याचा झालेला प्रभाव स्पष्ट करता येतो. नियतकालिकांमध्ये प्रकाशित झालेल्या साहित्य प्रकारांचा दृ जसे की कविता, कथा, लघुकथा, समीक्षण, वैचारिक लेख आणि ललित साहित्य – सखोल अभ्यास करून त्यांच्या प्रमुख विषयांचा आणि दृष्टीकोनांचा आढावा घेता येतो. त्यानंतर, या लेखनातून समाजाच्या विविध पैलूंचे प्रतिबिंब कसे उमटले आहे, हे स्पष्ट करता येते. तसेच, लेखकांची विचारसरणी, साहित्यिक शैली आणि वाचकांवरील प्रभाव यांचे विश्लेषण करून, युगवानी मराठी वाङ्मय नियतकालिकांचे साहित्य क्षेत्रातील योगदान अधोरेखित करता येते. शेवटी, या अभ्यासाच्या आधारे भविष्यातील संशोधनासाठी कोणते नवे विषय उलगडू शकतात, यावर चिंतन करणे आवश्यक ठरते.

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लेखांचे विविध प्रकार, लेखक आणि विषय यांच्या संदर्भात एक व्यापक चित्र समोर येते. लेखनाची विविधता दर्शवित आहे की, मराठी साहित्याच्या विविध अंगांना एकत्र करून समाज, संस्कृती आणि भाषेचे परीक्षण केले जात आहे. या लेखांमध्ये कविता, निबंध, संशोधन, भाषाशास्त्र, नाट्यशास्त्र, साहित्यशास्त्र, आणि समाजशास्त्र अशा विविध क्षेत्रांचे समावेश आहे. लेखकांचे निवड आणि त्यांचे विषय यावरून समाजातील विविध घटकांचे प्रतिबिंब आणि साहित्याच्या माध्यमातून होणारे सामाजिक व सांस्कृतिक बदल स्पष्ट होतात. उदाहरणार्थ, श्रीपाद भालचंद्र जोशी आणि सुलभा हेर्लेकर यांच्या कवितांमध्ये व्यक्तिमत्व, भावनात्मक अनुभव, आणि जीवनाच्या विविधतेचे चित्रण आहे. तसेच, डॉ. ब्रह्मानंद देशपांडे, प्रा. विनोद इंदुरकर, आणि अन्य लेखिकांनी नाट्यशास्त्र आणि साहित्यशास्त्रावर चर्चा केली आहे, जे साहित्याचा गहन अभ्यास दर्शविते.

महेश एलकुंचवार आणि डॉ. श्रीनिवास रामचंद्र सिरास यांच्या लेखनात सामाजिक मुद्दयांचे वाचन दिसते. डॉ. सु. बा. कुळकर्णी आणि प्रा. अ. ल. देशपांडे यांच्या लेखांमध्ये भारतीय समाज आणि साहित्याच्या तत्त्वज्ञानावर विचार केला गेला आहे. महिलांच्या लेखनामध्ये, जसे की सुलभा हेर्लेकर आणि डॉ. अरुणा चौधरी यांच्या लेखनात स्त्रीच्या विचारधारांवर, त्याच्या सामाजिक भूमिका आणि त्याच्या व्यक्तिमत्वाचा विचार झाला आहे. लेखकांचा लिंगानुसार विचार केल्यास, पुरुष लेखक समाज आणि संस्कृतीच्या अधिक विस्तृत आणि विविध कक्षा तपासत आहेत, तर महिला लेखक मुख्यतरू स्त्रीच्या भूमिकेवर आणि व्यक्तिमत्वावर केंद्रित आहेत. यामुळे लेखनाच्या या विविधतेत मराठी साहित्याच्या सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक आणि ऐतिहासिक परंपरेचा खूप खोल अभ्यास करण्यात आलेला दिसतो.

साहित्यिक, सांस्कृतिक आणि सामाजिक विविधतेचे प्रतिनिधित्व करणारे लेखः लेखक, शीर्षक, विषय आणि लिंगानुसार माहिती

लेखक	शीर्षक	विषय	लिंग
श्रीपाद भालचंद्र जोशी	कविता	साहित्य	पुरुष
सुलभा हेर्लेकर	कविता	साहित्य	महिला

प्रा. सुभाष ज. गढीकर	बालकवींच्या काव्यातील नैराश्य	साहित्य विश्लेषण	पुरुष
निशीगंध देशपांडे	एन रेंडरू वैश्य वृत्तीचा वेदांत	साहित्य समीक्षा	महिला
राजू महाजन	रझां	साहित्य	पुरुष
आनंद आडे	रहस्ये उलगडणारा कलावंत	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
व. के. लेले	रहस्ये उलगडणारा कलावंत	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. ब्रह्मानंद देशपांडे	मराठी प्रबंधसूचीच्या निमित्ताने	संशोधन	पुरुष
डॉ. प्राचीन	अभिलेखातील ग्रामनामांचा शोध	संशोधन	पुरुष
प्रभंजन (दत्तात्रय लडकत)	ग्रंथिकी	ग्रंथसूची	पुरुष
डॉ. भाऊ लोखंडे	संमेलनाचे अध्यक्षीय भाषण	सामाजिक	पुरुष
कमलेश	दलित साहित्य वेगळेपणरू महेश एलकुंचवारांचे	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
वामन निबाळकर	कविता	साहित्य	पुरुष
प्रा. लता मोहरीर	वि. वा. शिरवाडकरांच्या नाटकातील शोकात्म अनुभवाचे स्वरूप	नाट्य समीक्षा	महिला
डॉ. श्रीपाल सबनीस	नाटककार पेंडसेरू सामर्थ्य आणि मर्यादा	नाट्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. विनोद इंदुरकर	नाट्यभासाचे स्वरूप	नाट्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. अनिल सोनार	नाटक असेही शिकवता येते	नाट्यशिक्षण	पुरुष
बापू लिमये	नेपथ्यरू एक टिपण	नाट्यशास्त्र	पुरुष
श्रीहरी जोशी	जी. ए. कुळकर्णी यांच्या दोन कथा आणि त्यांची नाटचरूपांतरे	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
सुनील साळुंके	आत्मकथारू स्वरवाचा शोध	आत्मचरित्र	पुरुष
सतीश आळेकर	फ्रांसमधले नाट्यलेखन (१९४५–८९)	नाट्यशास्त्र	पुरुष
प्रा. विनोद इंदुरकर	बॉल्ट येश्त यांची नाट्यसृष्टीरू एक आलेख	नाट्यशास्त्र	पुरुष
सौ. कुंदा केळापुरे	क. चि. वि. जोशी जन्मशताब्दी निमित्ताने	साहित्य	महिला
सु. बा. कुळकर्णी	मराठी अभिलेखातील सांकेतिक अंकलेखन आणि ज्ञानदेवांचा काळ	संशोधन	पुरुष
डॉ. सुरेश मुगुवार	शब्दकळा (क्पबजपवद)	भाषाशास्त्र	पुरुष
डॉ. सुरेश भूगुवार	वाग्वेजयंतीतील वृत्तविवेक	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
पंकज कुरुलकर	लग्न	कथा	पुरुष
प्रा. अविनाश कांबळे	दासू सुरेश भटरू एक श्बदनाम झंझावातश	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
आशा सावदेकर	गंगाधर गाडगीळरू एक व्यक्तिवेध	मुलाखत	महिला
प्रा. सुरेश दारोकर	वि. सा. संघ आयोजित दलित साहित्य संमेलन	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
डॉ. के. रा. जोशी	भारतीय साहित्यशास्त्रातील वक्रोवती सिद्धांत	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
डॉ. भास्कर गिरधारी	वाङ्मयाची अक्षरता	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. स. त्यं. कुल्ली	समकालीन साहित्य	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. सुनंदा देशपांडे	कनिष्ठ कला महाविद्यालयातील अध्यापनाच्या अडचणी	शिक्षण	महिला
श्रीपाद केशव चितळे	विदर्भातील स्मारकस्तंभ	इतिहास	पुरुष
डॉ. स. मो. अयाचित	मराठी साहित्यातील व्याकरण–वृत्त्या प्रवृत्तिभेद	भाषाशास्त्र	पुरुष
रवींद्र ठाकूर	साहित्यकलेचे समाजशास्त्रीय स्पष्टीकरण	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
प्रा. अ. ल. देशपांडे	विनाशाच्या संकल्पनेने भारावलेले पाश्चात्य विज्ञान कथा जगत	विज्ञान साहित्य	पुरुष
ल. सा. बोरकर	आदिवासी साहित्यरू एक विचार	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
डॉ. राजेंद्र डोळके	प्रस्तावनारू काही मूलतत्त्वे	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
सुनील साळुंके	वाडा चिरेबंदी पहाटे पूर्वीचा काळोख	नाट्य समीक्षा	पुरुष

प्रा. डॉ. अक्षय कुमार काळे	माधव केशव काटदरेरू राष्ट्रीय आशयाची साक्षपी कविता	साहित्य समीक्षा	पुरुष
डॉ. भाऊ लोखंडे	विदर्भ साहित्य संघाच्या प्रथम दलित साहित्य संमेलनाचे अध्यक्षीय भाषण	सामाजिक	पुरुष

लेखनाच्या विविध विषयांच्या आणि लेखकांच्या निवडीमध्ये मराठी साहित्य, सांस्कृतिक दृष्टीकोन, आणि सामाजिक मुद्दयांवर लक्ष केंद्रित केले गेले आहे. विविध लेखकांच्या काव्य, कथा, नाट्य आणि संशोधनात्मक लेखांमध्ये साहित्याचे विविध अंग समाविष्ट आहेत. काही लेख साहित्याच्या तत्वशास्त्रावर, भाषाशास्त्रावर, तसेच समाजातील विविधता आणि वेगळेपणावर आधारित आहेत. लेखकांचा लिंगानुसार विचार केल्यास, पुरुष लेखकमध्ये जास्त प्रमाणात साहित्य शास्त्र, नाट्यशास्त्र, तसेच सामाजिक आणि सांस्कृतिक विश्लेषण करणारे लेख दिसून येतात, तर महिला लेखकांनीही समाजातील विविधतेवर, खासकरून स्त्री व्यक्तिमत्वावर आधारित लेखन केले आहे. या सर्व लेखनाचे उद्दिष्ट साहित्याच्या माध्यमातून समाजाची प्रतिबिंब, सांस्कृतिक विविधता आणि भिन्न दृष्टीकोन दर्शवणे आहे. काही लेख दलित साहित्य आणि समाजातील वंचित घटकांचे प्रतिनिधित्व करतात, तर इतर लेख समाजात होणाऱ्या बदलांचा आणि साहित्याच्या प्रभावाचा विचार करतात. यामुळे, संपूर्ण साहित्यात समाजाच्या विविध स्तरांतील बदल आणि त्याचे साहित्यावर होणारे परिणाम या विश्लेषणातून स्पष्ट होतात.

निष्कर्ष

१९९२ मध्ये प्रकाशित श्युगवाणीश्च्या संपादकीयांचा अभ्यास करताना, त्या काळातील समाज, संस्कृती आणि राजकीय घडामोडींचा सखोल विचार करणे महत्त्वाचे ठरते. हे संपादकीय त्या काळातील ऐतिहासिक व सामाजिक बदल, विशेषतः बाबरी मशिदीचा पाडाव, जागतिकीकरण, शैक्षणिक धोरणातील बदल आणि महिलांच्या सबलीकरणाच्या चळवळीवर आधारित होते.

सामाजिक, शैक्षणिक आणि सांस्कृतिक परिप्रेक्ष्यात लेखनाचे योगदानरू युगवाणीच्या संपादकीयांमध्ये भारतातील विविध समाजिक समस्यांचे, शैक्षणिक बदलांचे आणि सांस्कृतिक प्रवाहांचे विश्लेषण केले गेले. यामध्ये स्त्री–पुरुष समानतेचे, राष्ट्रीय एकात्मतेचे, शैक्षणिक सुधारणा आणि दलितध्आदिवासी समाजाच्या अधिकारांच्या वकिलीचे मुद्दे समाविष्ट होते. विशेषतः महिलांच्या सबलीकरणावर आणि स्त्री शिक्षणावर लिहिले गेले, आणि त्याचप्रमाणे त्याच्या राजकीय सहभागाची महत्त्वपूर्ण चर्चा करण्यात आली. लेखकांचे विविध लेखन प्रकाररू संपादकीयांत कविता, लघुनिबंध, संशोधन, साहित्यशास्त्र, नाट्यशास्त्र आणि समाजशास्त्र अशा विविध साहित्यशास्त्रीय प्रकारांचा समावेश होता. लेखकांचा विषय निवडताना ते समाजातील विविध घटकांचे आणि विचारधारांचे प्रतिबिंब दाखवित होते. उदाहरणार्थ, श्रीपाद भालचंद्र जोशी आणि सुलभा हेर्लेकर यांच्या कवितांमध्ये व्यक्तिमत्व आणि जीवनातील विविधता साकारलेली आहे, तर महेश एलकुंचवार आणि डॉ. श्रीनिवास रामचंद्र सिरास यांच्या लेखनात समाजातील समस्यांचे चिंतन आहे. महिलांचे मुद्दे डॉ. अरुणा चौधरी आणि सुलभा हेर्लेकर यांच्या लेखनातून उघडले जातात, आणि पुरुष लेखक समाज व संस्कृतीच्या विस्तृत दृ ष्टिकोनातून विचार मांडतात.

साहित्य आणि समाजाचा परस्पर संबंधरू लेखकांचे विषय आणि लेखन शुद्ध साहित्यावर आधारित होते. हे लेखन समाजातील विविध समस्यांना वाचा देण्यासाठी केले गेले, ज्यामुळे ते त्या काळातील सामाजिक चळवळी आणि आंदोलनांचे प्रभावी दस्तऐवज ठरले.

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भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' या द्वैमासिकातील 2019 आणि 2021 या कालावधीत प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांचे तुलनात्मक उल्लेख विश्लेषण

सुरेश बंड संशोधक	डॉ. विकास बोरकर ग्रंथपालश्रीखंडे विज्ञान महाविद्यालय ब्राम्हणी नागपूर

सारांश

ही संशोधन प्रक्रिया शिक्षण समीक्षा या भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या द्वैमासिक नियतकालिकातील २०१७ नंतर प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांच्या उल्लेख विश्लेषणावर केंद्रित आहे. या अभ्यासात संशोधन लेखांच्या प्रभावीतेचे मूल्यमापन करण्यासाठी उल्लेख विश्लेषण (Citation Analysi) ही पद्धत वापरण्यात आली आहे. उल्लेख विश्लेषणामुळे शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील महत्त्वाचे स्रोत, संशोधनाच्या प्रवृत्ती आणि विद्यमान व भविष्यातील संशोधनाच्या दिशांचे आकलन होऊ शकते.

,संशोधनासाठी सामग्री विश्लेषण (Content Analysis) आणि सांख्यिकीय तंत्रे यांचा वापर करण्यात आला आहे. या प्रक्रियेमध्ये लेखांच्या संख्यात्मक आणि गुणात्मक घटकांचे परीक्षण करून, लेखक, संदर्भित ग्रंथ, मुख्य संशोधन क्षेत्रे आणि वापरलेले स्रोत यांचे विश्लेषण करण्यात आले आहे. यामुळे 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' मध्ये प्रकाशित लेखांची गुणवत्ता, त्यांचे योगदान आणि त्यांचा शैक्षणिक जगतातील प्रभाव समजण्यास मदत होते. शिक्षणशास्त्र आणि ग्रंथालय विज्ञान यामध्ये उल्लेख विश्लेषणाचे महत्त्व वाढत असून, हा अभ्यास भविष्यातील संशोधनाला दिशा देण्यास उपयुक्त ठरेल. विशेषतः भारतीय शिक्षण संशोधनातील प्रमाणित संदर्भ ओळखण्यासाठी आणि विविध लेखकांचे योगदान ठळक करण्यासाठी हा अभ्यास अत्यंत महत्त्वाचा आहे. यामुळे शिक्षणशास्त्रातील संशोधनाच्या प्रवाहाची ओळख होऊन पुढील संशोधनाचे संभाव्य क्षेत्र निश्चित करता येईल.

प्रस्तावना

'शिक्षणसमीक्षा' मासिक हे शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील महत्त्वाच्या मुद्द्यांवर विचारमंथन करणारे एक प्रभावी व्यासपीठ आहे. या मासिकाच्या विविध अंकांमधून शिक्षण प्रक्रियेतील महत्त्वाचे पैलू उलगडले जातात. विशेषतः पालक, शिक्षक आणि संस्थाचालक यांची भूमिका अधोरेखित करताना शिक्षण क्षेत्राच्या सर्वांगीण विकासावर भर देण्यात आलेला आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या बौद्धिक, मानसिक आणि सामाजिक प्रगतीसाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या विविध विषयांवर या अंकांमध्ये सखोल चर्चा करण्यात आली आहे.

शिक्षणसमीक्षा मासिकातील लेख शिक्षणप्रक्रियेत आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव, राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण २०१६ व २०२०, विद्यार्थ्यांचे मानसिक आरोग्य, भाषा शिक्षणाचे महत्त्व, पर्यावरण व स्वच्छता, शिक्षणातील नैतिकता,

समाजसहभाग आणि शिक्षणाचे अर्थशास्त्र अशा अनेक विषयांवर प्रकाश टाकतात. शिक्षणातील आधुनिक प्रवाह, संत विचारधारा, ऐतिहासिक शैक्षणिक योगदान, तसेच योग व मनःस्वास्थ्य यांसारख्या मुद्यांवर विद्वान लेखकांनी आपले चिंतन मांडले आहे. यामुळे हे मासिक शिक्षक, विद्यार्थी आणि अभ्यासकांसाठी महत्त्वाचा स्रोत ठरले आहे.

२०१६ मधील अंकांचा अभ्यास करता, शिक्षण प्रक्रियेत पालक, शिक्षक आणि संस्थाचालक यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित करण्यात आले आहे. शिक्षणातील तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव, नव्या शैक्षणिक संकल्पना आणि समाजसहभाग यावर भर देण्यात आला आहे. उदाहरणार्थ, ष्स्वच्छता माझी जबाबदारी" या लेखात विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये स्वच्छतेची जाणीव रुजवण्याचा प्रयत्न केला गेला आहे, तर "शिक्षणाचे अर्थशास्त्र" या लेखातून शिक्षण आणि अर्थव्यवस्थेतील परस्परसंबंध स्पष्ट केला आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांना भेडसावणाऱ्या शैक्षणिक, मानसिक आणि सामाजिक समस्यांवरही चर्चा करण्यात आली आहे.

याच अनुषंगाने, २०२१ मधील अंक अधिक समकालीन समस्यांवर केंद्रित होते. डिजिटल शिक्षण, तणाव व्यवस्थापन, नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०१६ आणि विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासावर भर देणारे लेख यामध्ये समाविष्ट होते. ष्राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण २०१६" या लेखातून नव्या धोरणाच्या संकल्पना स्पष्ट करण्यात आल्या आहेत, तर ष्योग व मनःस्वास्थ्यष या लेखाने मानसिक आरोग्याचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित केले आहे. तसेच "शिक्षणातील समाजसहभाग" या लेखात समाज आणि शाळा यांच्यातील परस्परसंबंधांवर विचारमंथन करण्यात आले आहे.

२०१६ आणि २०२१ मधील अंकांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करता असे लक्षात येते की शिक्षणव्यवस्थेत तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव वाढत असून, आधुनिक तंत्रांचा उपयोग करून शिक्षण अधिक परिणामकारक करण्याचा प्रयत्न केला जात आहे. कोविड–१६ च्या काळात शिक्षण पद्धतीत मोठे बदल घडले. या काळात ऑनलाइन शिक्षण प्रणालीचा प्रसार झाला, शाळा–महाविद्यालये बंद राहिल्याने विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शिकण्याच्या प्रक्रियेत मोठा खंड पडला. मात्र, आता परिस्थिती सुधारत असल्याने शिक्षण पुनरुज्जीवनाच्या दिशेने उचलली जाणारी प्रत्येक पाऊल महत्त्वपूर्ण ठरते.

शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील आव्हाने कमी करण्यासाठी विविध उपाययोजना सुचविण्यात आल्या आहेत. डॉ. किरण नागतोडे यांनी "आभासी शिक्षणाचे वास्तवष या लेखात ऑनलाइन शिक्षण प्रणालीतील संधी आणि अडचणींचे सखोल विवेचन केले आहे. नवीन राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरणाने मातृभाषेतील शिक्षणाला प्राधान्य दिले असून, शिक्षणाचे माध्यम मातृभाषेत असावे, याचा विचार सर्वसामान्य जनतेपर्यंत पोहोचवण्याची आवश्यकता आहे. यावर श्री. प्रदीप जाधव, विनय लाऊतारे आणि सौ. आरती होनमाने यांनी आपले विचार मांडले आहेत.

या अंकात साहित्य आणि शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील प्रासंगिक विषयांवरही चर्चा करण्यात आली आहे. महामानवांच्या विचारांची प्रासंगिकता आणि साहित्याचे योगदान यावर श्री. सतेजकुमार माळवे आणि श्री. किशोर तळोकार यांनी लेखन केले आहे. डॉ. शरद मानकर यांनी छायेत राहूनही प्रभाव टाकणाऱ्या साहित्यिक विचारांवर प्रकाश टाकला आहे. तसेच डॉ. गो. नी. हडप आणि डॉ. सतपाल सोवळे यांचे योगदानही या अंकात विशेषरूपाने समाविष्ट करण्यात आले आहे.

शालेय प्रतिज्ञेचे विस्तृत विश्लेषण डॉ. प्रज्ञा पुसदकर यांनी केले असून, हे या अंकाचे एक विशेष आकर्षण ठरेल. तसेच, ष्राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण २०२०" मधील महत्त्वाच्या बाबींचे विवेचन डॉ. किरण येळणे यांनी केले आहे. डॉ. विलास पाटील यांनी सावित्रीबाई फुले यांच्या कार्यावर आधारित "स्त्री शिक्षणाची प्रेरक शक्ती" हा अभ्यासपूर्ण लेख सादर केला आहे.

एकूणच, 'शिक्षणसमीक्षा' मासिकाच्या अंकांद्वारे शिक्षण, समाज आणि साहित्य यांचा समन्वय साधण्याचा प्रयत्न करण्यात आला आहे. शिक्षण प्रक्रिया अधिक प्रभावी आणि सर्वसमावेशक करण्यासाठी विविध उपाययोजना सुचविण्यात आल्या आहेत. कोरोनोत्तर काळात शिक्षण पुनरुज्जीवित करण्याच्या दिशेने उचललेले हे पाऊल निश्चितच उपयुक्त ठरेल. वाचकांनी या अंकाचे स्वागत करून आपल्या प्रतिक्रिया द्याव्यात, तसेच दर्जेदार लेखन पाठवून 'शिक्षणसमीक्षा' मासिकाला अधिक समृद्ध करावे.

संशोधन साहित्याचा आढावा

1. शिक्षणप्रक्रियेतील बदल व शिक्षण समीक्षा मासिकाचा दृष्टिकोन

शिक्षणप्रक्रियेत सातत्याने परिवर्तन होत असते आणि या बदलांचे प्रतिबिंब शिक्षणविषयक साहित्यामध्ये दिसून येते. 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' या द्वैमासिकात प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांमधून आधुनिक शिक्षणप्रणाली, शिक्षकांच्या भूमिका, समाजसहभाग आणि विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासावर विशेष भर देण्यात आला आहे. २०१६ आणि २०२१ मधील अंकांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करताना असे आढळते की, २०१६ मधील लेख शिक्षणातील मूलभूत संकल्पनांवर अधिक केंद्रित होते, तर २०२१ मधील लेख कोविड–१६ नंतरच्या बदलत्या शैक्षणिक परिस्थितीवर आधारित होते. विशेषतः डॉ. किरण नागतोडे यांच्या लेखात डिजिटल शिक्षण आणि त्याच्या मर्यादा यावर विचारमंथन करण्यात आले आहे.

2. राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण (2019) व शिक्षणप्रणालीतील नवकल्पना

शिक्षण धोरणांमधील बदल हे शिक्षणव्यवस्थेच्या विकासासाठी महत्त्वाचे असतात. डॉ. किरण येळणे यांच्या लेखात २०१६ च्या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरणाने सुचवलेले बदल आणि त्याचा शिक्षणव्यवस्थेवर होणारा प्रभाव यावर प्रकाश टाकण्यात आला आहे. २०१६ मधील अंकांमध्ये शिक्षणाच्या नव्या धोरणातील संकल्पनांची प्राथमिक मांडणी दिसून येते, तर २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये त्या धोरणांची अंमलबजावणी आणि त्यातील आव्हाने यावर अधिक भर देण्यात आलेला आहे. विशेषतः मातृभाषेतील शिक्षण, बहुभाषिकता आणि समावेशक शिक्षण प्रणाली यासारख्या संकल्पनांचा २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये सखोल विचार करण्यात आला आहे.

3. कोविड–१६ आणि शिक्षणातील आव्हाने

कोविड–१६ महामारीमुळे शिक्षण प्रणालीत मोठे बदल झाले. ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाच्या प्रचलनामुळे पारंपरिक अध्यापनाच्या पद्धतींमध्ये अमूलाग्र बदल घडून आले. २०२१ च्या अंकांमध्ये कोविड–१६ नंतरच्या शिक्षणातील बदल आणि शैक्षणिक संस्थांनी स्वीकारलेल्या नव्या पद्धती यावर चर्चा करण्यात आली आहे. डॉ. प्रदीप जाधव आणि विनय लाऊतारे यांच्या लेखांमध्ये ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाच्या संधी आणि अडचणी यांचा सखोल आढावा घेण्यात आला आहे. २०१६ च्या तुलनेत २०२१ मधील लेख अधिक समकालीन विषयांवर केंद्रित होते, ज्यात ऑनलाईन शिक्षण, मानसिक आरोग्य आणि शैक्षणिक धोरणांमधील नव्या प्रवाहांचा समावेश होता.

4. शिक्षणातील समाजसहभाग आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव

शिक्षण प्रक्रियेत समाजाचा सहभाग हा अत्यंत महत्त्वाचा घटक आहे. षशिक्षणातील समाजसहभागष या विषयावर आधारित लेखांमध्ये २०१६ च्या अंकांमध्ये पालक, शिक्षक आणि संस्थाचालक यांच्या भूमिकेवर अधिक भर देण्यात आलेला आहे. याउलट, २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये डिजिटल शिक्षण, आभासी शिक्षणपद्धती आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर यावर विशेष चर्चा करण्यात आली आहे. श्री. किशोर तळोकार आणि श्री. सतेजकुमार माळवे यांच्या लेखांमध्ये बदलत्या सामाजिक संरचनेचा शिक्षणावर होणारा प्रभाव आणि तंत्रज्ञानाच्या माध्यमातून शिक्षण अधिक परिणामकारक कसे करता येईल, यावर विचार मांडण्यात आला आहे.

5. नैतिक मूल्ये, मानसिक आरोग्य आणि व्यक्तिमत्व विकास

शिक्षण ही केवळ पुस्तकी ज्ञान देणारी प्रक्रिया नसून, ती नैतिकता, मानसिक आरोग्य आणि व्यक्तिमत्व विकासासाठी महत्त्वाची असते. डॉ. शरद मानकर यांच्या लेखात संत विचारधारा आणि शैक्षणिक मूल्ये यांचा अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे. २०१६ मधील अंकांमध्ये नैतिक शिक्षणावर भर देण्यात आला असला, तरी २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये कोविड–१६ मुळे विद्यार्थ्यांवर झालेल्या मानसिक तणावावर अधिक चर्चा झाली आहे. "योग व मनःस्वास्थ्य" या लेखात विद्यार्थ्यांचे मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारण्यासाठी आवश्यक उपाययोजनांवर प्रकाश टाकण्यात आला आहे.

संशोधनाचे उद्देश:

1.2019 आणि 2021 मधील लेखांमध्ये कोणते प्रमुख लेखक, ग्रंथ, आणि संशोधन नोंदवले गेले आहेत, याचा आढावा घेणे.

2.शिक्षणशास्त्र, तंत्रज्ञान, राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण, मानसशास्त्र, समाजशास्त्र यांसारख्या वेगवेगळ्या विषयांशी संबंधित उल्लेखांची तुलना करणे.

3.2019 आणि 2021 मधील लेखांमध्ये किती संदर्भ जुन्या संशोधनावर आधारित आहेत आणि किती नवीन संशोधनांचा समावेश आहे, याचा आढावा घेणे.

तुलनात्मक उल्लेख विश्लेषण (Comparative Citation Analysis)

भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' या द्वैमासिकामध्ये 2019 आणि 2021 या कालावधीत प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांचे तुलनात्मक उल्लेख विश्लेषण (Comparative Citation Analysis) करताना विविध शैक्षणिक विषयांवर आधारित संदर्भांची तुलना करण्यात येते. या विश्लेषणातून दोन्ही वर्षांतील लेखांमध्ये वापरलेल्या संदर्भांची संख्या, त्यांचे स्वरूप (पुस्तके, संशोधन प्रबंध, ऑनलाईन स्रोत, शासकीय दस्तऐवज), तसेच विषयानुसार त्यांचे प्रमाण यावर प्रकाश टाकला जातो. 2019 मधील लेखांमध्ये पारंपरिक शिक्षण, शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण आणि शैक्षणिक धोरणांवर अधिक भर दिला गेला होता, तर 2021 मधील लेखांमध्ये कोविड–19 नंतरच्या शैक्षणिक बदलांवर, डिजिटल शिक्षणावर आणि नव्या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरणावर अधिक संदर्भ नोंदवले गेले आहेत. उल्लेख विश्लेषणाच्या माध्यमातून, या कालावधीतील लेखांमध्ये कोणते लेखक सर्वाधिक संदर्भित झाले, कोणत्या संशोधनाचा प्रभाव जास्त दिसून आला, तसेच शिक्षणव्यवस्थेतील बदल कशा प्रकारे शैक्षणिक साहित्यामध्ये प्रतिबिंबित झाले आहेत, याचा अभ्यास करता येतो. अशा तुलनात्मक विश्लेषणाद्वारे शैक्षणिक प्रकाशनांमधील विचारसरणीतील बदल, ज्ञाननिर्मितीच्या प्रक्रिया आणि संशोधनातील नवनवीन प्रवृत्ती स्पष्ट करता येतात.

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लेखकाचे नाव	वर्ष	पुस्तकाचे शीर्षक	प्रकाशक	लेखकाचे लिंग
अहिरराव कै. वार, अलिझाड, वराट, धापटे, भोस	२००५	पर्यावरण विज्ञान	निराली प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
भांडारकर, के.म.	२००६	पर्यावरण शिक्षण	नित्य नूतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष

कुलकर्णी डी. आर.	२००७	पर्यावरण शिक्षण	विद्या प्रकाशन, नागपूर	पुरुष
ढेरे, ए. एम., पोवार, सी. व्ही., पाटील, डी.ए.	२००६	पर्यावरण शिक्षण व अध्यापन पद्धती	फडके प्रकाशन, कोल्हापूर	पुरुष
घोरपडे, तुषार	२०१३	पर्यावरण परिस्थितिकी	युनिक ॲकॅडमी, पुणे	पुरुष
पाटील गजानन	१९९६	पर्यावरण शिक्षण	निराली प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
पारसनिस हेमलता, बहुलिकर जयश्री	२००५	पर्यावरण शिक्षण	नूतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	स्त्री
सावंत प्रकाश	२०१०	पर्यावरण शिक्षण	फडके प्रकाशन, कोल्हापूर	पुरुष
ज्ञानेश्वर सुर्यवंशी	२००७	पर्यावरणशास्त्र	श्रीविद्या प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
धनंजय द्विवेदी	२०१२	संस्कृत साहित्य में पर्यावरण चेतना	एस. के प्रिंटर्स, दिल्ली	पुरुष
उर्मिला रूस्तगी	१९९६	वेद तथा पर्यावरण	जे. पी. पब्लिशिंग हाऊस, दिल्ली	स्त्री
नंजला राठौर	२००१	पुराण साहित्य में पर्यावरण संरक्षण	डिसेंट बुक्स, न्यू दिल्ली	स्त्री
प्रवेश सक्सेना	१९९६	संस्कृत, संस्कृती एवं पर्यावरण	परिमल पब्लिकेशन्स, दिल्ली	पुरुष
पाटील वा. भा.	१९९९	संशोधन पध्दती	श्रीमंगेश प्रकाशन, नागपूर	पुरुष
पारसनिस हेमलता	२००६	शैक्षणिक संशोधन माहिती संकलन तंत्रे व साधने	नित्यनुतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	स्त्री
बापट भा. गो.	१९८५	शैक्षणिक संशोधन	नूतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
भितांडे वि. रा.	१९९४	शैक्षणिक संशोधन पध्दती	नूतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
करंदीकर, सुरेश	१९९७	शैक्षणिक मानसशास्त्र	फडके प्रकाशन, कोल्हापूर	पुरुष
कुळकणी, के. वि.	१९७७	शैक्षणिक मानसशास्त्र	श्री विद्या प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
डबीर, दिपा	२००२	मानसची संकल्पना	श्री मंगेश प्रकाशन, नागपूर	स्त्री
दांडेकर. वा. ना.	२००२	शैक्षणिक व प्रायोगिक मानसशास्त्र	श्री विद्या प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
मुळे, रा. श., उमाटे वि. तु.	१९९८	शैक्षणिक संशोधकाची मुलतत्त्वे	महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठ ग्रंथ निर्मिती मंडळ, नागपूर	पुरुष
पारसनीस, न. रा.	२०१६	प्रगत शैक्षणिक मानसशास्त्र	नित्य नूतन प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
जीवन शिक्षण प्रकाशन	–	शाळांतील किशोरावस्था शिक्षण	महाराष्ट्र राज्य शैक्षणिक संशोधन व प्रशिक्षण परिषद, पुणे	–

वरील तक्त्यात विविध लेखकांनी पर्यावरण शिक्षण, शैक्षणिक संशोधन, मानसशास्त्र, आणि संस्कृत साहित्य यांसारख्या विषयांवर लिहिलेल्या पुस्तकांची माहिती दिली आहे. यामध्ये पर्यावरण शिक्षण व विज्ञानावरील पुस्तकांचा समावेश असून, विविध प्रकाशनांनी ही पुस्तके प्रकाशित केली आहेत. तसेच, संशोधन पद्धती आणि शैक्षणिक मानसशास्त्र यांसारख्या शैक्षणिक विषयांवरील पुस्तके देखील यात नोंदवली आहेत. स्त्री

आणि पुरुष लेखकांनी एकत्रितपणे या विषयांवर महत्त्वपूर्ण साहित्य निर्माण केले असून, विविध प्रकाशकांनी ही पुस्तके प्रकाशित करून शिक्षण क्षेत्रात मोठे योगदान दिले आहे.

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लेखकाचे नाव	वर्ष	पुस्तकाचे शीर्षक	प्रकाशक	लेखकाचे लिंग
ढगे, डॉ. सुशिला	2004	मराठी दलित कादंबरीची अभिनव वाटचाल	सुगावा प्रकाशन, मुंबई	स्त्री
कोंडविलकर, माधव	1996	डाळं	पॉप्यूलर प्रकाशन, मुंबई	पुरुष
बिरहाडे, प्रा. शरद लहू	2016	माधव कोंडविलकर रू साहित्य आणि समीक्षा	अर्थव प्रकाशन, धुळे	पुरुष
कोंडविलकर, माधव	1986	झपाटलेला	मेहता पब्लिशिंग हाऊस, पुणे	पुरुष
कोंडविलकर, माधव	1998	देशाधडी	यशोदा प्रकाशन, रत्नागिरी	पुरुष
कोंडविलकर, माधव	1994	आता उजाडायचं आहे	मॅजेस्टीक प्रकाशन, मुंबई	पुरुष
कोंडविलकर, माधव	1994	छेद	प्रचार प्रकाशन, कोल्हापूर	पुरुष
नरके, हरी (संपादक)	–	महात्मा फुले गौरवग्रंथ	महात्मा फुले चरित्रसाधने प्रकाशन समिती, मुंबई	पुरुष
प्रभाकर पाध्ये	1979	सौंदर्यानुभव	–	पुरुष
संजीवनी खेर	1988	जीएंच्या रमल आठवणीचे पारवे भेटले तेव्हा	लोकप्रभा	स्त्री
हातकणंगलेकर, म.द.	1968	जीएंची पत्रे	ललित (दिवाळी विशेषांक)	पुरुष
कुल्ली, सदाशिव	1994	जीए रू जीवनदृष्टी आणि प्रतिमासृष्टी	विजय प्रकाशन, नागपूर	पुरुष
भावे, स.शि.	1978	पिंगळावेळ	ललित	पुरुष
आचवल, माधव	1974	जास्वंद	–	पुरुष
देशपांडे, डॉ. अ.ना.	1966	प्राचीन मराठी वाङ्मयाचा इतिहास	व्हिनस, पुणे	पुरुष
गोसावी, र.रा.	1998	पाच भक्तीसंप्रदाय	मेहता प्रकाशन, पुणे	पुरुष
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वरील तक्त्यामध्ये विविध विषयांवरील संदर्भ ग्रंथांची माहिती देण्यात आली आहे. यामध्ये मराठी साहित्य, दलित साहित्य, पर्यावरण शिक्षण, शैक्षणिक संशोधन, सामाजिक शिक्षण आणि मानसशास्त्र यासारख्या विविध विषयांचा समावेश आहे. बहुतेक ग्रंथांचे लेखक पुरुष आहेत, मात्र काही स्त्री लेखिकांचाही सहभाग दिसून येतो. पर्यावरण शिक्षण आणि शैक्षणिक संशोधन यासारख्या क्षेत्रांमध्ये २००० नंतर प्रकाशित झालेल्या ग्रंथांची संख्या जास्त आहे, तर प्राचीन मराठी वाङ्मय व विश्लेषणात्मक ग्रंथ प्रामुख्याने १९७०–८० या कालखंडात प्रकाशित झाले आहेत. त्यामुळे या ग्रंथांच्या आधारे विविध विषयांवरील अभ्यास आणि संशोधनाला एक चांगला आधार मिळतो.

२०१६ व २०२१ शिक्षण समीक्षा संदर्भांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण

तक्त्यात तुलना:

घटक	२०१६ शिक्षण समीक्षा	२०२१ शिक्षण समीक्षा
विषय	पर्यावरण शिक्षण, शैक्षणिक संशोधन, मानसशास्त्र, संस्कृत साहित्य	मराठी साहित्य, दलित साहित्य, पर्यावरण शिक्षण, शैक्षणिक संशोधन, सामाजिक शिक्षण, मानसशास्त्र
लेखकांची संख्या	२२	३०
स्त्री लेखकांची संख्या	५	६
पुरुष लेखकांची	१७	२४

संख्या		
प्रकाशित पुस्तकांची वर्षे	१९७७ – २०१६	१९६६ – २००९
पर्यावरण शिक्षणावरील ग्रंथ	८	७
शैक्षणिक संशोधनावरील ग्रंथ	५	६
मानसशास्त्रावरील ग्रंथ	४	५
इतर विषयावरील ग्रंथ	संस्कृत साहित्य	मराठी साहित्य, दलित साहित्य, सामाजिक शिक्षण

परिच्छेद स्वरूपात तुलना:

२०१९ आणि २०२१ मधील शिक्षण समीक्षा संदर्भांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण केल्यास काही महत्त्वाचे निष्कर्ष समोर येतात. २०१९ च्या ग्रंथसंपदेत प्रामुख्याने पर्यावरण शिक्षण, शैक्षणिक संशोधन, मानसशास्त्र आणि संस्कृत साहित्य या विषयांचा समावेश होता, तर २०२१ मध्ये या विषयांबरोबरच मराठी साहित्य, दलित साहित्य आणि सामाजिक शिक्षण यांचाही समावेश झाला आहे.

२०१९ मध्ये एकूण २२ लेखक होते, त्यामध्ये ५ स्त्री आणि १७ पुरुष लेखक होते. २०२१ मध्ये ही संख्या वाढून ३० लेखक झाली असून, यामध्ये ६ स्त्री आणि २४ पुरुष लेखक दिसून येतात. यावरून स्पष्ट होते की, स्त्री लेखकांचा सहभाग दोन्ही अहवालांत तुलनेने कमी असला तरी २०२१ मध्ये किंचित वाढझाली आहे.

पर्यावरण शिक्षणासंबंधी ग्रंथांची संख्या २०१९ मध्ये ८ होती, जी २०२१ मध्ये थोडी कमी होऊन ७ झाली. मात्र, शैक्षणिक संशोधन आणि मानसशास्त्र यावरील ग्रंथांची संख्या दोन्ही कालखंडांत साधारण समान राहिली आहे. २०२१ मध्ये विशेषतः मराठी साहित्य व दलित साहित्य यांसारख्या नवीन विषयांचा समावेश झाल्यामुळे, त्या वर्षीचा ग्रंथसंग्रह अधिक विस्तृत आणि बहुविध स्वरूपाचा झाला आहे.

एकूणच पाहता, २०१९ मधील संदर्भ ग्रंथांचे प्रमाण काहीसे मर्यादित होते, तर २०२१ मध्ये अधिक व्यापक विषयांचा समावेश करून शिक्षण व साहित्याच्या विविध पैलूंवर भर दिला गेला आहे.

निष्कर्ष

'शिक्षण समीक्षा' या भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या द्वैमासिक नियतकालिकामधील २०१७ सालापासून प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांचे अवतरण विश्लेषण (Citation Analysis) करताना असे आढळून आले की या नियतकालिकाने शैक्षणिक संशोधनाच्या क्षेत्रात महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान दिले आहे. या संशोधनाचे उद्दिष्ट म्हणजे नियतकालिकातील लेखनाची गुणवत्ता, संदर्भांचा उपयोग, तसेच लेखनशैली आणि संशोधनाच्या विविध प्रवाहांचा अभ्यास करणे होय.

या संशोधनातून असे स्पष्ट होते की 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' नियतकालिकात प्रकाशित होणारे लेख शैक्षणिक व संशोधनात्मक दृष्टिकोनातून महत्त्वाचे आहेत. लेखांमध्ये विविध प्रकारच्या संदर्भांचा समावेश आढळून आला, ज्यामुळे लेखनाची गुणवत्ता आणि माहितीची विश्वासार्हता वाढते. तसेच, या नियतकालिकातील लेख प्रामुख्याने शिक्षणशास्त्र, शैक्षणिक धोरणे, नवोपक्रम, अध्यापन पद्धती, विद्यार्थ्यांचे मूल्यमापन आणि शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण

यासारख्या विषयांवर आधारित आहेत. यामुळे हे स्पष्ट होते की नियतकालिक शिक्षण क्षेत्राच्या सर्वांगीण विकासात मोलाची भूमिका बजावत आहे.

अवतरण विश्लेषणाच्या माध्यमातून हे देखील समजते की लेखकांनी संदर्भ म्हणून प्रामुख्याने पुस्तके, शोधनिबंध, आणि अन्य शैक्षणिक नियतकालिके यांचा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर उपयोग केला आहे. याचा अर्थ असा की या नियतकालिकातील लेखन हे फक्त अनुभवसिद्ध नसून शास्त्रशुद्ध संशोधनावर आधारित आहे. तसेच, नियतकालिकातील काही लेखांमध्ये जुन्या संदर्भांसोबत नव्या संशोधनांचे संदर्भही आढळतात. त्यामुळे शिक्षणशास्त्रातील बदलत्या प्रवृत्तींचा वेध घेण्याचा प्रयत्नही होत आहे.

संशोधनाच्या अनुषंगाने पाहता, 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' नियतकालिकातील लेखांमध्ये विविध प्रकारचे संदर्भ वापरण्याची प्रवृत्ती दिसून येते. काही लेखांमध्ये प्रामुख्याने भारतीय संशोधकांचे संदर्भ आहेत, तर काही लेख आंतरराष्ट्रीय संशोधनावर आधारित आहेत. तसेच, काही लेखांमध्ये शिक्षणशास्त्रातील सैद्धांतिक पार्श्वभूमीवर भर दिला आहे, तर काही लेख क्षेत्रीय अभ्यास आणि प्रत्यक्ष अनुभवांवर आधारित आहेत. हे दर्शविते की 'शिक्षण समीक्षा' नियतकालिक शैक्षणिक संशोधनाच्या व्यापक परिघाचा विचार करून लेखन प्रकाशित करते.

अवतरण विश्लेषणातून मिळालेल्या निष्कर्षांवर आधारित असे म्हणता येईल की या नियतकालिकाने शैक्षणिक संशोधन आणि विकासामध्ये महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावली आहे. संदर्भांचा सखोल वापर, विस्तृत विषयपरिवार, आणि गुणवत्तापूर्ण लेखन यामुळे हे नियतकालिक शैक्षणिक जगतात विश्वासार्ह मानले जाते. भविष्यात या नियतकालिकाच्या अवतरण विश्लेषणाचा अजून विस्तृत अभ्यास केल्यास, शिक्षणशास्त्राच्या संशोधनाच्या ट्रेंड्स आणि भविष्यातील संशोधनाच्या दिशा यांचा अधिक सखोल अभ्यास करता येईल.

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मानवी जीवनात अभिरुचीला फारच महत्वाचे स्थान आहे महाविद्यालयीन स्तरावर विध्यार्थ्यांच्या हातून सर्वच प्रकारच्या. अभ्यासक्रमात. साहित्याचे वाचन व्हावे अशी अपेक्षा असते त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांची ज्ञानलालसा अधिक निकोपपने वृद्धींगत होत राहील आलेल्या ज्ञानाची व्याप्ती वाढविण्यासाठी पूरक वाचनाची फारच गरज असल्याचे जाणवते . वाचन आपल्याला अभ्यासात खूप मदत करतं जे विद्यार्थी वाचनाची सवय लावतात ., त्यांची एकाग्रता वाढते वाचन . वाचनामुळे अभ्यासातील विषय कळायला सोपे होतात .

केल्याने आपल्याला प्रश्नांची उत्तरे पटकन सापडतात आणि त्यातून परीक्षेत चांगले गुण मिळवता येतात .ह्या संशोधन पेपर मध्ये विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभ्रीरुची जाणून घेण्याचा प्रयतन केला आहे विध्यार्थी ग्रंथालयात वाचन करितात त्यांचे वाचनाचे प्रमाण काय आहेत्यामागचे कर? विध्यार्थी आधुनिक तंत्रविज्ञानाणे प्रभावित झाली आहे का.णे जाणून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न केले आहे या संशोधन पेपर मध्ये गोंदिया जिल्याहयातील नटवरलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य महाविद्यालय गोंदिया शैक्षणिक सत्र २०२४ मधील २५-. प्रवेशित विध्यार्थ्यांचा वाचन अभिरुच्चा यांचा अभ्यास केला आहेसोयीस्कर नमुना निवड केले आहे व ३००.ि्यार्थ्यांचा उत्तरदाते म्हनून निवड केले आहे वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धतीचा वापर करण्यात आला विध्यार्थ्यांकडून प्रश्नावलीद्वारे माहिती गोळा करून विश्लेषण करण्यात आले आहे

मुख्य शब्द वाचन साहित्य, ग्रंथालय महाविद्यालय, अभिरुची, वाचन-:

प्रस्तावना

माणसांच्या व्यक्तीमात्वाचा सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी वाचन ही एक आवश्यक गरज आहे म्हणून वाचाल तर वाचाल. आधुनिक तंत्रविज्ञानाच्या काळात . परतू वाचन अभिरुची हळूहळू कमी होत चालली आहे. असे आपण म्हणतो ई मैल यावर विध्यार्थी अधिक. फेसेबूक,व्हात्साप, विध्यार्ती मोबाईलप्रमाणात व्यस्त असल्याचे दिसून येते त्यामुळे. ग्रंथालायापुढे आव्हान आहे कि विध्यार्थी अधिक प्रमाणात ग्रंथालयात येऊन कश्या प्रकारे वाचनअभिरुची वाढविता वाचनाचे महात्वे वाद्विण्याकारीता विविध उपक्रमाद्वारे जनजागृती करण्याची गरज निर्माण झाली आहे ह्याची.येईल दाखल शासनाने दखल घेउन वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा पधरवाडा उपक्रम सर्वत्र राबविण्यात आले

कोणतीही विध्यार्थी ह जन्मताहा आवड घेऊन आलेला नसतो एखादह्याला चीत्रकलाची आवड नाही याचा अर्थ. त्यामुळे त्याची, इतकाच असतो कि त्यादृष्टीने कोणी त्याच्याकडे लक्ष दिलेले नसतेअभिरुची विकसीत झालेली नसते . त्यामुळे शिक्षकाने या दृष्टीने विचार करून विध्यर्थ्यांमध्ये आवड निर्माण करून यश प्राप्त करीता येते.वाचन ही एक उत्तम सवय आहे आपण कुठेही असलो तरी . ती सवय एकदा लावली की आयुष्यभर आपल्याला त्याचा फायदा होतो . आपल्याला आपलं आवडतं पुस्तक वाचता येतं वाचन . त्या पुस्तकातलं ज्ञान आपल्याबरोबर नेहमीच राहतं . .आपल्याला शहाणं बनवतं आणि आपलं भविष्य घडवायला मदत करतं

जेव्हा तुम्ही रोज वाचण्याचा सराव कराल तेव्हा तुम्हाला त्याचे व्यसन लागेल वाचन तुम्हाला संज्ञानात्मक . चांगल्या कादंबऱ्यांचा . विकसित करण्यात मदत करू शकते आणि तुम्हाला जीवनाकडे एक नवीन दृष्टीकोन देऊ शकते जितका जास्त वेळ . लोकांवर चांगला प्रभाव पडतो आणि तुम्हाला जीवनातील योग्य मार्गावर नेऊ शकतो तुम्ही वाचनात घालवाल तितके तुम्ही त्याच्या प्रेमात पडाल जितका जास्त वेळ तुम्ही वाचनात घालवाल तितके तुम्ही . वाचन . वाचन तुम्हाला तुमची शब्दसंग्रह आणि भाषिक कौशल्ये सुधारण्यास मदत करू शकते . त्याच्या प्रेमात पडाल तुम्हाला आराम करण्यास आणि तणावमुक्त करण्यात मदत करू शकते वाचनामुळे तुमच्या सर्जनशीलतेला चालना. वाचन देखील तुम्हाला लिहिण्यास प्रोत्साहित करते आणि जर . मिळते आणि तुम्हाला जीवनाचे अधिक आकलन होते जर तुम्हाला तुमच्या जीवनात उत्कृष्ट सवयी निर्माण . तुम्ही तसे केले तर तुम्ही निःसंशयपणे हस्तकलेच्या प्रेमात पडाल करायच्या असतील, तर वाचन तुमच्या सूचीच्या शीर्षस्थानी असले पाहिजे कारण ते एखाद्या व्यक्तीच्या सामान्य वाढ आणि विकासासाठी आवश्यक आहे.

<u>वाचन</u>

वाचन ही अशी क्रिया आहे राजकीय व, सामाजिक, भावनिक, ज्यामुळे बौद्धिक संपदेच्या माध्यमातून. .कौश्ल्यायापूर्ण जीवन जगण्याची कला निर्माण होते

अभिरुची

अभिरुची म्हणजे एखाद्या विषयी आवड ती जाणून घेण्. रुची निर्माण होणे/यासाठी मनात त्रीव अशी इच्छा म्हणजे वाचन अभिरुची .

वाचन अभिरुची

वेगवेगवेगळ्या विषयाचे ज्ञान मिळविण्याकरिता आवडीने ग्रंथाचे वाचन करणे आवडीने वाचलेल्या ग्रंथामुळे. व वाचन व त्यानुसार निश्चित. आयुष्याला कलाटणी मिळते. विचार प्रगल्भ होतात. मानसिक समाधान मिळते होणारे अभि रुची यांच्यातील सहसंबंध नाकारता येत नाही किंबहुना वाचनातून अभिरुची व अभिरुचीतून वाचन असा प्रवाह. . तयार होतो

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालय

महाविद्यालयातील विध्यार्थी आणि प्राध्यापक यांच्या वाचन साहित्याविषयीचे गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी महाविद्यालयाने स्थापित केलेले ग्रंथालय

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयाचे घटक

१ विध्यार्थी.

२ प्राध्यापक

३ वाचनसाहित्य

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयाचे कार्य

१ विध्यार्थ्यांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीनुसार आवश्यक असलेले वाचन साहित्य उपलब्ध करून देणे

२ विध्यार्थ्याना आधुनिक सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देणे

३ अभ्यासासाठी योग्य वातावरण निर्मिती

४ विध्यार्थ्याना वाचनासाठी प्रोत्साहित करणे

संशोधन विषयाची आवश्यकता

आवड निवड ही मानवाची अभिवृती आहे प्रत्येकाची अभिरुची ही वेगवेगळी असते.

प्रस्तुत अध्यन हे महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची एक अभ्यास आहे .

आज वाचनासाठी उत्तम साधने असूनही वाचक विध्यार्थी आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञाना मुळे वाचनापासून दूर होत/ ?आहे का

किवा विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची जाणून घेणे हा या संशोधन लेखाचा उदेश्य आहे व विद्यार्थ्यांची. वाचनाविषयी स्थिती काय आहे व ग्रंथालयाची स्थिती जाणून घेणे ह्या संसोधनाचा उदेश्य आहे.

प्रस्तुत संसोधनाचा उपयोग महाविद्यालयातील ग्रंथपाल वाचक यांना वाचन संस्कृती, संशोधक, प्राध्यापक, . वाढवण्यासाठी या विषयाची मदत होईल

उदेश्य

१ हे जाणून घेणे? दृकश्राव्यसाधणाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे काय(

२?महाविद्यालयातील ग्राथालाय्य्यात वाचकांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीत विविधता दिसून येते का (

३? महाविधालायीन ग्रंथालयात विध्यार्थीसमधानकारक वाचन करीत आहे का(

४विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिर (ुची जाणून घेणे

गृहीतकृत्ये

१. दृकश्राव्य साधनाचा प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे(

२. महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयात वाचकांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीत विविधता दिसून येते(

३. महाविद्यालयातील विध्यर्थी हे समाधानकारक वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते(

४महाविद्यालयातेलविध(ार्थी हे मोबाईलइतरअप्स ने प्रभावीत असल्याचे दिसून येते,फेसबुक,

संशोधन विषयाची व्याप्ती

सदर संशोधन हे गोंदिया जील्ह्यातील नटव्ररलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य महाविद्यालय पुरते मर्यादित आहे या शैक्षणिक सत्रांतील विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची व ग् २५-२०२४.रंथालयाचा वापर यावर मर्यादीत आहे.

संशोधन अभ्यास पद्धती

अभ्यासाकाने प्रस्तुत संशोधन हे वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धतीचा वापर केला आहे तर माहिती संकलित संशोधकाने नटवरलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य. करण्यासाठी प्रश्नावालीचा आधार घेतला महाविद्यालय गोदिया येथील ग्र ंथालयाचा समावेश केला आहे महाविद्यालयात जावून.

सदर संशोधनाकरीताविद्यार्थ्यांकडूनप्रश्नावलीच्या माध्यमातून माहिते संकलित करून त्यामाहितीचे विश्लेषण माहिती सारणीबद्ध करून वारंवारीता प्रतिशत सांखीकीय पद्धतीने करण्यात आले आहे.

सदर संसोधनामध्ये एकूण विध्यार्थी ३०० आहेत.

अनु	विभाग	संख्या
१	बी ए.	१००
२	बी कॉम.	१००
३	बी ए. बी.	८०
४	एम ए.	२०

बीं. बी १००.ए.कॉम. बी १००.बी विध्यार्थ्यांना प्रश्नावली वितरीत करण्यात आले ३०० ऐकून २० ए. एम ८० ए. दिल्या. विध्यार्थ्यानी प्रश्नावली भरून २८० त्यापैकी

तक्ता क्र १ आपणास वाचनाची आवड आहे का ?

होय	नाही	एकून
८८%८.	११ % २.	१००%
२७२	८	२८०

विश्लेषण:

आपणास वाचनाची आवड आहे का .८८ तेव्हा?८ विध्यर्थ्यानी होय असे उत्तर दिले तर% .११२ विध्यार्थ्यानी नाही असे उत्तर दिले%

तक्ता क्र २ ग्रंथालय भेट विश्लेषण

ग्रंथालय भेट	प्रतिसाद (२८०)	१००%
दररोज	१७५	६२%५.
आठवड्यातून एकदा	२०	७%१.
पंधरा दिवसातून एकदा	८	२%८.
महिन्यातून एकदा	०७	२%५.
आवशक्तेनुसार	७०	२५%

विश्लेषण

आपण ग्रंथालयास केव्हा भेट देता .६२ असा प्रश्न विचारल्यानंतर ?५विध्यार्थ्यानी दररोज % असे उत्तर दिले %२५ तर. विध्यार्थ्याने अव्श्याक्तेनुस्सार ग्रंथालयात उपयौग करीत असल्याचे सांगितले .७ आठवड्यातून एकदा .१ असे उत्तर % पंधरा दिवसातून एकदा . दिले 2.8% विध्यार्थ्यानी उत्तर दिले .महिन्यातून २ वेळा ग्रंथालयास भेटी दिले%५. दरोरोज भेट देण्याचे.जाते प्रमाण अधिक आहे.

तक्ता क्र ३ तुमची वाचन अभिरुची कोणत्या वाचन साहित्यात आहे

वाचन अभिरुची	**प्रतिसाद २८०**	**%**
पाठ्यपुस्तके	**160**	**57.14%**
अवांतरवाचन साहित्य	**20**	**7.1%**
स्पर्धा पुस्तके	**25**	**8.9%**
वर्तमान पत्रे	**50**	**17.85%**
मासिके	**10**	**२५%**
संदर्भ ग्रंथ	**15**	**5.3%**
ई रेसौर्सेस-	**20**	**7.1%**

विश्लेषण

विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची कोणत्या वाचन साहित्यात आहे असे विचारल्यावर सर्वाधिक?**57.14** विद्यार्थ्यांची % रेसौर्सेस वापरण्याचे प्रमाण– वाचन अभिरुची ही पाठ्यपुस्तक वाचन करण्यात आहे असे दिसून आले त्यानंतर ई**7.1 %** असल्याचे दिसू%न आले तर स्पर्धापुस्तके वाचण्याचे प्रमाण **8.9** असे उतार मिळाले वर्तमान पत्रे आणि मासिके% . वाचण्याचे प्रमाण कमी असल्याचे दिसून आले

तक्ता क्र ४ दृकश्राव्य साधनाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे का ?

दृक श्राव्य साधनाचा प्रभाव	**प्रतिसाद 280**	**%**
खूप जास्त	**180**	**64.28%**
जास्त	**२५**	**8.9%**
खूप कमी	**50**	**17.8%**
कमी	**25**	**8.9%**

काहीच नाही	**0**	०

विश्लेषण वरील तक्त्यावरून असे दिसून येते कि दृक श्राव्य साधनाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभरुची कमी होत :**64.28 %**विध्यार्थ्यानी वाचनाची अभिरुची ही दृक श्राव्यामुळेअधिक प्रभावीत असल्याचे खूप जास्त दिसून येते . **8.9%** जास्त प्रभाव असल्याचे दिसून येते तर. **17.8%** खूप कमी प्रभाव आहे असे मत व्यक्त केले कमी प्रभाव असल्याचे . **8.9%** असल्याचे उत्तर मिळाले तर काहीच परिणाम होत नाही असे ० उत्तर मिळाले म्हणजे आपण असे म्हणू शकतो कि दृक. . श्राव्याच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे

तक्ता क्र ५ ग्रंथालयात घालविलेल्या वेळेचे विश्लेषण

अनु क्रम	वेळ	प्रतिसाद २८०	प्रतिशत%
१	१ ते १५ मिनिटे	१२०	42.85%
२	१६ मि ते अर्धा तास	100	35.71%
३	१ ते २ तास	30	10.71%
४	३ते ५ तास	20	7.1%
५	यापेक्षा अधिक	10	3.57%

वरील तक्त्यवरुन असे दिसून येते कि विध्यार्थी जास्तीत जास्त ग्रंथ वाचताना ग्रंथालयात घालविलेल्या वेळ 42.85 % दिसून येते

१ ते २ तास ग्रंथालयात विध्यार्थी .10.71 मि ते अर्धा तास १६तर. ग्रंथ वापरत असल्याचे आढळून आले %% 35.71 तास ग्रंथालयात वाचत बसणाऱ्यांचे ५ ते ३ म्हणजेच . विध्यार्थी वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते%% 7.1% आहे

परीणाम आणि चर्चा

वरील संसोधनावरून असे दिसून येते कि विध्यार्थीची वाचंन अभिरुचीमध्ये विविधता दिसून येते ग्रंथालयात समाधानकारक वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते इंटरनेट, तसेच ते दृक श्राव्य साधन म्हणजे मोबाईल. वर अधिक प्रमाणत व्यस्त असल्याचे दिसून येते.चाटींग,फेसबुक

विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभरुची वाढवण्यासाठी ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथपाल यांना वाचन संस्कृती टिकवून ठेवण्याची भूमिका खूप महत्वाची आहे .

वाचन अभिरुची वाढवण्यासाठी घ्यावयाची काळजी

जागतिक पुस्तक दिन साजरा करा

वांचन स्पर्धा आयोजित करा

पुस्तक परीक्षण लिहिण्यास सांगा

ग्रंथ प्रदर्शनी

उत्कृष्ट वाचक पुरस्कार

पुस्तक क्लब

वाचक लेखक सवाद

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विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची वाढव्ण्यसाठी ग्रंथालयात ग्रंथप्रदर्शन लावून विध्यार्थ्यानां आकर्षित केले जाऊ शकते, साधून त्यांच्याशी चर्चा करून विध्यार्थी, वाचक लेखक सवाद. मार्गदर्शन व्याखाने. तसेच ग्रंथालयात विविध कार्यक्रम. म्हणजे असे म्हणता येईल कि ग्रंथालयात नवीन नावीन कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करून व त्यांच्या . वाचनाकडे वळतील आवडीनुसार ग्रंथ संग्रह ग्रंथालयात असेल व त्यांच्या आव्शाक्तेनुस्सार सेवा व सुविधा प्रदान केल्यास विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची वाढविली जाईल .वाचन प्रेरणा व संस्कृतीचा विकास ही एक सातत्याने चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे . ज्ञानसंपन्न व माहितीसमृद्ध समाजाची घडण, व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास, साहित्य विकास आणि भाषाविकास यांसाठी वाचन संस्कृतीचा विस्तार आणि विकास करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.

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संशोधनकर्तीमार्गदर्शक
मुग्धा राजनकर डॉ. शालिनी फुलमाळी
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कि – वर्ड :राजस्थान राज्य, ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र, आचार्य पदवी, शोधप्रबंध, आशय विश्लेषण

प्रस्तावना:

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प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्यात पंजाब विद्यापीठातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी स्तरावरील संशोधन कार्याचा कालक्रम, संशोधन कार्यातील पोकळी, संशोधन कार्यातील विषय व उपविषय, इ. बाबीवर सखोल अभ्यास केलेला आहे.

संशोधन पध्दत: प्रस्तुतसंशोधन कार्यात वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पध्दती आणि आशय विश्लेषण तंत्राचा वापर करणात आला आहे.

संशोधन आराखडा:प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्यात वर्णनात्मक संशोधन आराखडा वापरण्यात आला आहे.

व्याप्ती, क्षेत्र आणि मर्यादा: संशोधन कार्यराजस्थान राज्यातील जानेवारी २०१२ ते डिसेंबर २०२२ या कालावधीतील ऑगस्ट २०२४ पर्यंत 'शोधगंगा – ए रिर्झव्ह ऑफ़ इंडियन थिसिस' या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध विद्यापीठातील शोधप्रबंधाचे आशय विश्लेषन करण्यापुरते मर्यादित आहे.

तथ्य संकलन पध्दत आणि तंत्रे: 'शोधगंगा – ए रिर्झव्ह ऑफ़ इंडियन थिसिस' या संकेतस्थळावर राजस्थान राज्यातील विद्यापीठात उपलब्ध शोधप्रबंधातून तथ्य संकलन करण्यात आले आहे.

तथ्य विश्लेषण पध्दत आणि तंत्रे: प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्य तक्ता आणि आलेख स्वरुपात पुढीलप्रमाणे विश्लेषीत करुन सादर केलेले आहे.

१: विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठाचे विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. १ : विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	विद्यापीठाचे नाव	ठिकाण	विद्यापीठाचा प्रकार				एकुण
			राज्य वि.	केंद्रिय वि.	डीम्ड वि.	खाजगी वि.	
१	श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ	जुनजुनू	--	--	--	√	०१
२	बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ	टोंक	--	--	√	--	०१
३	माधव विद्यापीठ	सिरोची	--	--	--	√	०१
४	मोहनलाल सुखदेव विद्यापीठ	उदयपूर	√	--	--	--	०१
५	सिंघानिया विद्यापीठ	जुनजुनू	--	--	--	√	०१
६	महाराज विनायक ग्लोबल विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१
७	जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१

८	निम्स विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१
९	मेवार विद्यापीठ	चित्तोडगड	--	--	--	√	०१
१०	कोटा विद्यापीठ	कोटा	√	--	--	--	०१
११	आय. आय. एम. विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	√	--	०१
	एकुण		**०२ (१८.१९%)**	**--**	**०२ (१८.१९%)**	**०७ (६३.६२%)**	**११**

वरिल तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठात एकुण ११ विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे.

२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावर ०७ (६३.६२%) विद्यापीठ, द्वितिय स्थानावर राज्यस्तरावर ०२ (१८.१९%)आणि डिम्ड स्तरावर ०२ (१८.१९%) विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे.

२:शोधप्रबंधा संदर्भात संख्यात्मक माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजथान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान समाविष्ट विद्यापिठातील उपलब्ध शोधप्रबंधाचे संख्यात्मक विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. २:शोधप्रबंधा संदर्भात संख्यात्मक माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	विद्यापीठाचे नाव	शोधप्रबंधाची संख्या				एकुण	टक्केवारी
		राज्य वि.	केंद्रिय वि.	डीम्ड वि.	खाजगी वि.		
१	श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	३४	३४	३३.६६%
२	बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ	--	--	३२	--	३२	३१.६८%
३	माधव विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०७	०७	६.९३%
४	मोहनलाल सुखदेव विद्यापीठ	०६	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
५	सिंघानिया विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०५	०५	४.९५%
६	महाराज विनायक ग्लोबल विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०५	०५	४.९५%
७	मेवार विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०४	०४	३.९६%
८	निम्स विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०४	०४	३.९६%
९	जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०२	०२	१.९८%
१०	कोटा विद्यापीठ	०१	--	--	--	०१	०.९९%
११	आय. आय. एम. विद्यापीठ	--	--	०१	--	०१	०.९९%
	एकुण	**०७ (६.९३%)**	**--**	**३३ (३२.६८%)**	**६१ (६०.३९%)**	**१०१**	

वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झाले असून सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ६१ (६०.३९%) शोधप्रबंध, द्वितिय स्थानावर डीम्ड विद्यापीठातून ३३ (३२.६८%) शोधप्रबंध आणि राज्यस्तरिय विद्यापीठातून ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहे.

२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३४ (३३.६६%), द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ या डिम्ड स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३२ (३१.६८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर माधव विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्द आहेत.

३: कालक्रमानुसार शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात जानेवारी २०१२ ते डिसेंबर २०२२ या कालावधीत कालक्रमानुसार संशोधन उत्पादकता जाणून घेण्यासाठी शोधप्रबंधाच्या संख्यात्मक माहितीचे विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. ३: कालक्रमानुसार शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	कालक्रम	शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती										एकुण	टक्केवारी
		श्री. ज. झां. ति. वि	बं. वि.	मा. वि.	मो. सु. वि.	सिं. वि.	म. वि. ग्लो. वि.	मे. वि.	नि. वि.	जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. वि.	को. वि.	आय. आय. एस. वि.		
१	२०१२	---	०४	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	०५	४.९५%
२	२०१३	--	--	--	--	०१	--	--	०१	--	--	--	०२	१.९८%
३	२०१४	--	०३	--	--	०३	--	--	--	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
४	२०१५	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०१	०.९९%
५	२०१६	०२	०३	--	०२	--	--	०१	०२	--	०१	--	११	१०.८९%
६	२०१७	--	०७	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०७	६.९३%
७	२०१८	--	०३	०१	०१	--	--	--	०१	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
८	२०१९	०६	०३	--	०२	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	१२	११.८८%
९	२०२०	०४	०१	--	--	--	--	०१	--	०१	--	--	०७	६.९३%
१०	२०२१	१६	०२	०५	०१	--	०४	--	--	०१	--	--	२९	२८.७१%
११	२०२२	०६	०५	०१	--	--	०१	०१	--	--	--	०१	१५	१४.८५%

एकुण		३४	३२	०७	०६	०५	०५	०४	०४	०२	०१	०१	१०१	

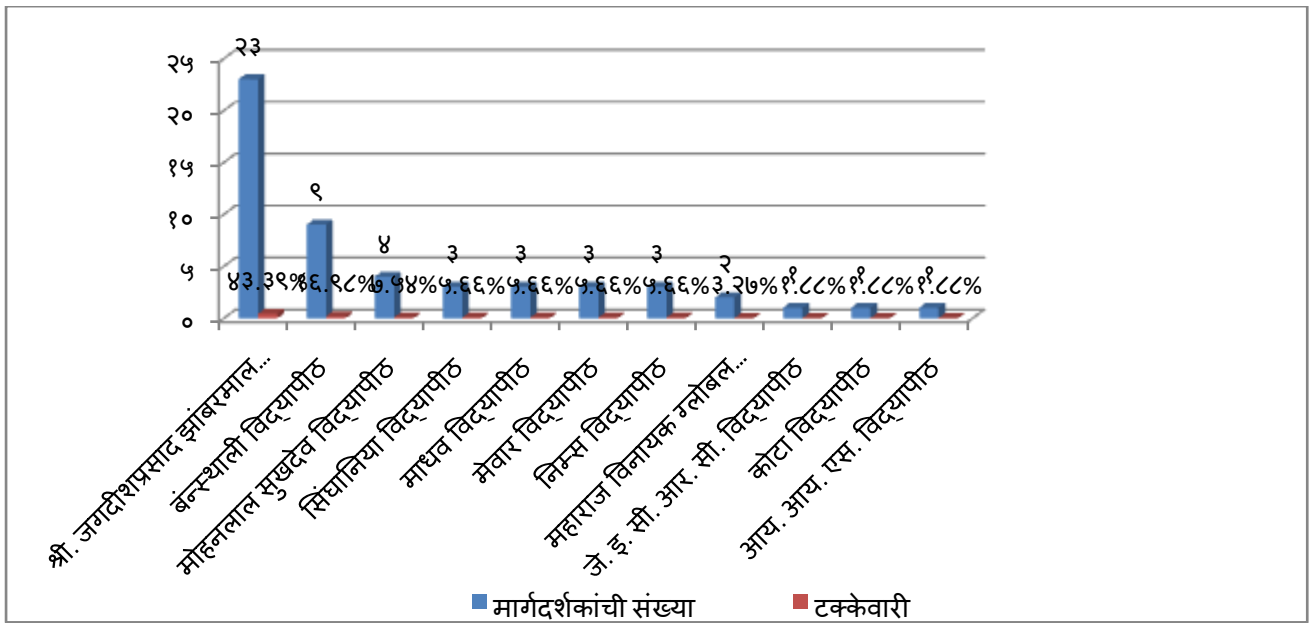
वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात २०१२ ते २०२२ या कालावधीत एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर २९ (२८.७१%) शोधप्रबंध २०२१, द्वितिय स्थानावर १५ (१४.८५%) शोधप्रबंध २०२२ आणि तृतिय स्थानावर १२ (११.८८%) शोधप्रबंध २०१९ या वर्षात उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत.

४: संशोधन कार्यात मार्गदर्शकांची माहिती

प्रस्तुत आलेखमध्येराजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात समाविष्ट विद्यापीठातील मार्गदर्शकांच्या संख्याचे विवरण दिलेले आहे.

आलेख क्रं. ४:संशोधन कार्यात मार्गदर्शकांची माहिती



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१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठातील संशोधन कार्यात एकुण ५३ मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे.
२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठात २३ (४३.३९%) मार्गदर्शक, द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठात ०९ (१६.९८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर ०४ (७.५४%) मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे.

५: मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठातील मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय संख्यांत्मक विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. ५: मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय संख्यात्मक माहिती	मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती											एकुण	टक्केवारी
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१	पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती													
१.१	पुरुष संशोधक	०७	०८	०१	०२	०१	--	०२	०३	--	--	--	२४	२३.७६%
१.२	महिला संशोधक	०३	१७	--	०१	०४	--	--	--	--	०१	०१	२७	२६.७३%
१.३	उल्लेख नसलेले	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
२	महिला मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती													
२.१	पुरुष संशोधक	०१	--	०१	--	--	०३	--	--	०१	--	--	०६	५.९४%
२.२	महिला संशोधक	०१	--	०४	--	--	०२	--	--	०१	--	--	०८	७.९२%
२.३	उल्लेख नसलेले	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
३	लिंगनिहाय उल्लेख नसलेले मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती													
३.१	पुरुष संशोधक	--	०३	०१	०२	--	--	०१	०१	--	--	--	०८	७.९२%
३.२	महिला संशोधक	--	०२	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०३	२.९७%
३.३	उल्लेख नसलेले	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
४	दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती													
४.१	पुरुष संशोधक	१३	--	--	--	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	१४	१३.८३%
४.२	महिला संशोधक	०९	०२	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	११	१०.८९%
४.३	उल्लेख नसलेले	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते, राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान शोधप्रबंधातमार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय विवरणामध्ये सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २७ (२६.७३%) महिला संशोधक, द्वितिय स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २४ (२३.७६%) पुरुष संशोधक आणि तृतिय स्थानावर दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात १८ (१३.८३%) पुरुष संशोधकांचा समावेश आहे.

निकर्ष:

प्रस्तुत संशोधन लेखात भारतातील राजस्थान राज्यातील ११ विद्यापीठातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त शोधप्रबंधाचा आशय विश्लेषणात्मक अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे. विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावर ०७ (६३.६२%) विद्यापीठ, द्वितिय स्थानावर राज्यस्तरावर ०२ (१८.१८%)आणि डिम्ड स्तरावर ०२ (१८.१८%) विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे. शोधप्रबंधानुसार एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झाले असून सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ६१ (६०.३९%) शोधप्रबंध, द्वितिय स्थानावर डीम्ड विद्यापीठातून ३३ (३२.६८%) शोधप्रबंध आणि राज्यस्तरिय विद्यापीठातून ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहे. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३४ (३३.६६%), द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ या डिम्ड स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३२ (३१.६८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर माधव विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्द आहेत. कालक्रमानुसार संशोधन कार्यात २०१२ ते २०२२ या कालावधीत शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. राजस्थान राज्यात सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर २९ (२८.७१%) शोधप्रबंध २०२१, द्वितिय स्थानावर १५ (१४.८५%) शोधप्रबंध २०२२ आणि तृतिय स्थानावर १२ (११.८८%) शोधप्रबंध २०१९ या वर्षात उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. मार्गदर्शकांच्या संख्येबाबत एकुण ५३ मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठात २३ ४३.३९%) मार्गदर्शक, द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठात ०९ (१६.९८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर ०४ (७.५४%) मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे. मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय विवरणामध्ये सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २७ (२६.७३%) महिला संशोधक, द्वितिय स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २४ (२३.७६%) पुरुष संशोधक आणि तृतिय स्थानावर दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात १८ (१३.८३%) पुरुष संशोधकांचा समावेश आहे.

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Evolution of Library Technologies

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LIBRARY SYSTEM & TOOLS IN S. CHANDRA MAHILA MAHAVIDYALAYA, SADAK ARJUNI, DIST.- GONDIA

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Abstract - *As per as concern the history & development of libraries, nothing exists without origin. Every course of study has particular history. History is what todays generation wants to handover to the next generation. The term library has a wide field and different type of history therefore libraries history, It can be stages of libraries from ancient time to modern time. It deals with the activities of individual institution. The intent of this contributing to the development and how to growth of libraries for the purpose of professional awareness. It is in this that our S. Chandra women's college was establish under the tribal educational institute, District Gondia in the 2008. It was initiated by Dr. Ajay Sambhaji Lanjewar. He made this small sapling a banyan tree by erecting a grand structure from a rented building to its present state. Since then, we have seen many modern and digital changes in the library in the college.*

Keywords:- *Automation, Library Software, OPAC, LAN, Database.*

1. Introduction

According to history of S. Chandra Women's college. It was establish in the year 2008 from this period to till now many changes have been happened in context to library and its development from 2008 to 2022. All the housekeeping operation of the library where manually maintain in the register. But from the year 2023 we purchase SARAL automation software from that time, all the works of daily routing library such as, cataloging, serial control, book issue return, report retrieval, history of library users etc. all these things happened with the help of library software. It implements the forth law of library science "Save the time of the Users"

If we go through the historical background about the library, we had seen like Nalanda, Takshshila, Pataliputra, Banaras, etc. had excellent collection of rare book which had made by hand. That was the fabulous creation and many scholar from all over the world. They used to visit that library for the research purpose. From megasthanese to max muler lived and they worked in those institution they had spend much more time of their life as well as copies and original record of knowledge in India.

In the context of computerization a library information system stated as a set of library transaction processing system and design to provide information for library members and to support them for operational, managerial and decision making which needs to library staff. Thus automated library is a set of functional system include. Library daily routing work practice.

Information of technology – software, hardware, computer having management of database system. Dose housekeeping work and library staff.

Automation mainly concern with the traditional libraries activities such as, acquisition, cataloging, circulation, serial control etc. it is usually distinguished from related field such as, information retrieval automatic indexing, abstracting and automated textual analysis.

S. Chandra Manila Mahavidyalaya was established in the time 2008 and this council is a small council located in Sadak Arjuni Tahasil of Gondia district in the eastern part of Maharashtra state, India. The area is primarily known as an ethnic district; it is a district positioned along several hill ranges.The district has state roadways and public roadways adjacent to it, but in terms of education, the district is still veritably backward.And it is a veritably delicate task to develop a library in such a place, while it took nearly a century for us to develop a council library inthis place, moment's ultramodern technology has come into our hands and our scholars.After going through numerous difficulties during this trip, a moment with the help of this colonization system, our associates and our scholars have duly understood how to use library wisdom and libraries.

2. Methodology

The Investigator combined the survey method to collect primary data and secondary data.

SARAL Library is a complete solution to the running of a library in an educational institution. It provides a full range of tools for the librarian and media/resource center managers to organize, control, and record the use of all the resources for which they are responsible. It is a full management system incorporating.

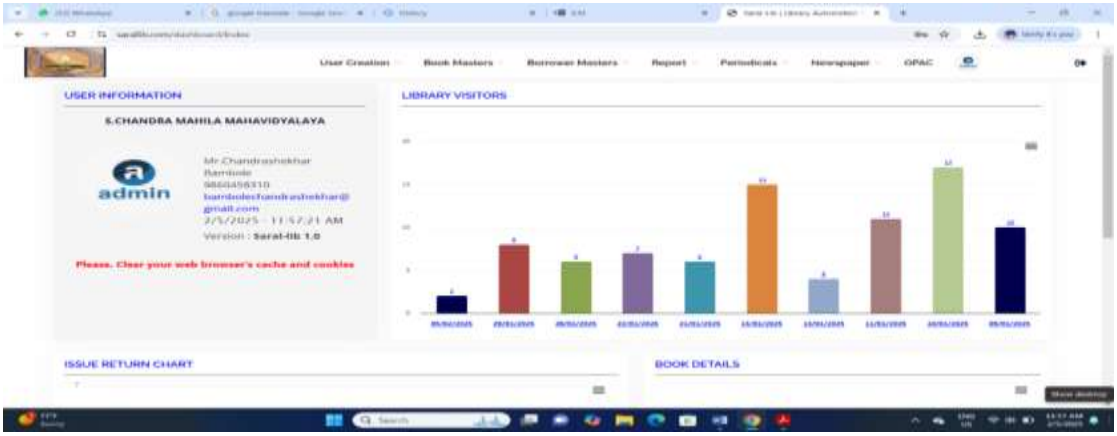
- Cataloging
- Journal acquisition.
- Circulations and reservations
- Inventory, Stock check
- Items and item status
- See and See Also lists
- Wish Lists
- Fines and accounts
- Bar code functionality

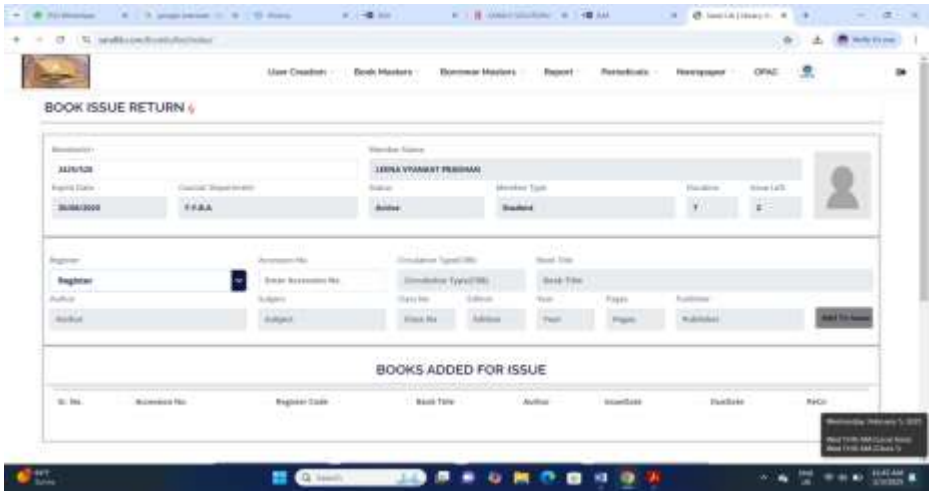
As far as our college is concerned, since the foundation year of our college and from January 2008 to 2022, the entire work of the library was carried out manually. While they were working, there were many difficulties and time was also passing. The work was not done as well as it should have been.From registration of students to making BT cards, manual sorting of books and working accordingly used to take a lot of time and trouble but ever since the automation system was used in our library, the working system has become more convenient.Simple software is very convenient to use. Once your data is fit in this software, you can store and search your books in the

way you want, and it is also very easy to generate daily, monthly, and annual reports. Somephotographs of Saral software mention it.

The Investigator combined a check system to collect primary data and secondary data. Description of Library robotization

1. Library robotization may be defined as the operation of automatic and robotic dataprocessing machines(computers) to perform traditional library housekeeping conditioning similar asaccession, rotation, cataloging, and reference and diurnals control. moment " Library robotization " is by far the most generally used term to describe the robotization of library conditioning using the computer.(Uddin, 2009).
2. " Library robotization is the use of automatic and robotic data processing machines toperform similar traditional library conditioning as accessions, cataloging, and rotation. Theseconditioning aren't inescapably performed in traditional ways, the conditioning themselves are thosetraditionally associated with libraries; library robotization may therefore be distinguished from affiliatedfields similar as information reclamation fields similar as information reclamation, automatic indexing, andabstracting and automatic textual analysis "(Kent, 1977).





As far as software, we have purchased the software SARAH library software for library automation.For the proper automation in library housekeeping operation analogous to accession, journal control, issue & return of books, user entry in the library and OPAC, for the stoners to search particular book on OPAC. This installation is being handed to scholars & instructors staff.From February 2023, we have automated the library through SARAH software.Now the present condition of the library's total stock is below.

Table No. 1 : Total Library Stocks

Sr. No	Particular	Quantity
01.	Text Books	2517
02.	Journals/Periodicals	08
03.	News Paper (Daily)	05
04.	Rojgar Samachar (Weekly)	01

The total textbooks in the library are 2517, the total number of journals in the library is 08, and quotidian 5 types of different Newspaper English & Marathi languages like Format, Designate,Loretta, Dainik Bhaskar & Hitvad and one diurnal Roger Salazar for like employment news type paper and in the various type vacancy news in this paper.

Table No. 2: Total Text Books Purchased Year wise

Sr. No	Text Books Purchased Year wise	Quantity
01.	2008-09	128
02.	2009-10	535
03.	2010-11	175
04.	2011-12	179
05.	2012-13	759
06.	2013-14	15
07.	2014-15	12
08.	2015-16	15
09.	2016-17	12
10.	2017-18	16
11.	2018-19	12
12.	2019-20	15
13.	2020-21	17
14.	2021-22	475
15.	2022-23	77
16.	2023-24	85
	Total	**2527**

Conclusion:

Going through the entire history of the library and considering the library in the council, we get to see a huge difference between the traditional and modern technical systems.There is a huge difference between our council library in 2008 and its condition and the well-equipped condition of our library at present.And it is truly delicate to compare this difference, in short, if we don't have this technology in the moment's life system, we are still truly backward, becauseof this automation in library wisdom, everything has come truly easy.

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COMPARING TRADITIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH HUB LIBRARY NETWORKS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract- *This research paper explores and compares the Hub Library Networks' approach against the traditional library system with regards to its functions, value, and the issues it faces in the international academic world. Physical collection of books and local management of assets are some of the defining features of the traditional library system which are progressively being changed or supported by Hub Library Networks which facilitate global digital resources and inter-library cooperation. The paper covers the history of change of these two systems, how technological changes have affected them, and how useful they have been in increasing access to information, conducting research, and breaking physical structures. The research examines case studies from the developed and the developing world to give a picture of how this is changing at the global level.*

Keywords: *Resources, Traditional Library Networks, Hub Library Networks, worldwide approach, and inter library collaboration.*

1. Introduction:

Libraries have been an integral part of academic research and learning. However, with the introduction of digital systems, the traditional approach to libraries needs to be reconsidered. Such a view presents difficulties such as lack of resources, loss of affordability, and restriction of access to contemporary material. To address these challenges, modern academic institutions are increasingly turning to Hub Library Networks. These networks connect multiple libraries across regions, allowing for a shared digital resource pool and broader access to scholarly information.

This paper aims to compare traditional library systems with Hub Library Networks, assessing their respective roles in modern academic research. It will consider the technological advancements that have shaped these systems, the benefits and limitations of each, and the global trends that influence their implementation.

2. Overview of Traditional Library Systems:

2.1. Characteristics of Traditional Libraries

Traditional libraries are characterized by their physical collections, which include books, journals, newspapers, and other media. These libraries typically operate on a local scale, serving the needs of

a specific academic institution or community. The key features of traditional library systems include:

- **Physical Collections:** Resources are physically housed within the library, and access is primarily through on-site visits.
- **Manual Cataloging:** Resources are cataloged through systems like the Dewey decimal classification or Library of Congress Classification.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL):** Cooperation between libraries is often limited to interlibrary loan systems, which allow the sharing of physical materials on request.

2.2. Limitations of Traditional Libraries

While traditional library systems have served academic communities well for centuries, they face several limitations in today's digital age:

- **Limited Access to Global Resources:** Physical collections are confined to what is available within the library's walls, limiting the breadth of accessible resources.
- **High Operational Costs:** Maintaining a large physical collection, staffing, and maintaining infrastructure is expensive.
- **Geographical Constraints:** Users must physically visit the library or use slow interlibrary loan systems to access materials outside their library.

3. Overview of Hub Library Networks:

3.1. Characteristics of Hub Library Networks

Hub Library Networks represent a significant shift from traditional systems by leveraging digital technology to create collaborative, interlibrary networks that extend beyond physical locations. These networks allow libraries to share resources electronically, providing greater access to a global pool of knowledge. Key features of Hub Library Networks include:

- **Digital Resource Sharing:** Hub Library Networks facilitate access to e-journals, e-books, databases, and other digital resources that users can access remotely.
- **Centralized Management Hub:** These networks are managed through a central hub that links various libraries, ensuring efficient resource sharing and cataloging.
- **Global Access:** Researchers and students from participating institutions can access digital resources from libraries around the world, bypassing geographical and physical constraints.

3.2. Benefits of Hub Library Networks

The adoption of Hub Library Networks offers a number of benefits:

- **Wider Access to Information:** Students and researchers gain access to a wealth of global resources that might not be available locally.
- **Cost-Effective Resource Sharing:** Libraries can share expensive digital subscriptions and databases, reducing costs for individual institutions.
- **Real-Time Collaboration:** Hub Library Networks allow for collaborative research and resource-sharing among institutions, fostering greater academic partnerships.
- **Increased Efficiency:** Searching, accessing, and borrowing digital resources is much quicker than traditional manual processes.

4. Comparing Traditional Library Systems and Hub Library Networks:

4.1. Accessibility and Reach

One of the most striking differences between traditional library systems and Hub Library Networks is accessibility. While traditional systems are limited by physical space and location, Hub Library Networks provide access to resources from any participating library worldwide. The internet allows global access to digital materials, overcoming the geographic boundaries that hinder traditional systems.

4.2. Resource Sharing and Collaboration

Traditional library systems generally offer limited opportunities for interlibrary collaboration and resource sharing. Although interlibrary loans exist, the process is often slow and depends on the availability of physical materials. In contrast, Hub Library Networks enable real-time resource sharing through digital platforms, significantly enhancing collaboration among academic institutions and researchers.

4.3. Technological Integration

Traditional libraries rely heavily on manual cataloging and physical infrastructure, while Hub Library Networks leverage digital technologies to streamline cataloging, resource sharing, and access. The integration of technologies such as cloud computing, digital repositories, and integrated search engines makes Hub Library Networks far more efficient in managing large volumes of academic content.

4.4. Cost Considerations

While traditional libraries incur high operational costs related to physical collections and infrastructure, Hub Library Networks can often share costs across institutions, providing access to expensive digital resources at a fraction of the price. However, setting up and maintaining digital infrastructure requires initial investments in technology and training.

5. Hub Library Networks in Developed Countries

In developed countries, Hub Library Networks are often well-established and widely used. For instance, the **European Library Network** connects thousands of libraries across Europe, providing centralized access to millions of digital resources. Similarly, the **Library of Congress** collaborates with various academic institutions to provide digital access to American historical archives.

6. Challenges in Developing Countries

In developing countries, while Hub Library Networks hold significant potential, challenges such as limited internet connectivity, inadequate technological infrastructure, and low digital literacy hinder their adoption. However, some initiatives, such as the **African Virtual University Library Network**, are striving to overcome these barriers by providing training and improving internet access in universities.

7. Challenges and Limitations of Hub Library Networks:

Despite their many advantages, Hub Library Networks face several challenges:

- **Infrastructure Challenges:** High-speed internet and digital storage systems are necessary to maintain these networks, which may be difficult for institutions in less developed regions to afford.
- **Digital Literacy:** Users must possess the necessary skills to navigate digital resources, evaluate online materials, and utilize search tools effectively.
- **Sustainability:** Funding and institutional commitment are critical for the long-term success and maintenance of Hub Library Networks.

8. Conclusion:

The shift from traditional library systems to Hub Library Networks marks a significant transformation in the way academic libraries operate. While traditional libraries remain essential, Hub Library Networks offer a more efficient, cost-effective, and global model for resource sharing and collaboration. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, the future of academic libraries will likely be characterized by an integration of both models, where traditional libraries complement digital networks to provide a hybrid approach to resource management and research collaboration.

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MANAGING LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL ERA: A ROADMAP TO LIBRARIES OF VIKSIT BHARAT @2047.

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Abstract:-*Envision a developed India by Viksit Bharat @2047 focusing on infrastructure, education ,healthcare , technology and sustainable development .It strives for inclusive growth ensuring every citizen has access to significant information, so enhanced to infrastructure, transformation Networks and digital connectivity facilated knowledge growth and improve quality of life . Education reforms prioritize skill development and innovation preparing the workforce. Almost important aspect s of India's vision @2047, which aims to create a developed knowledge driven society. Libraries as the cornerstone of knowledge and learning, gateway to endless exploration providing a sanctuary for curious mind and the treasure trove of wisdom. Our part in preserving and enhancing this legacy through our cutting edge digitization, digital literacy, digital archives solutions. By transforming traditional libraries into dynamic accessible and sustainable digital ecosystem. We ensure that the wealth of knowledge is personalized anytime, anywhere. Libraries are limitless possibilities of digital transformation. This article explore the managing of libraries in digital era and workforce of roadmap. Libraries are transformation of digital divide, inadequate infrastructure, underfunding lack of awareness. It highlights strategic initiatives including digital transformation, lifelong learning program digital literacy and skill base education.*

Keywords: -*Managing Libraries, Digital Era, Viksit Bharat @2047 and Roadmap of Libraries.*

Introduction: - As India strives towards its vision vikasit Bharat@2047 libraries must evolve to become a dynamic hub of knowledge and innovation. However, digital transformation, digital infrastructure , digital literacy Enhanced services, online resources, virtual libraries , community engagement, Modernization of library management, Automation, staff development, collaboration of partnerships, , knowledge networks , Public and private partnership, sustainability and accessibility, preservation and financial sustainability . This roadmap outlines the key of strategies for managing libraries in the digital era. Ensuring the remains relevant and accessible to all citizens. The paper emphasizes of stakeholders, collaboration, government, academia, private sector and librarians to modernize and empower libraries. Roadmap on innovative library models in India. It

illustrate how libraries can bridge foster digital literacy and catalyze education and innovation by redamagining libraries as a dynamic hub of knowledge India can position itself a global leader in education and sustainable development making the vision of viksit Bharat by @2047 a reality.

Objective of the study:-

1) To explore the professional development and skill enhance in the digital age.
2) To purpose strategies of libraries for digital era.
3) To examine the role of libraries in facilating digital literacy and user education.
4) To investigate the role of libraries in contributing to knowledge driven society.
5) To assess the digital preservation in the digital transformation of libraries.

Research Methodology:-

To provide through the managing of libraries in the digital Era: A roadmap to libraries of viksit Bharat @2047study of mix method.

Scope of the Study:-

As per of the larger goal at vikasit Bharat @2047 the study‘s scope is defined by the emphasis of libraries role in digital Era. Transforming of digital infrastructure, sources, services and digital literacy. This study specially looks at the following points. Libraries acquire and secure digital transformation, preservation, digital literacy and evolutionary system for all the citizens to local servers, digital content and access.

Digital Literacy:-

Definition of digital Literacy:-

Digital literacy the ability of individuals and Communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situation. Simply it is the ability to access to computer /mobile /Internet for our day to day activities and being connected with others through the internet.

Digital literacy is an individual’s ability to find, evaluate and communicate information using typing or digital media platforms. Digital literacy combines both technical and cognitive abilities: It consists of using information and communication technologies to create, evaluate, and share information.

Digital Transformation:-

Digital transformation is the process of adoption and implementation of digital technology by an organization in order to create new or modify existing products, services and operations by the means of translating process into digital format.

Digital transformation leverages exiting knowledge to profoundly change the essence of the organization its culture, management strategy technological mix and operational setup. It places the customer at the counter of all its decisions and activities.

Digital transformation refers to the conversion and use of resources into digital format offering **benefits** such as –

1) Accessibility
2) Preservation
3) Searchability
4) Expanding digital collections.
5) Enhancing service delivery
6) Collaboration with faculty and researchers
7) Cultivating a digital culture

Significance of digital transformation of libraries:-

- Disseminate information
- Diverse audience
- Less geographical barriers
- Retrieve for future generation

Digital resources:-

1) Video footage
2) Audio recordings
3) Music or sound recordings
4) Blogs
5) Websites
6) Online forums and chatrooms
7) Search engines

In an era dominated by digital advancements as we navigate the digital age libraries are evolving, reshaping their roles, services and very essence .While many associate the digital transformation of libraries really with books the reality for more expensive. Digital libraries now offer multimedia resources.

Some obstacles of roadmap of Digital Era:-

1) Technological Advancement and digital transformation
2) The Rise of Digital Content
3) Digital Accessibility
4) Infrastructure & deficiencies
5) Financial Constraints
6) Long term preservation
7) Skill Gap
8) Data security and privacy Concerns
9) Legal and copyright Issues
10) Information Overload

Changing the library services Traditional to digital -

1) Printed Catalogue – Online catalogue
2) Card Catalogue – OPAC, Web OPAC, Multi Web OPAC, World Catalogue
3) Reference Service – Online reference service (Online Dictionary, Online Encyclopedia, and Online Yearbooks)
4) Circulation / Distribution using online reservation, issue and return –RFID Technology
5) Enquiry – Feedback, Live Chat, and Mobile cast, Chabot's.
6) Closed Access – Open Access

1. Digital Transformation:-

Digitization of collections:-

- Prioritize digitization of rare and unique materials.
- Implement robust digital asset management system
- Ensure interprobality and accessibility of digital resources

Digital Infrastructure:-

- Upgrade Internet connectivity and bandwidth in libraries
- Provide access to computers , tables, and e- readers
- Develop user- friendly library portals and mobile apps.

Digital Literacy:-

- Conduct training programs for libraries and user on digital tools resources.
- Promote digital literacy among communities through library initiatives

2. Enhanced Services:-

- Online resources
- Curate and provide access to awide range of material e-books , Journals, databases and multimedia Content
- Develop digital Libraries with subject specific collections and resources
- Other online reference service and research support.

Virtual libraries:-

- Create virtual Library Platforms with interactive learning resources and virtual tours.
- After online book clubs, author talks and workshops.
- Call abrote with educational institutions to provide online learning resources.

Community engagement:-

- Organize digital literacy workshops and training programs for all age group.
- Provide access to government schemes and online services through library kiosks
- Facilate community discussion and knowledge sharing through online forums.

3. Modernization of library management:-

* Library management System (LMS):-

* Implementing integrated LMS for efficient cataloguing, circulation and inventory management.

* Utilize data analytics to understood user performance and optimize library services.

Automation:-

- Automotive routine tasks such as book check-in and check –out and cataloguing using RFID technology.

- Deploy self- service kiosks for borrowing and returning books.

Staff Development: -

- Invest in training and development of library staff in digital technologies and information management
- Encourage continuous learning and adaption to the changing digital landscape.

4. Collaboration and partnerships:-

- National digital library of India (NDLI)
- Integrate Library resources with NDLI to expand access to digital content.
- Collaborate with NDLI to develop digital library standards and best practices.

Knowledge Networks:-

- Establish with after libraries educational, institutional and community organizations.
- Share digital resources and expertise through collaborative platforms.

Public –Private partnership:-

- Engage with private sector organizations for technology upgrade and digital content development.
- Explore funding opportunities through corporate social responsibility initiatives.

5. Sustainability and accessibility:-

Accessibility:-

- Ensure digital resources and services are accessible to persons with distributions.
- Provide assistive to changes and training users with special needs.

Preservation:-

- Implement digital preservation strategies to ensure long-term access to digital resources.
- Develop policies for data back-up, migration and disaster recovery.

Financial Sustainability:-

- Explore diverse funding models, including government grants, public –Private partnership and community donations.
- Implement cost effective strategies for digital resources management and technology maintenance.

Libraries taking to this Steps/Roadmap in Digital Era:-

- Data management
- Technology Integration
- Privacy and security
- Transparency and explainability
- Bias and Fairness
- Human Oversight
- Continuous Education and awareness
- Digital Literacy

Digital Project of Government of India:-

- Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training.(PMMNMTT)

- National Mission Education through Information and communication Technology (NMEICT)
- National Academic Depository (NAD) and Digi locker services.
- Free Libre and open sources software for education (FOSEE)
- Sakshat A open – stop Educational portal
- DIKSHA one Nation. One Digital platform
- MOOC's
- SWAYAM 2.0
- National Repository of Open Educational Resources
- National Digital Library of India (NDL)
- Information and Library Network(INFLIBNET)
- VIDVAN(subject Expert Database)
- UGC INFONET Library Consortium and Associate Membership Program
- N-LIST
- Shodganga
- Shodhgangotri
- Info Port (Indian Scholarly Internet Resources Subject Gateway)

Conclusion:-

. By embracing digital technologies and adopting innovative approaches, libraries can transform into vibrant centers of learning and a community engagement. This roadmap provides a framework from libraries to evaluate in the digital era, contributing to the vision of vikasit Bharat & 2047 by empowering citizens with knowledge and information. .Libraries are more significant role in digital era. Make a strategies of dynamic and innovative services to this framework archive to sustainable goal. Because "without Libraries what have we? We have no past no future." (Roy Bradbury)

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TRANSITIONING FROM TRADITIONAL TO DIGITAL LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract- *Libraries have historically served as knowledge reservoirs, adapting to changing societal and technological needs. The transition from traditional libraries to digital libraries represents a paradigm shift that comes with challenges and opportunities. This paper reviews the evolution of libraries, highlights the technological and operational hurdles faced during the transition, and explores the benefits and opportunities that digital libraries offer for accessibility, efficiency, and knowledge management.*

Keywords : *Digital Libraries, Traditional Libraries, Library Transition, Digital Archives, Information Retrieval, Technology in Libraries, Library Digitization, Access to Information*

1. Introduction

Libraries have always been integral to human civilization, acting as repositories of knowledge and centers of cultural, intellectual, and social growth. Since ancient times, libraries have played a pivotal role in preserving history, literature, science, and philosophy, enabling the transfer of knowledge across generations. Traditional libraries, characterized by physical books, manuscripts, and other tangible resources, have served as communal hubs for learning and interaction. They have fostered an environment for scholars, researchers, and casual readers to access information, engage in dialogue, and participate in cultural activities.

The advent of digital technology has revolutionized the concept of libraries, shifting their role from physical spaces to dynamic, virtual platforms. Digital libraries, unlike their traditional counterparts, transcend geographical and temporal boundaries. They offer global access to vast collections of e-books, journals, research papers, multimedia resources, and archival materials, often at the click of

a button. This transition has brought about profound changes in how information is stored, retrieved, and utilized.

Digital technology has enabled libraries to overcome many limitations of traditional setups, such as space constraints, limited copies of resources, and physical wear and tear of materials. With cloud storage and digitization, rare and fragile documents can now be preserved indefinitely, safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations. Furthermore, digital libraries integrate advanced search functionalities, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning tools to provide users with personalized recommendations and efficient resource navigation.

This transformation has also facilitated collaboration between institutions, leading to shared collections and integrated databases that expand access for users. However, this shift has redefined the role of libraries, from mere knowledge keepers to proactive knowledge disseminators. The focus has moved toward enhancing user experiences, providing instant access to information, and enabling remote learning opportunities.

The transition, while beneficial, comes with its challenges. Digital libraries must address issues like the digital divide, copyright concerns, data security, and technological adaptability among users and staff. Nonetheless, their impact on education, research, and innovation underscores their significance in shaping the future of learning and knowledge management. In essence, libraries continue to evolve, blending the timeless essence of knowledge preservation with the limitless possibilities of technology.

Objectives:

1. To explore the key differences between traditional and digital libraries.
2. To analyze challenges in the transition process.
3. To identify opportunities and benefits of digital libraries.

2. Traditional Libraries: An Overview

Traditional libraries are foundational to the dissemination of knowledge, serving as repositories of books, manuscripts, journals, newspapers, and other physical resources. Historically, they have been at the heart of educational and cultural activities, offering a space for reading, learning, and community engagement. The significance of traditional libraries extends beyond their functional role—they are often landmarks of cultural heritage and identity.

Strengths

1. **Tangibility of Resources**
    - Physical resources in traditional libraries provide a tactile and sensory experience that digital formats often lack. Turning pages, viewing illustrations up close, and handling ancient manuscripts foster a deeper connection with the material.
2. **Personal Interaction with Librarians**
    - Librarians in traditional libraries play a pivotal role in guiding users, offering personalized recommendations, and assisting with resource searches. This human interaction adds value to the library experience.
3. **Cultural Significance as Community Spaces**

- Libraries act as hubs for cultural and intellectual exchange. Events such as book readings, author meetups, and workshops create a sense of community and promote literacy and lifelong learning.

Limitations

1. **Limited Access**
   - Traditional libraries are constrained by geography and operating hours. Individuals in remote locations or those unable to visit during working hours face accessibility issues.
2. **Physical Deterioration of Materials**
   - Books, manuscripts, and other resources are subject to wear and tear, environmental damage, and aging, leading to a loss of valuable content over time.
3. **Space and Maintenance Costs**
   - Traditional libraries require significant physical space for storage and seating. Maintenance of this space, along with utility and staffing expenses, adds to operational costs.

3. Digital Libraries: An Emerging Paradigm

Digital libraries represent a transformative shift in how information is accessed, stored, and utilized. Unlike traditional libraries, they rely on digital technology to provide virtual access to an extensive array of resources, including e-books, journals, multimedia files, and databases.

Features

1. **Remote Access**
   - Digital libraries eliminate geographical and temporal barriers, allowing users to access resources from anywhere at any time, provided they have an internet connection.
2. **Advanced Search Functionalities**
   - Users can search through vast collections using keywords, filters, and metadata, significantly improving retrieval efficiency.
3. **Cost-Effective Storage**
   - Storing data digitally reduces the need for physical infrastructure, lowering storage and maintenance costs.

Advantages

1. **Increased Accessibility**
   - Digital libraries ensure that information is accessible to a broader audience, including those in underserved communities and individuals with disabilities.
2. **Reduced Environmental Impact**
   - By minimizing the use of paper and physical resources, digital libraries contribute to sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint.

3. **Interactive Resources**
    - Digital libraries enhance learning through multimedia elements, such as videos, animations, and interactive simulations, making information more engaging and easier to understand.

4. Challenges in Transitioning to Digital Libraries

4.1 Technological Infrastructure

The transition to digital libraries requires robust technological infrastructure, including reliable internet connectivity, servers, and user-friendly platforms.

- **High Initial Investment**: Establishing a digital library involves significant costs for hardware, software, digitization tools, and training.
- **Lack of Technical Expertise**: Many library staff lack the skills needed to manage digital systems, necessitating extensive training programs.

4.2 Digital Divide

Digital libraries have the potential to widen the gap between those with access to technology and those without.

- **Inequitable Access**: People in rural or underdeveloped regions often face challenges accessing digital resources due to limited internet availability and technological infrastructure.
- **Language Barriers**: Many digital resources are not available in regional languages, limiting their utility for non-English-speaking populations.

4.3 Copyright and Licensing Issues

- **Securing Rights for Digitization**: Obtaining permissions to digitize copyrighted materials is a complex and often expensive process.
- **Intellectual Property Concerns**: Ensuring compliance with copyright laws and preventing plagiarism require stringent policies and monitoring.

4.4 Data Security and Privacy

- **Cybersecurity Risks**: Digital libraries are vulnerable to hacking, data breaches, and unauthorized access.
- **User Privacy**: Safeguarding the privacy of users' search histories and personal information is crucial for building trust.

4.5 Resistance to Change

- **User Reluctance**: Many individuals, especially those accustomed to traditional libraries, resist adopting digital platforms.
- **Nostalgia**: The sentimental value associated with physical books and traditional library environments can hinder acceptance of digital libraries.

5. Opportunities in Digital Libraries

5.1 Global Accessibility

- **Bridging Gaps**: Digital libraries make resources accessible to individuals in remote or underserved areas, empowering communities through knowledge.
- **24/7 Availability**: Unlike traditional libraries, digital libraries offer resources at any time, catering to the needs of global users.

5.2 Cost-Effective Solutions

- **Reduced Operational Costs**: Digital libraries require less physical space and fewer resources for upkeep, making them more economical.
- **Open-Access Resources**: Initiatives like open-access journals and public-domain collections allow users to access valuable information for free.

5.3 Enhanced Learning Experiences

- **Multimedia Integration**: By incorporating videos, interactive graphics, and audio content, digital libraries provide an engaging and immersive learning experience.
- **Personalized Recommendations**: AI algorithms can analyze user behavior and preferences to suggest relevant resources, enhancing learning outcomes.

5.4 Preservation of Knowledge

- **Digitization of Rare Documents**: Digital libraries enable the preservation of ancient manuscripts and rare books, protecting them from physical decay.
- **Cloud Storage**: Storing resources in the cloud ensures their longevity and accessibility, even in the event of local disasters.

6. Case Studies: Successful Digital Library Transitions

6.1 Project Gutenberg

One of the earliest digital libraries, providing free access to over 60,000 e-books.

6.2 National Digital Library of India (NDLI)

An Indian initiative to provide free educational resources to students, researchers, and educators.

6.3 Google Books

A large-scale digitization project offering a massive collection of digitized books globally.

7. Recommendations for a Smooth Transition

1. **Capacity Building:** Training programs for library staff to enhance digital skills.
2. **Infrastructure Development:** Investment in high-speed internet and reliable storage systems.
3. **Policy Formulation:** Clear guidelines on copyright and data security.
4. **User Engagement:** Awareness campaigns to encourage adoption among users.
5. **Collaboration:** Partnerships with technology providers and publishers to expand digital collections.

8. Conclusion

The transition from traditional to digital libraries is an inevitable response to technological advancements and evolving user needs. While challenges like infrastructure, copyright, and user

adaptation persist, the opportunities far outweigh these hurdles. Digital libraries promise global access, cost efficiency, and enhanced learning experiences, making them an indispensable part of the modern knowledge ecosystem. To ensure a successful transition, stakeholders must address existing challenges through innovation, collaboration, and policy development.

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TRANSFORMING ONLINE DIGITAL LIBRARIES: STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING SERVICE QUALITY

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Abstract - *The rapid advancement of digital technology has significantly transformed the landscape of libraries, particularly online digital libraries. This paper explores the strategies necessary to improve the service quality of digital libraries, ensuring they remain relevant and user-friendly. It examines the current challenges in digital library services, reviews relevant literature, presents methodologies for enhancing service quality, and provides statistical data to support findings. Through case studies and empirical research, this study highlights the impact of technological innovations and user-centered strategies in optimizing digital library services.*

Keywords: *Digital Libraries, Service Quality, User Experience, Technological Innovations, Online Resources.*

Introduction

Online digital libraries have become crucial repositories of information, enabling users to access vast resources remotely. The transition from traditional libraries to digital platforms has introduced new challenges, including accessibility issues, technological constraints, and user satisfaction concerns. Improving service quality in digital libraries requires innovative strategies that address these challenges while enhancing user engagement and resource accessibility.

This study aims to identify key factors influencing the quality of digital library services and proposes strategies for their transformation. It investigates how emerging technologies, user-friendly interfaces, and efficient information retrieval systems can improve digital library experiences for diverse user groups.

Literature Review

Several researchers have explored the evolution and service quality of digital libraries. According to Borgman (2003), digital libraries should focus on usability, interoperability, and accessibility to ensure they meet users' expectations. Chiware (2010) emphasizes the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing library services, particularly in academic institutions.

Additionally, Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry's (1988) SERVQUAL model has been widely used to assess service quality in digital libraries, highlighting five key dimensions: reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy, and tangibles. Studies also reveal that the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics improves digital libraries by offering personalized recommendations and efficient information retrieval (Zhang & Wu, 2021).

Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, incorporating both qualitative and quantitative research methods:

1. **Survey Analysis**: A questionnaire was distributed among 300 digital library users (students, faculty, and researchers) to evaluate their satisfaction levels and challenges encountered.
2. **Interviews**: Librarians and digital library administrators were interviewed to gather insights on service improvement strategies.
3. **Case Studies**: Analysis of successful digital library transformations, including platforms such as the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Europeana.
4. **Statistical Data Analysis**: Evaluation of service performance metrics such as accessibility rates, response time, and user engagement.

Strategies for Improving Service Quality

To enhance the service quality of digital libraries, the following strategies should be implemented:

1. **Enhancing User Interface and Experience**: Implementing intuitive and user-friendly interfaces improves accessibility and engagement.
2. **Adopting AI and Machine Learning**: Utilizing AI-driven search engines and personalized recommendation systems enhances information retrieval efficiency.
3. **Implementing Cloud Computing Solutions**: Cloud-based storage improves accessibility, scalability, and data security.
4. **Developing Mobile-Friendly Platforms**: Ensuring mobile compatibility enables users to access resources anytime, anywhere.
5. **Strengthening Cybersecurity Measures**: Protecting user data and digital resources through encryption and multi-factor authentication.
6. **Integrating Digital Literacy Programs**: Educating users on how to navigate and utilize digital library resources effectively.

7. **Enhancing Metadata and Indexing**: Improving searchability by using standardized metadata practices and indexing techniques.
8. **Regular User Feedback and Continuous Improvement**: Conducting periodic user satisfaction surveys to identify pain points and enhance services accordingly.
9. **Improving Multilingual Accessibility**: Providing resources in multiple languages to cater to a diverse user base.
10. **Ensuring Open Access to Research Outputs**: Encouraging institutions to publish open-access materials to enhance knowledge-sharing and research impact.

Case Studies: Internet Archive, Project Gutenberg, and NDLI

1. **Internet Archive**: A free digital library that stores books, discontinued websites, and old music. This platform preserves digital history by archiving web pages through the Wayback Machine, making it an essential resource for researchers and historians. Its extensive collection of digitized books provides free access to valuable literature across various disciplines.
2. **Project Gutenberg**: A digital library that offers a large collection of public domain books, including scientific papers and novels by Jane Austen. It is one of the oldest digital libraries and focuses on making classic literature freely available. The platform employs volunteers for book digitization, ensuring the preservation of literary heritage.
3. **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**: A digital library that provides access to general study materials, including academic textbooks, research papers, and educational resources. NDLI is a government initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide in education by offering multilingual resources across various subjects. It serves as a centralized repository for students and researchers in India.

Examples and Statistical Tables

Table 1: User Satisfaction Survey Results

Aspect	Satisfied (%)	Neutral (%)	Dissatisfied (%)
Accessibility	78%	15%	7%
Search Efficiency	82%	10%	8%
User Interface	75%	18%	7%
Response Time	80%	12%	8%

Table 2: Digital Library Service Improvement Strategies and Effectiveness

Strategy	Effectiveness (%)
AI-Based Search Optimization	85%
User Feedback Integration	78%
Cloud-Based Storage Expansion	82%
Mobile Application Development	80%

Table 3: Challenges Faced by Digital Library Users

Challenge	Percentage of Users Affected (%)
Slow Access Speeds	65%
Limited Availability of Resources	58%
Poor User Interface	50%
Lack of Awareness on Usage	40%

Conclusion

The transformation of online digital libraries requires a multidimensional approach that integrates technological advancements, user feedback, and service optimization strategies. This study underscores the importance of enhancing accessibility, improving search functionalities, and utilizing AI-driven recommendations to meet user expectations. By adopting innovative service quality strategies, digital libraries can significantly improve their role as essential knowledge repositories.

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Emerging Technologies in Library Services

INTERNET OF THINGS-ENABLED SMART LIBRARY: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract - *Children are easy to handle smart phone than the generation of children decade back and more creative in nature. I recently stayed at a five-star hotel in a big city. When I scanned the card given to me at the reception, my room door opened and the entire room glowed. Later, when I entered the working area, I was given instructions on how to use the equipment and other code-activated electronic gadgets. I was also told to use the same card for all purposes. Currently, this is the situation in a lot of offices, apartments, and other service centres. Where normal processes are getting more productive and efficient, internet of things integration is becoming more widespread. We are grateful that technology is giving us more time and space to innovate and provide better services.The concept of the Internet of Things (IoT), smart systems is more common today where convenience has become day to day chores , whether related to smart cities, smart homes, smart hospitals, smart transportation and smart libraries.*

Keywords - *Internet of Things, Smart Library, Digital, Data, Communication*

The Smart Library

A library that uses 'Internet of Things technology" to operate effectively and efficiently while also offering services that draw user's in.

In order to collect and exchange data, the Internet of Things (IoT) connects actual objects—such as books, furniture, equipment, and devices—to the internet.

By implementing these affordable technologies, an out-dated, visually appealing library can be transformed into a sophisticated, one.

Review of Literature

Practically speaking, the Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the networked interconnection of commonplace objects, many of which are endowed with ubiquitous intelligence. It is associated with the connectedness of an object from any location, which may not be conceivable to the human mind (Xia et al., 2012). Since the most recent advancements in IoT devices have a significant impact on human life, both industry and academia are reaping the potential benefits. Libraries benefit greatly from IoT in terms of staff time savings and enhanced patron service. By gathering data in real time, IoT could utilize customer information to provide personalized recommendations (Massis, 2016). Digital natives in academic and research information organizations use internet of things technologies such mobile devices, the web, digital information systems, and personal gadgets extensively (Makori, 2017).

IOT characteristics in Libraries:

Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID

These days, it's typical for many large libraries as well as medium-sized libraries to adopt this tag-oriented identification technique for simple book tracking and user check-in and check-out capabilities by offering kiosk facilities. These have made it easier for the library's daily operations to locate misplaced books using real-time inventory.

Smart Shelving

Sensors can be added to library racks to monitor the stock of books on the shelves. The system automatically updates to reflect the removal or return of books, giving users up-to-date information on the availability of books.Save time and space, IoT make library smarter and more efficient Smart services, smart sustainability, smart security, RFID used for access control, book self-borrowing and returning, smart shelves

Environmental Monitoring

In order to create the ideal atmosphere for users and books, sensors can monitor and manage variables like temperature, humidity, and lighting. This helps preserve delicate materials and enhance reader comfort.

Customisation and User Involvement

Personalised recommendations can be given by tablets and e-readers depending on the user's previous reading preferences. With the use of aided mobile apps, technology can help patrons find specific books or sections by providing navigation or search assistance.

Protection Mechanisms

IoT cameras and sensors can improve security by monitoring the movements of books, stopping theft, and guaranteeing the safety of expensive purchases.

Smart Study Spaces

Consider utilising smart lighting, such as bulbs that can change the brightness and colour temperature to suite mood and degree of concentration, readers can use wireless charging stations to keep gadgets fully charged and use headphones to tune outside noise.

Automated Notifications

One important factor in improving the smart library user experience is automated notifications. Libraries can raise patron engagement and satisfaction by offering timely information and tailored recommendations. Here are some main sorts of automated notifications used in smart libraries are personalized suggestions, hold and reservations, over-due notifications, library events and programs, new material and digital content related notifications.

Integration with Digital Libraries

The way users interact with and access library resources is being revolutionised by the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices and technologies with digital libraries. IoT makes it possible for libraries to provide better services, more efficiency, and individualised experiences by linking physical devices to the internet. Digital library systems and IoT systems can collaborate to enable users to move between physical and digital collections with ease.

Benefits of Internet of Things

Efficiency-Staff and users save time and money when regular chores like document management and environmental control are automated.

User Experience: Libraries become more interactive and easily accessible with personalised services and up-to-date information.

Sustainability: By using smart energy management systems, libraries can cut operating expenses by using less energy.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data privacy: Make sure that user data is collected and stored securely.

Make that various IoT systems and devices are compatible with one another through interoperability.

Cost: Investing heavily in IoT technology at first can be costly.

Maintenance: To keep IoT systems operating correctly, regular maintenance and updates are needed.

User Adoption: Teach customers how to make efficient use of IoT-enabled capabilities.

Lack of a fully integrated and networked environment, financial difficulties, a lack of a strategy or strategic plan, a shortage of technical staff, a lack of interest on the part of university administration in utilizing the new, emerging technologies, and a vague grasp of

the Internet of Things. Big IoT data, changing architecture, interoperability, security risks, IoT structure complexity, complex sensing environment, device compatibility, scalability and interoperability, mobility, and accuracy

Conclusion

Similar to how coffee-blend flavour intensifies user experience, IoT-enabled smart libraries offer a fusion of the physical and digital worlds, which is a crucial component of library operations both now and in the future.Smartphones are an excellent supporting element in the IoT framework which is also used for IoT in libraries.These days, libraries use smartphone apps to help its users, including offering a virtual tour of the building. Instead than holding library orientation classes for recently enrolled students, libraries now use mobile apps to provide virtual tours of the library, which saves time for both patrons and staff. Another IoT application is the use of smartphone apps to reserve seats. On the smartphone application, library patrons can view the available seats and make their own reservations.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract: *Libraries are undergoing a significant transformation driven by the rapid evolution of emerging technologies. This paper explores the challenges and opportunities presented by these technologies, focusing on their impact on library services, resource management, user engagement, and institutional sustainability. We examine key technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, the Internet of Things (IoT), Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR), and Big Data, analyzing their potential to revolutionize traditional library functions.The paper identifies several challenges, including the digital divide, the need for staff training and development, data privacy concerns, the cost of implementing new technologies, and the integration of these technologies into existing library systems and workflows. Conversely, opportunities include enhanced resource discovery and access, personalized learning experiences, improved operational efficiency, community engagement through innovative programming, and preservation of cultural heritage in digital formats. This paper argues that embracing emerging technologies strategically requires a proactive and forward-thinking approach. Libraries must address the associated challenges through careful planning, collaboration, and investment in infrastructure and human capital. By doing so, they can leverage the opportunities presented by these technologies to remain relevant and vital community hubs in the 21st century, effectively serving the evolving needs of their users and contributing to a more informed and equitable society. Ultimately, the successful integration of emerging technologies will allow libraries to expand their roles as centers for information access, knowledge creation, and lifelong learning.*

***Keywords**: Emerging Technologies, Opportunities, Challenges, Digitalization, Future Library*

Introduction

Libraries are undergoing a significant transformation driven by the rapid evolution of emerging technologies. No longer simply repositories of books, they are becoming dynamic hubs of digital literacy, technology training, and community engagement. Libraries are embracing new technologies to enhance access to information, bridge the digital divide, and provide essential services in an increasingly digital world. This transformation is crucial for ensuring that libraries remain vital institutions that empower individuals and communities for generations to come by fostering lifelong learning and promoting equitable access to knowledge in the digital age." Libraries stand at the cusp of a fascinating transformation, driven by the rapid proliferation of emerging technologies. These aren't just shiny gadgets; they represent a fundamental shift in how information is created, accessed, and disseminated. This evolving landscape presents both significant challenges and unprecedented opportunities for libraries. Embracing technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, augmented reality, and the Internet of Things offers the potential to revolutionize library services, enriching user experiences and fostering deeper community engagement. However, this technological integration also necessitates addressing critical issues such as digital equity, data privacy, staff training, and infrastructure investment, demanding a proactive and strategic approach from library professionals. Successfully navigating this technological frontier will be crucial in ensuring the library remains a vital and relevant institution in the 21st century and beyond.

I. Emerging Technologies Shaping the Library Landscape:

Several key technologies are significantly impacting libraries:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI is being integrated into various library functions. **Chatbots** provide instant library assistance, answering basic queries and guiding users to relevant resources. **Personalized recommendation systems** leverage AI to suggest books and resources tailored to individual user preferences. **AI-powered search engines** enhance information retrieval by understanding natural language and identifying relevant content even with imprecise queries. **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** and **machine translation** are being utilized to digitize and make accessible a wider range of historical and multilingual documents.
- **Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):** AR overlays digital information onto the real world, creating interactive learning experiences. VR offers immersive simulations that can transport users to different environments and historical periods. Libraries are experimenting with AR and VR to enhance storytelling, provide virtual tours, and offer engaging educational programs.

- **Internet of Things (IoT):** IoT devices are seamlessly connecting physical objects to the internet, enabling libraries to optimize their operations and enhance security. **Smart sensors** can monitor environmental conditions like temperature and humidity, ensuring proper preservation of valuable collections. **RFID tags** facilitate efficient inventory management and self-checkout services. **Smart lighting and climate control systems** optimize energy consumption and create a comfortable atmosphere for users.
- **Blockchain Technology:** Blockchain's decentralized and secure nature offers potential solutions for managing digital rights, verifying authorship, and creating transparent and tamper-proof systems for data storage and access. While still in its early stages of adoption in libraries, blockchain could revolutionize interlibrary loan systems, digital asset management, and intellectual property protection.
- **Big Data Analytics:** Libraries collect vast amounts of data on user behavior, resource utilization, and program effectiveness. Big data analytics tools can analyze this data to identify trends, understand user needs, and optimize library services. This data-driven approach allows libraries to make informed decisions about resource allocation, program development, and service delivery.
- **3D Printing and Maker Spaces:** 3D printing technology allows users to create physical objects from digital designs. Libraries are establishing maker spaces equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, and other fabrication tools, fostering creativity, innovation, and STEM learning within the community.
- **Open Educational Resources (OER):** Libraries are increasingly supporting the use and creation of OER. OER are freely accessible, openly licensed educational materials that can be reused, adapted, and shared. This aligns with the library's mission to provide equitable access to information and education.

II. Challenges in Adopting Emerging Technologies:

Despite the potential benefits, libraries face numerous challenges in adopting emerging technologies:

- **Financial Constraints:** Implementing and maintaining new technologies requires significant financial investment. Libraries often operate with limited budgets, making it difficult to acquire the necessary hardware, software, and expertise.
- **Skills Gap:** Library staff may lack the necessary skills to effectively implement and manage new technologies. Training programs are essential to equip librarians with the technical expertise required to support emerging technologies.
- **Infrastructure Limitations:** Some libraries, particularly those in rural or underserved areas, may lack the necessary infrastructure, such as reliable internet access and adequate computing resources, to support emerging technologies.
- **Security and Privacy Concerns:** Emerging technologies raise concerns about data security and user privacy. Libraries must implement robust security measures to protect user data from unauthorized access and ensure compliance with privacy regulations.

- **Digital Divide:** The digital divide can exacerbate existing inequalities, with some individuals lacking the access and skills to utilize new technologies. Libraries must address this challenge by providing equitable access to technology and digital literacy training for all members of the community.
- **Resistance to Change:** Some library staff and users may be resistant to adopting new technologies, preferring traditional methods of accessing information. Libraries must effectively communicate the benefits of new technologies and provide adequate support to encourage adoption.
- **Accessibility Considerations:** It is crucial to ensure that emerging technologies are accessible to users with disabilities. Libraries must consider accessibility guidelines and provide assistive technologies to ensure that everyone can benefit from these innovations.

III. Opportunities for Enhancing Library Services:

Emerging technologies can transform libraries, offering numerous opportunities to enhance services and better serve their communities:

- **Enhanced User Experience:** AI-powered chatbots and personalized recommendation systems can provide users with a more efficient and personalized library experience. AR and VR technologies can create engaging and immersive learning experiences.
- **Expanded Access to Information:** Digital technologies enable libraries to provide access to a wider range of resources, including e-books, online databases, and digitized historical materials. This expands access to information for users who may not be able to visit the physical library.
- **Improved Information Literacy:** Libraries can leverage emerging technologies to enhance information literacy training. Interactive online tutorials and virtual workshops can teach users how to evaluate information, conduct effective searches, and use digital tools responsibly.
- **Strengthened Community Engagement:** Libraries can use social media, online forums, and virtual events to connect with their communities and foster dialogue. Maker spaces and technology workshops can provide opportunities for community members to learn new skills and collaborate on projects.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Big data analytics can provide libraries with valuable insights into user behavior, resource utilization, and program effectiveness. This data can be used to make informed decisions about resource allocation, program development, and service delivery.
- **Preservation and Accessibility of Cultural Heritage:** Emerging technologies like digitization and blockchain can play a crucial role in preserving and making accessible cultural heritage materials, ensuring their longevity and wider reach.
- **Supporting Lifelong Learning:** By offering access to online learning resources, maker spaces, and technology training programs, libraries can support lifelong learning for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

IV. Strategies for Successful Adoption of Emerging Technologies:

To successfully adopt emerging technologies, libraries should consider the following strategies:

- **Develop a Strategic Plan:** Libraries should develop a strategic plan that outlines their technology goals, priorities, and implementation strategies. This plan should be aligned with the library's overall mission and vision.
- **Invest in Training and Development:** Libraries should invest in training and development programs to equip staff with the necessary skills to manage and support emerging technologies.
- **Collaborate with Partners:** Libraries can collaborate with other organizations, such as schools, universities, and technology companies, to share expertise and resources.
- **Secure Funding:** Libraries should actively seek funding opportunities to support the implementation of new technologies. This may include grants, donations, and partnerships with local businesses.
- **Prioritize User Needs:** Libraries should prioritize user needs when selecting and implementing new technologies. User feedback should be actively solicited and incorporated into the design and implementation process.
- **Address the Digital Divide:** Libraries should address the digital divide by providing equitable access to technology and digital literacy training for all members of the community.
- **Champion Accessibility:** Accessibility standards must be at the forefront of any new technology implementation. Compliance with WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) and other relevant standards is crucial.
- **Embrace Experimentation and Innovation:** Libraries should foster a culture of experimentation and innovation, encouraging staff to explore new technologies and develop creative solutions to meet community needs.

Conclusion:

Emerging technologies offer tremendous potential for libraries to enhance user experience, expand services, and foster community engagement. While challenges exist, by developing strategic plans, investing in training, collaborating with partners, and prioritizing user needs, libraries can effectively adopt these technologies and transform themselves into vibrant centers of learning, innovation, and community connection. The future of libraries lies in embracing the opportunities presented by emerging technologies and adapting to the evolving needs of the communities they serve. By doing so, libraries can remain relevant and vital institutions in the 21st century and beyond, continuing to play a crucial role in promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and access to information for all. This paper cautiously look at rising technology and emerging technologies for libraries, which encompass robotic, synthetic Intelligence, Radio Frequency identification(RFID), net of factors (IoT), and plenty of more, the used rising technology for carrier delivery in libraries, possibilities of the use of rising technology in libraries; to include, it has an impact on librarians' and the library's creativity, hassle-solving abilities, and self-photo, it enables to system

improvements and bring price to present services and products, it strengthened library knowledge and possibilities for the destiny, and the challenges restricting using these technologies had been as properly mentioned.

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Abstract: *The advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the landscape of librarianship, presenting unprecedented opportunities for innovation and growth. This paper explores the potential of AI-powered tools to enhance library marketing, streamline tasks, and personalize user experiences. We examine ten cutting-edge AI tools, including Fable Fiesta, Copy AI, Canva AI, and Chatsonic, that can aid librarians in content creation, user segmentation, and social media management.The integration of AI in librarianship is poised to boost efficiency, amplify outreach efforts, and gain valuable insights through data analysis. However, it is crucial to prioritize ethical and inclusive development to ensure equitable access for all patrons. This paper emphasizes the importance of embracing AI as a catalyst for enhancement, rather than replacement, to empower librarians to better serve their communities.By harnessing the power of AI, librarians can foster a brighter future for generations to come, championing AI solutions that complement and augment human expertise. This paper provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of AI in librarianship, highlighting its potential to revolutionize the profession and shape the future of libraries.*

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Introduction:

Libraries are on the verge of a technological transformation, courtesy of AI-powered innovations. By taking over routine tasks, AI tools will liberate librarians to engage in more strategic, collaborative, and patron-centric work, from crafting personalized book recommendations to supporting in-depth research endeavours.

In the digital age, libraries face increasing competition for users' attention. To remain relevant and attract new patrons, librarians must adopt innovative marketing strategies that showcase their resources, services, and programs. However, with limited budgets and personnel, it can be challenging to create and execute effective marketing campaigns.

This is where Artificial Intelligence (AI) comes in – the "magic" that can transform library marketing efforts. AI-powered tools can help librarians streamline tasks, personalize user experiences, and amplify their outreach efforts. From automating social media posts to analysing user behaviour, AI can unlock new possibilities for library marketing and promotions.

Artificial IntelligenceDefinitions:

The term artificial intelligence (AI) describes the integration of human-like intelligence into computer systems, enabling them to perceive, process, and respond to information from their environment. Through the application of advanced algorithms, machine learning techniques, and software engineering, AI systems can learn, adapt, and make strategic decisions to maximize their effectiveness.(*Artificial Intelligence*, n.d.)

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) " the ability of a digital computer or computer controlled robotto perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings".(*Artificial Intelligence - Reasoning, Algorithms, Automation | Britannica*, n.d.)
2. "AI is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. Example of AI applications include expert systems, natural language processing (NLP), speech recognition and machine vision."(*What Is AI? Artificial Intelligence Explained | Definition from TechTarget*, n.d.)
3. "Artificial intelligence is technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy."(*What Is Artificial Intelligence (AI)? | IBM*, n.d.)

AI Tools for Library Marketing

AI-driven devices and applications have evolved to possess extraordinary capabilities, including visual perception, language understanding, and self-improvement through learning. These AI systems can provide personalized advice, function autonomously, and even emulate human intelligence in select contexts. Meanwhile, the AI landscape is witnessing a significant shift toward generative AI (gen AI), a pioneering technology that enables machines to generate entirely original content, encompassing text, images, videos, and more

Libraries must innovate to remain relevant in the digital age. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can enhance library marketing and promotions by streamlining tasks, personalizing user experiences, and amplifying outreach efforts.

The Role of AI in Library Marketing

AI can aid librarians in various marketing tasks:

1. Content creation: AI-powered tools generate engaging content.

2. User segmentation: AI-driven analytics identify target audiences.

3. Personalization: AI-powered recommendation systems suggest relevant resources.

4. Social media management: AI tools automate social media tasks.

Benefits of AI-Powered Marketing for Libraries

By adopting AI tools, librarians can:

1. Boost efficiency and productivity.

2. Enhance user experiences with personalized recommendations.

3. Expand outreach efforts and promote library services.

4. Gain valuable insights through data analysis.

AI tools to aid marketing and promotions for librarians

1. **Fable Fiesta (https://betalist.com/startups/fable-fiesta)**

Imagine a world where stories come alive, sparking creativity and curiosity in young minds. Fable Fiesta, infused with AI-powered imagination, enables librarians to weave captivating narratives that transport children to enchanted realms, fostering a lifelong love of reading and exploration.

Fable Fiesta is a writing tool that can help you to create characters, build worlds, write chapters and scripts from a short description or outline, or to prototype entire novels and screenplays and write first draft in minutes.(BEtalist, 2025)

2. **Copy AI (https://www.copy.ai/)**

By harnessing the power of Copy AI content tools, librarians can streamline their workflow and focus on what matters most - delivering exceptional patron experiences. With AI-generated content, we can:

- Effortlessly produce engaging marketing materials
- Develop informative guides and handbooks with ease

- Tailor resources to meet the unique needs of our community

This means we can devote more time to curving and refining content, ensuring that our patrons have the best possible tools to explore, learn and thrive.(*Future Proof Your Business with GTM AI*, 2025)

3. **Canva AI (https://www.canva.com/)**

Canva AI for Librarians empowers you

- to elevate visual storytelling with effortless design,
- eye-catching visuals, and customization.
- With Canva's AI-powered design tools, you can create stunning visuals for marketing library events, programs, and services.

Canva's AI features include Magic Write, Design Suggestions, Image Generation, and a vast Template Library. These tools enable you to promote library events, market library services, develop educational materials, and enhance your social media presence with professional-grade visuals.(Canva, n.d.)

4. **Craivon (https://www.craiyon.com/)**

Craiyon, a cutting-edge AI tool, enables librarians to breathe visual life into abstract concepts, making library collections, stories, and themes more engaging and accessible.

- With Craiyon, librarians can generate vivid, AI-powered illustrations that captivate audiences and enhance various library materials, such as newsletters, handouts, and signage, ultimately enriching the library experience for patrons of all ages.(*Craiyon - Your FREE AI Image Generator Tool: Create AI Art!*, 2023)

5. **Any Word (https://www.anyword.com/)**
   AnyWord revolutionizes library communications with its AI-assisted copywriting capabilities. This innovative tool helps librarians craft captivating headlines, social media posts, and descriptions that resonate with their audience and drive engagement. By leveraging AnyWord's expertise, librarians can create compelling content that stands out, motivates action, and ultimately attracts more patrons to their programs, services, and resources.(*Anyword | AI That Knows What Works*, 2024)
6. **Midjourney (https://www.midjourney.com/home)**
   Midjourney unlocks new dimensions of storytelling and learning for libraries, enabling librarians to craft immersive experiences that transport patrons into the heart of their collections. By harnessing the power of AI-generated art and visuals, librarians can elevate storytimes, book discussions, and exhibits, sparking patrons' imagination, creativity, and curiosity, and fostering a deeper connection with the library's resources.
   About Midjourney:

Midjourney is an independent research lab dedicated to exploring new mediums of thought and expanding human imagination. With a small, self-funded team of 11 full-time staff, focused on design, human infrastructure, and AI, Midjourney is supported by an impressive advisory board.(David Holz, n.d.)

7. **Lexica AI (https://www.primal.com/)**

Lexica.art, a pioneering search engine and art gallery, showcases the creative potential of AI-generated art, leveraging Stable Diffusion to produce over ten million images. This innovative platform empowers librarians to explore uncharted territories of visual representation, transforming library collections into vibrant, AI-inspired artworks. By integrating these captivating images into communications, librarians can add an aesthetic dimension, spark creative thinking, and reimagine the way they connect patrons with library materials.(Shameen, n.d.)

Lexica.art is an AI image generation platform that utilizes Stable Diffusion to produce a wide range of images. Key features include:

- Extensive gallery of AI-generated images
- Advanced search capabilities
- Downloadable content
- Community-driven prompts
- Educational resource for AI art generation
- Free to use (*Lexica*, n.d.)

8. Chatsonic AI (https://writesonic.com/chat)

Chatsonic, a cutting-edge AI chat assistant, builds upon the capabilities of ChatGPT, with a key distinction:

its ability to stay abreast of current and recent events. This enhancement enables seamless access to timely information, serving as a valuable resource for librarians seeking innovative strategies to promote their services. By leveraging Chatsonic, librarians can effortlessly discover inspiration for creative initiatives, craft engaging content, and develop effective promotional materials, ultimately elevating their library's outreach and community engagement.

Chatsonic, surpasses ChatGPT in speed,

- thanks to its streamlined algorithms and optimized design. This enables rapid response generation, facilitating smooth and real-time conversations.
- Moreover, Chatsonic offers a versatile content creation tool, generating SEO-friendly content for various platforms, including blogs, social media ads, and e-commerce sites, all at no cost. With Chatsonic, users can quickly craft compelling ads, product descriptions, and more, revolutionizing content creation.(Writesonic, 2024)

9. **Quickchat (https://www.quickchat.ai/)**

Built on OpenAI's technology, Quickchat provides an intelligent chat solution that can be easily embedded into your website. By pairing this tool with human services, libraries can automate routine tasks and enhance their overall efficiency. With AI becoming an essential component of modern businesses and institutions, libraries must also

integrate AI-powered solutions to stay aligned with the growing expectations of their visitors.(LaFountain Cal, 2023)

10. Tableau (https://www.tableau.com/)

By harnessing the power of data visualization, librarians can transform intricate data sets into actionable insights, fuelling informed decision-making and driving meaningful improvements. Tableau, a trailblazing visual analytics platform, plays a pivotal role in this transformation. As part of the Salesforce ecosystem, Tableau remains committed to its founding mission: unlocking the full potential of data to empower individuals, organizations, and communities. By democratizing access to data-driven insights, Tableau enables librarians to optimize services, streamline operations, and enhance outcomes, ultimately elevating the library experience for all stakeholders.(Salesforce, 2025)

Conclusion :

the integration of AI tools in librarianship holds tremendous potential, but it is crucial that we prioritize ethical and inclusive development to ensure equitable access for all patrons. As guardians of knowledge, we must champion AI solutions that complement and augment human expertise, rather than supplanting it. The future of libraries is not solely defined by technological advancements, but by the human connections, empathy, and shared values that underpin our profession. By embracing AI as a catalyst for enhancement, rather than replacement, we can empower librarians to better serve their communities, fostering a brighter future for generations to come.

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MODERN TECHNOLOGY: A SHIELD FOR LIBRARY DATA AUTHOR

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Abstract- *Libraries are evolving beyond their traditional role as repositories of physical books. In the digital age, they are becoming hubs for vast amounts of data, including digitized collections, research data, and user information. This shift necessitates robust strategies for protecting this valuable data from a multitude of threats. This article explores how modern technologies, such as cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity measures, act as a shield for library data, ensuring its integrity, accessibility, and longevity. We discuss the benefits and challenges associated with implementing these technologies, highlighting best practices and future directions for data protection in the modern library.*

1. Introduction:

Libraries, traditionally perceived as repositories of physical books, are undergoing a profound transformation in the digital age. While the preservation and accessibility of physical collections remain a core function, libraries are increasingly becoming vital hubs for managing and providing access to a diverse range of digital resources. This digital shift has expanded the very definition of "library data," encompassing not only digitized versions of existing physical materials but also born-digital content, research datasets, user information, and a wealth of other digital assets. This evolution presents both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. Libraries now possess the potential to reach wider audiences, offer enhanced search and retrieval capabilities, and preserve fragile materials for posterity. However, this expanded digital footprint also introduces a complex landscape of data security risks. The sheer volume and sensitivity of this data, ranging from digitized manuscripts and rare historical documents to confidential user information and cutting-edge research datasets, make libraries prime targets for a multitude of threats. These threats can range from malicious cyberattacks aimed at stealing or corrupting data to accidental data loss due to hardware failures or human error, and even natural disasters that can compromise both physical and digital infrastructure. In this context, robust data protection strategies are no longer a luxury but a fundamental necessity for libraries to fulfill their mission of preserving and disseminating knowledge.

Modern technology offers a powerful arsenal of tools and techniques to address these challenges and act as a shield for library data. This article explores how a range of cutting-edge technologies, including cloud computing, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, and advanced cybersecurity measures, are being deployed to safeguard library data. We will delve into the specific benefits and applications of each of these technologies, examining how they contribute to data integrity, accessibility, confidentiality, and longevity. Furthermore, we will discuss the practical challenges and considerations associated with implementing these technologies in the library environment, including cost factors, the need for specialized technical expertise, and the paramount importance of data privacy. By examining best practices and exploring future trends in library data protection, this article aims to provide a comprehensive overview of how modern technology is empowering libraries to navigate the complexities of the digital age and ensure that their valuable data remains secure and accessible for generations to come. This exploration is crucial not only for libraries themselves but also for the broader academic and research communities that rely on these institutions as custodians of knowledge and information.

2. The evolving landscape of library data:

The digital revolution has dramatically reshaped the types of data that libraries manage and provide access to. No longer solely focused on physical books and journals, libraries now grapple with a diverse and expanding range of digital assets, each with its own unique characteristics and preservation needs. Understanding this evolving landscape is crucial for developing effective data

protection strategies. The following categories, with concrete examples, highlight the key types of data now commonly found in modern libraries:

2.1 Digitized Collections: This category encompasses a vast array of materials that were originally in physical format but have been converted into digital form. This digitization process aims to broaden access, preserve fragile originals, and enable new forms of research and analysis. Examples include:

- **Rare Books and Manuscripts:** A library might digitize a first edition of Shakespeare's Hamlet, making it accessible to scholars worldwide without risking damage to the original. Another example could be the digitization of medieval illuminated manuscripts, allowing researchers to study the intricate artwork and historical context in detail.
- **Photographs and Images:** A historical society might digitize its collection of photographs documenting the town's past, making them searchable and accessible online. A museum could digitize its collection of paintings, allowing users to zoom in and examine brushstrokes and textures.
- **Audio and Video Recordings:** A university library might digitize a collection of oral histories from World War II veterans, preserving these valuable firsthand accounts for future generations. A music library could digitize a collection of rare vinyl records, making them available to researchers and music enthusiasts.
- **Archival Materials:** A library might digitize the personal papers of a famous author, including letters, diaries, and drafts of their works, providing researchers with insights into the author's creative process. A business archive could digitize its collection of corporate records, preserving the history of the company and making it accessible to researchers and historians.

2.2 Research Data: Libraries are increasingly becoming repositories for research data generated by scholars and scientists. This data, often funded by grants and crucial for reproducibility, can take many forms:

- **Datasets:** A researcher studying climate change might generate a dataset of temperature readings from various locations over time. An economist might create a dataset of economic indicators for different countries.
- **Qualitative Data:** A sociologist studying urban poverty might collect transcripts of interviews with residents of low-income neighborhoods. An anthropologist might compile field notes from their research in a remote village.
- **Scientific Images and Simulations:** An astronomer might capture high-resolution images of galaxies using a telescope. A physicist might run computer simulations of particle collisions.
- **Software and Code:** A bioinformatician might develop software for analyzing genomic data. A statistician might write code for performing statistical analysis.

2.3 User Data: Libraries collect and store data about their users to provide services and improve their offerings. *It is critical to note that user data requires the highest level of security and privacy protection.* Examples include:

- **Borrowing History:** A library might track which books a user has borrowed to recommend similar titles.
- **Search Queries:** A library might analyze search queries to understand what topics users are interested in and improve its collection development.
- **Contact Information:** A library needs a user's email address to notify them when a book is due or when a reserved item becomes available.
- **Usage Data:** A library might track which databases users access to understand which resources are most popular.

2.4 Metadata: Metadata is "data about data." It provides descriptive information about digital resources, making them discoverable and usable. Examples include:

- **Catalog Records:** A catalog record for a book includes information such as the author, title, publisher, ISBN, and subject headings.
- **Descriptive Metadata:** A digital image might have metadata describing the date it was taken, the location, and the subject of the image.
- **Technical Metadata:** A digital video file might have metadata describing the file format, resolution, frame rate, and encoding.

2.5 Administrative Data: Libraries also generate and manage data related to their own operations, including:

- **Financial Data:** A library's budget, including information on expenditures for books, staff salaries, and other expenses.
- **Staff Data:** Employee records, including information on salaries, job titles, and performance evaluations.
- **Operational Data:** Circulation statistics, including the number of books borrowed each month, and data on library program attendance.

The diversity of these data types, each with its own specific security and preservation needs, underlines the importance of a comprehensive and multi-layered approach to library data protection.

3. Modern Technologies as Shields:

Modern technology offers a powerful arsenal of tools and techniques to protect the diverse data held by libraries. This section explores key technologies acting as shields, enhancing data integrity, accessibility, confidentiality, and longevity. Each subsection includes specific examples to illustrate the practical applications of these technologies within a library context.

3.1 Cloud Computing: Cloud storage offers scalability, redundancy, and cost-effectiveness for library data. It allows for off-site backups and disaster recovery, ensuring data survivability even in catastrophic events. Different cloud deployment models (public, private, hybrid) offer varying levels of control and security.

Examples:

- **Public Cloud:** The British Library uses AWS to host its digital collections, making them accessible to a global audience. This leverages the scalability and cost-effectiveness of public cloud services. A smaller library could use Google Drive or Dropbox to back up digitized local history collections.
- **Private Cloud:** A university library might create a private cloud infrastructure within its own data center to store sensitive research data generated by faculty members, such as confidential survey data or unpublished research findings. This provides greater control over data security and access.
- **Hybrid Cloud:** A large library system could use a hybrid approach. They might store publicly accessible digitized books and images in a public cloud platform like Azure, while keeping patron borrowing records and financial data in a private cloud environment for enhanced security and compliance.

3.2 Blockchain Technology: Blockchain can enhance data integrity and security by creating a tamper-proof record of data transactions. This can be particularly valuable for preserving archival materials and ensuring authenticity.

Examples:

- **Provenance Tracking:** A library could use blockchain to record the history of a digital copy of a historical document, including who created it, when it was digitized, and any subsequent modifications. This helps to establish the authenticity and provenance of the digital copy.
- **Digital Rights Management:** A library could use blockchain to manage the rights and licenses associated with digital content, ensuring that copyright holders are properly compensated when their work is accessed or used. This could be particularly useful for managing access to digitized music, films, or other copyrighted materials.
- **Decentralized Archiving:** A consortium of libraries could create a decentralized digital archive using blockchain, where data is distributed across multiple nodes. This makes the archive more resilient to censorship, data loss, or single points of failure. If one node is compromised, the data remains accessible on other nodes.

3.3 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: AI can play a critical role in threat detection and prevention. Machine learning algorithms can identify suspicious patterns and anomalies, helping to prevent cyberattacks and data breaches. AI can also automate data backups and recovery processes.

Examples:

- **Cybersecurity:** AI-powered security systems can analyze network traffic in real-time to detect and block malicious activity, such as ransomware attacks, phishing attempts, or data exfiltration. They can learn the library's typical network behavior and flag unusual activity.
- **Metadata Creation:** Machine learning algorithms can analyze the content of digitized documents and automatically generate metadata tags, such as keywords, subject headings, and summaries. This speeds up the cataloging process and improves discoverability.
- **Data Backup Automation:** AI can automate the process of backing up library data, scheduling backups, and verifying their integrity. It can also prioritize critical data for backup and recovery.

3.4 Cybersecurity Measures: Robust cybersecurity measures are essential for protecting library data. This includes firewalls, intrusion detection systems, encryption, access control, and regular security audits

Examples:

- **Firewalls:** A library uses a firewall to prevent unauthorized access to its internal network from the internet. The firewall acts as a barrier, blocking malicious traffic while allowing legitimate traffic to pass through.
- **Intrusion Detection Systems:** An intrusion detection system monitors network traffic for suspicious patterns and alerts security personnel to potential threats. For example, it could detect an attempt to access a restricted database.
- **Encryption:** A library encrypts sensitive user data, such as passwords and borrowing history, both in transit (when it's being transmitted over the network) and at rest (when it's stored on servers).
- **Access Control:** A library implements access control policies to restrict access to certain digital resources based on user roles. For example, only authorized staff members can access financial data.

3.5 Data Encryption: Encryption, both in transit and at rest, is crucial for protecting sensitive data, especially user information. This section will discuss different encryption techniques and their importance in maintaining data confidentiality.

Examples:

- **Data in Transit:**When a user logs into their library account, their username and password are encrypted before being transmitted over the internet. This prevents hackers from intercepting and stealing this information. HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) is a common example of encryption in transit.
- **Data at Rest:** A library encrypts its database of patron information, so that even if a hacker gains access to the database, they cannot read the sensitive data without the decryption key. Full-disk encryption or database encryption are examples.
- **Specific Techniques:** Libraries might use AES-256 encryption for data at rest and TLS 1.3 for data in transit.

3.6 Data Backup and Recovery: Regular backups are essential for recovering data in the event of a system failure or data loss. The article will explore different backup strategies and the importance of having a robust disaster recovery plan.

Examples:

- **Backup Strategies:** A library implements a "3-2-1" backup strategy: three copies of the data (one primary and two backups), on two different media types (e.g., hard drives and cloud storage), with one copy stored offsite.
- **Testing and Recovery:** The library regularly tests its backups to ensure they can be restored successfully. They perform a "fire drill" scenario, simulating a data loss event and practicing the recovery process.
- **Disaster Recovery Plan:** The library has a documented disaster recovery plan that outlines the steps to be taken in the event of a major data loss or system outage, including procedures for restoring data, contacting vendors, and communicating with users. This plan includes details like alternate locations for operations, temporary systems, and recovery time objectives (RTOs).

4. Challenges and Considerations:

Implementing modern technologies for data protection in libraries presents various challenges and requires careful consideration of several factors. This section explores these challenges, providing specific examples to illustrate the complexities involved.

4.1 Cost: Implementing new technologies can be expensive, particularly for smaller libraries with limited budgets. The cost includes not only the initial purchase or subscription fees but also ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and staff training.

Examples:

- A small rural library might find the cost of subscribing to a cloud-based digital asset management system prohibitive. They may have limited funds for IT infrastructure and staff.
- A university library wanting to implement a blockchain-based system for managing research data might face significant development costs, as specialized expertise is required. They might need to hire blockchain developers or consultants.
- Even open-source solutions can have hidden costs, such as the time and effort required to customize and maintain them. A library might underestimate the staff time needed to configure and maintain a complex open-source digital library platform.

4.2 Technical Expertise: Libraries may need to invest in training or hire specialized staff to manage these complex systems. Librarians may not have the necessary technical skills to implement and maintain these technologies.

Examples:

- A library migrating its data to a cloud platform may need to train its IT staff on cloud administration and security best practices. They may need to learn how to manage cloud storage, configure security settings, and monitor performance.
- Implementing a cybersecurity program requires specialized knowledge of network security, intrusion detection, and incident response. A library may need to hire a cybersecurity specialist or outsource these services.
- Even with user-friendly interfaces, some systems require specialized training. Staff will need to learn how to use the new digital asset management system effectively to catalog, manage, and retrieve digital objects.

4.3 Data Privacy: Protecting user data is paramount. Libraries must comply with data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA) and implement appropriate security measures to safeguard user information.

Examples:

- A library collecting user data for research purposes must ensure that the data is anonymized or pseudonymized to protect the privacy of the participants. They need to implement strict data access controls and ensure compliance with ethical guidelines.
- A library offering online access to digital resources must implement strong authentication and authorization mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access to user accounts and data. They need to protect against password breaches and other security threats.
- Libraries need to be transparent with users about how their data is collected, used, and protected. They need to have clear privacy policies and obtain user consent where necessary.

4.4 Interoperability: Ensuring that different systems and technologies can work together seamlessly can be a challenge. Libraries often use a variety of software and hardware, and these systems may not be compatible.

Examples:

- A library implementing a new digital asset management system may find that it is not compatible with its existing library management system. This can create data silos and make it difficult to share information between systems.
- Integrating a blockchain-based system with existing library databases can be complex and require significant technical expertise. Data formats and protocols may need to be adapted.
- Libraries using different cloud providers may face challenges in migrating data between platforms or ensuring interoperability between cloud services.

4.5 Scalability: Libraries need to choose solutions that can scale to accommodate future growth in data volume. As libraries digitize more materials and acquire new digital resources, their storage needs will continue to grow.

Examples:

- A library implementing a cloud storage solution needs to choose a plan that can be easily scaled up as its data storage needs increase. They need to anticipate future growth and ensure the chosen solution can handle it.
- A library implementing a digital preservation system needs to ensure that the system can handle the long-term storage and management of large volumes of digital data, including different file formats and metadata standards.
- As the library's user base grows, the systems need to be able to handle increased traffic and usage without performance degradation.
- Addressing these challenges requires careful planning, thorough research, and a clear understanding of the library's specific needs and resources. Libraries should prioritize data protection, invest in training and expertise, and stay informed about the latest developments in technology and best practices.

5. Best Practices:

Protecting library data requires a proactive and comprehensive approach. This section outlines best practices for libraries to ensure the security, integrity, and accessibility of their digital assets.

5.1 Developing a Comprehensive Data Management Plan: A well-defined data management plan is the foundation of any successful data protection strategy. This plan should outline the library's data governance policies, data classification schemes, data retention policies, backup and recovery procedures, and security protocols.

Example: The plan should specify how different types of data (e.g., user data, research data, digitized collections) are classified and handled. It should detail how long different data types are kept, how they are backed up, and who has access to them. It should also include procedures for data breaches and disaster recovery.

5.2 Implementing Strong Cybersecurity Measures: Robust cybersecurity measures are essential to protect against cyberattacks and data breaches. This includes firewalls, intrusion detection systems, encryption, access control, regular security audits, and staff training on cybersecurity awareness.

Example: Libraries should implement multi-factor authentication for all staff accounts, use strong passwords, and regularly update their software to patch security vulnerabilities. They should also conduct regular penetration testing to identify and address security weaknesses. Regular security audits are crucial to ensure systems are up to date and vulnerabilities are addressed.

5.3 Regularly Backing Up Data and Testing Recovery Procedures: Regular backups are crucial for recovering data in the event of a system failure or data loss. Libraries should implement a robust backup strategy, including off-site backups and regular testing of recovery procedures.

Example: A library might follow the 3-2-1 backup rule: three copies of the data (one primary and two backups), on two different media types (e.g., hard drives and cloud storage), with one copy stored offsite. They should also regularly test their backups to ensure they can be restored quickly and reliably. Recovery testing should simulate different scenarios, from small file loss to full system failure.

5.4 Training Staff on Data Security and Best Practices: Staff training is essential to ensure that everyone understands their role in protecting library data. Training should cover topics such as password security, phishing awareness, data handling procedures, and incident response.

Example: Libraries should conduct regular training sessions for staff on how to identify and report phishing emails, how to handle sensitive data, and what to do in the event of a security incident. Training should be role-based and relevant to the staff member's responsibilities.

5.5 Staying Up-to-Date on the Latest Technologies and Threats: The landscape of technology and cyber threats is constantly evolving. Libraries must stay informed about the latest developments and adapt their data protection strategies accordingly.

Example: Libraries should subscribe to security newsletters, attend conferences, and participate in online forums to stay informed about the latest security threats and best practices. They should also regularly review and update their data protection policies and procedures to reflect changes in technology and threats.

5.6 Collaborating with Other Libraries and Organizations to Share Best Practices: Sharing knowledge and best practices with other libraries and organizations can help improve data protection across the library community.

Example: Libraries can participate in consortia, join professional organizations, and attend conferences to share their experiences and learn from others. They can also collaborate on developing shared resources and best practices. Participation in communities of practice focused on digital preservation and cybersecurity is highly beneficial.

5.7 Implementing Access Control and Authentication: Restricting access to sensitive data is critical. Libraries should implement robust access control and authentication mechanisms to ensure that only authorized individuals can access specific data.

Example: Libraries can use role-based access control to restrict access to financial data to authorized staff members. They can also implement multi-factor authentication for all staff accounts to prevent unauthorized access. Regularly reviewing and updating access permissions is also crucial.

5.8 Data Encryption at Rest and in Transit: Encrypting data both when it is stored (at rest) and when it is being transmitted over a network (in transit) is essential for protecting sensitive information.

Example: Libraries should encrypt user passwords and other sensitive data stored in their databases. They should also use HTTPS to encrypt data transmitted over the internet, such as when users access online resources.

5.9 Regular Security Audits and Penetration Testing: Regular security audits and penetration testing can help identify vulnerabilities in a library's systems and infrastructure.

Example: Libraries should conduct regular vulnerability scans to identify and address security weaknesses. They should also engage ethical hackers to conduct penetration testing to simulate real-world attacks and identify potential vulnerabilities.

5.10 Incident Response Plan: Having a well-defined incident response plan is critical for effectively responding to security incidents and data breaches. The plan should outline the steps to be taken in the event of an incident, including procedures for containing the breach, recovering data, and notifying affected parties.

Example: The incident response plan should include contact information for key personnel, procedures for isolating affected systems, and guidelines for communicating with users and the media. Regularly practicing and updating the incident response plan is essential.

By implementing these best practices, libraries can significantly improve their data protection posture and ensure the long-term security and accessibility of their valuable digital assets. It is an ongoing process that requires constant vigilance and adaptation to the changing landscape of technology and threats.

6. Future Directions:

The field of library data protection is constantly evolving, driven by advancements in technology and the emergence of new threats. This section explores some of the key future directions in this critical area.

6.1 The Increasing Use of AI and Machine Learning for Threat Detection and Prevention: AI and machine learning are poised to play an even greater role in cybersecurity. These technologies can analyze vast amounts of data to identify subtle patterns and anomalies that would be difficult for humans to detect, enabling proactive threat detection and prevention.

Examples:

- **Security:** AI algorithms can analyze historical attack data to predict future threats and proactively strengthen defenses. They could identify emerging malware trends and alert libraries to potential vulnerabilities before an attack occurs.
- **Automated Incident Response:** AI systems can automate the response to security incidents, such as isolating infected systems, blocking malicious traffic, and restoring data from backups. This reduces the time it takes to respond to incidents and minimizes the potential damage.
- **User Behavior Analytics:** Machine learning can analyze user behavior to detect anomalies that may indicate a compromised account or insider threat. For example, if a user suddenly starts accessing data they don't normally access, the system can flag this as suspicious activity.

6.2 The Adoption of Blockchain Technology for Data Integrity and Security: Beyond its initial applications in cryptocurrency, blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize data integrity and security in libraries.

Examples:

- **Secure Digital Repositories:** Blockchain can be used to create secure and transparent digital repositories for research data, ensuring that data cannot be tampered with and that its provenance can be easily verified. This is crucial for ensuring the reproducibility of research findings.

- **Decentralized Identity Management:** Blockchain can be used to create decentralized identity systems, giving users greater control over their personal data and reducing the risk of identity theft. This could simplify user authentication and access management for library resources.
- **Supply Chain Management for Digital Assets:** Blockchain can be used to track the ownership and licensing of digital assets, making it easier for libraries to manage copyright and intellectual property rights. This could be particularly beneficial for managing digitized collections of music, film, and other copyrighted materials.

6.3 The Development of New and Innovative Data Storage and Retrieval Solutions: As the volume of library data continues to grow, new and innovative storage and retrieval solutions will be needed to manage this data effectively.

Examples:

- **DNA Storage:** DNA storage is a promising new technology that can store vast amounts of data in a very small space. While still in its early stages of development, DNA storage could eventually become a cost-effective solution for long-term archival of library data.

- **Quantum Computing:** Quantum computing has the potential to revolutionize data storage and retrieval by enabling the development of new algorithms and data structures. While quantum computers are not yet widely available, they could eventually be used to solve complex data management problems that are currently intractable.
- **Federated Learning:** This technique allows machine learning models to be trained on decentralized data sets without the data ever leaving its source. This could be useful for libraries that want to collaborate on data analysis without sharing sensitive user information.

6.4 The Growing Importance of Data Privacy and Security in the Library Context: As libraries collect and store more user data, the importance of data privacy and security will only continue to grow. Libraries will need to implement robust data governance policies and security measures to protect user information and comply with privacy regulations.

Examples:

- **Differential Privacy:** Techniques like differential privacy can be used to analyze data sets while protecting the privacy of individual users. This allows libraries to gain valuable insights from their data without compromising user privacy.
- **Privacy-Preserving Technologies:** Emerging technologies like homomorphic encryption and secure multi-party computation can enable data analysis and computation without revealing the underlying data. These technologies could be used to enable collaborative research without sharing sensitive data.
- **Consent and Transparency:** Libraries will need to be transparent with users about how their data is collected, used, and protected. They will also need to obtain user consent for the collection and use of their data.

6.5 Increased Focus on Data Interoperability and Standards: As libraries increasingly rely on digital resources, ensuring data interoperability and adherence to standards will be crucial. This will facilitate data sharing, collaboration, and long-term preservation.

Examples:

- **Standardized Metadata Schemas:** Adopting standardized metadata schemas, such as Dublin Core or MODS, will make it easier for libraries to share and exchange digital resources.
- **Open APIs:** Developing open APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) will allow different library systems to communicate and exchange data seamlessly.
- **Linked Data:** Using linked data technologies will enable libraries to connect their data to other data sources on the web, creating a richer and more interconnected information ecosystem.

These future directions highlight the dynamic and evolving nature of library data protection. Libraries must remain vigilant, adaptable, and proactive in their efforts to safeguard their digital

assets and ensure the privacy and security of their users. By embracing these emerging technologies and best practices, libraries can continue to serve as trusted custodians of knowledge and information in the digital age.

7. Conclusion:

The digital transformation of libraries has ushered in an era of unprecedented opportunities for access to information and knowledge. Libraries are no longer simply repositories of physical books; they are dynamic hubs for managing, preserving, and providing access to a vast array of digital resources. This evolution, while offering immense potential, also presents significant challenges in protecting the diverse and valuable data that libraries now hold. From digitized historical documents and sensitive user information to crucial research datasets and administrative records, the safeguarding of library data has become a critical imperative.

This article has explored the evolving landscape of library data, highlighting the various types of information libraries manage and the unique security and preservation needs associated with each. We have examined how modern technologies, including cloud computing, blockchain, artificial intelligence, and robust cybersecurity measures, act as a shield for this vital data, ensuring its integrity, confidentiality, accessibility, and longevity. We have also discussed the practical challenges and considerations involved in implementing these technologies, from cost and technical expertise to data privacy and interoperability. Furthermore, we have outlined best practices for libraries to adopt, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive data management plans, regular backups, staff training, and ongoing vigilance in the face of evolving threats.

Looking to the future, we have explored emerging trends that promise to further enhance library data protection, such as the increasing use of AI and machine learning for threat detection, the adoption of blockchain technology for data integrity, and the development of innovative data storage and retrieval solutions. The growing emphasis on data privacy and security, coupled with the need for data interoperability and adherence to standards, underscores the continuing evolution of this critical field.

In conclusion, modern technology provides a powerful arsenal for protecting library data. By embracing these technologies, addressing the associated challenges, and implementing best practices, libraries can effectively safeguard their digital assets and ensure their accessibility for generations to come. However, this is not a static endeavor. The digital landscape is constantly changing, and libraries must remain adaptable and proactive in their approach to data protection. Continuous learning, collaboration, and a commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements are essential for libraries to fulfill their vital role as custodians of knowledge and information in the digital age. The ongoing commitment to preserving and protecting library data is not just about safeguarding digital assets; it is about preserving our cultural heritage, supporting research and scholarship, and ensuring equitable access to information for all.

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IMPLEMENTING E-READER LENDING PROGRAMS

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Abstract: *The increasing popularity of digital reading has made e-readers a valuable tool for accessing books, magazines, and other digital content. However, the high cost of purchasing e-readers can limit access for many individuals, particularly those in underserved communities. E-reader lending programs, implemented by libraries, schools, and community organizations, offer a solution by providing access to e-readers on a temporary basis, often preloaded with e-books or linked to digital lending platforms. This paper explores the process of implementing an e-reader lending program, including selecting appropriate devices, establishing lending policies, integrating digital content systems, and providing user support. The benefits of such programs include increased access to literature, enhanced digital literacy, and support for individuals who may not have the means to purchase their own devices. Additionally, these programs can improve library services, reduce environmental impact by promoting digital over physical books, and foster a more inclusive reading culture. Through careful planning and execution, e-reader lending programs can significantly expand the reach of digital reading resources, making them more accessible to diverse populations and contributing to the growing trend of digital media consumption.*

Keywords'- *Reader Lending, Digital Reading, , Digital Literacy, E-books Lending Programs. Digital Media.*

Introduction:

The rapid evolution of technology has revolutionized the way we access and consume written content, with digital formats becoming increasingly popular. E-readers, such as Kindle, Kobo, and other devices designed specifically for reading digital books, have become integral to this transformation. However, the cost of e-readers may still be a barrier for many individuals who wish to access digital reading materials. To address this issue, libraries, schools, and other community-based organizations are implementing **e-reader lending programs** to provide greater access to digital literature.

E-reader lending programs allow patrons to borrow e-readers preloaded with e-books or linked to digital lending platforms. This initiative enables individuals who may not own an e-reader to enjoy the convenience of digital reading while also promoting the use of electronic media and digital literacy. Such programs offer a wide range of benefits, from broadening access to books and educational resources to fostering environmental sustainability by reducing paper use.

These programs are also beneficial for libraries and educational institutions, enabling them to offer a diverse selection of reading materials without the physical constraints of traditional books. Moreover, the ability to borrow e-readers for a period of time enhances flexibility for users, providing them with the opportunity to read anywhere, anytime.

In this context, implementing a successful e-reader lending program involves careful planning, from selecting the right devices and integrating digital lending systems to creating policies for device management, maintenance, and user education. Ultimately, the goal of such programs is to ensure that digital reading is accessible, convenient, and engaging for all members of the community.

Objectives:

Increase Access to Digital Reading Materials: Provide broader access to e-books, audio books, and other digital content for individuals who may not own e-readers or have access to digital devices.

1. **Promote Digital Literacy**: Encourage the use of technology for reading, helping users become more familiar with digital tools and improving their ability to navigate digital platforms.
2. **Enhance Library Services**: Expand the scope of library offerings by integrating e-readers into existing lending programs, thus offering a wider variety of reading materials without the limitations of physical books.
3. **Encourage Sustainability**: Promote digital reading as an environmentally friendly alternative to paper books, helping to reduce the carbon footprint and waste associated with traditional publishing and paper production.
4. **Improve User Convenience and Flexibility**: Offer a flexible and convenient reading experience, allowing users to borrow e-readers and read anywhere, anytime, with easy access to a wide variety of digital titles.
5. **Foster Digital Inclusion**: Ensure equitable access to modern technology, particularly for individuals who may not otherwise have the means to purchase or use an e-reader, thereby promoting digital inclusion.
6. **Provide Support and Training**: Offer user education and technical support to ensure that patrons are comfortable with e-reader devices and digital content platforms, improving overall user experience and program effectiveness.

Review of Literature: Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

The implementation of e-reader lending programs in libraries and educational institutions has garnered increasing interest as digital reading continues to replace traditional print media. These programs aim to provide wider access to digital reading materials, enhance digital literacy, and bridge the technological divide, particularly in underserved communities. This literature review examines the evolution, benefits, challenges, and outcomes of e-reader lending programs, drawing from research and case studies in libraries and educational settings.

Benefits of E-Reader Lending Programs

One of the primary benefits of e-reader lending programs is their ability to democratize access to reading materials. e-readers eliminate barriers related to space, cost, and the need for physical infrastructure. Patrons can borrow a device loaded with e-books, and the portability of these devices makes reading accessible anywhere. Moreover, e-readers enable the inclusion of individuals who may face challenges in accessing printed books due to physical limitations, such as those with visual impairments. Features like adjustable font sizes and text-to-speech functions support inclusivity.

Chowdhary (2019) further emphasizes the value of e-readers in educational settings. Students and teachers can access a wider variety of textbooks, research materials, and supplementary reading at lower costs than traditional print materials. E-readers allow for the customization of learning experiences and facilitate engagement with interactive and multimedia-rich content. For libraries, e-reader lending programs provide an opportunity to engage with new demographics, particularly those who may not have the means to purchase such devices.

Future Directions

As digital reading continues to grow, research indicates that libraries will likely expand e-reader lending programs to meet the increasing demand for digital content. Innovations in e-reader technology, such as integration with cloud-based services and cross-platform compatibility, may further enhance the user experience. Additionally, increasing efforts to make e-readers more accessible to individuals with disabilities, and expanding partnerships with educational and community organizations, will be key to broadening the reach of these programs.

Equipment for Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

Implementing an e-reader lending program requires a combination of hardware, software, and additional tools to ensure its success. Below is a comprehensive list of equipment and resources necessary for launching and maintaining an effective e-reader lending program:

E-Readers

- **E-Reader Devices**: The core of the lending program is the e-reader itself. Depending on the budget and target audience, the library or institution will need to choose appropriate devices. Some popular options include:
- **Quantity**: The number of e-readers will depend on demand, budget, and the scale of the program. Libraries typically purchase e-readers in bulk to ensure widespread availability.
- **E-Reader Cases**: To protect devices from damage, e-readers should be equipped with durable cases or covers. These accessories ensure the longevity of the devices and help maintain their functionality over time.
- **Screen Protectors**: These protect the e-readers' screens from scratches and wear, ensuring the device remains in good condition for multiple users.
- **E-book Lending Platforms**: Libraries need to integrate their e-readers with digital content lending platforms. Some common options include:

- **Software and Device Management Tools**
- **Library Management Software**: A library's integrated management system (e.g., **Koha**, **Sierra**, or **Alma**) should be configured to support e-reader lending, allowing for tracking of e-reader inventory, due dates, and maintenance records.

- **Staff Training**: Equip library staff with the necessary training and tools to manage the lending program, including troubleshooting common device issues, assisting patrons with digital content platforms, and providing device maintenance.
- **User Workshops and Educational Materials**: Conduct workshops or provide online resources to help library patrons familiarize themselves with e-readers and digital reading technologies.

Conclusion

Implementing a successful e-reader lending program requires not only the appropriate e-reader devices but also a comprehensive suite of equipment, software, and resources. From e-reader management tools to digital content platforms and user support systems, every piece of equipment plays a vital role in ensuring that the program operates smoothly and effectively meets the needs of the community. By investing in the right equipment, libraries can provide patrons with increased access to digital reading materials, foster digital literacy, and enhance the overall reading experience.

The implementation of e-reader lending programs has proven to be a transformative approach for libraries and educational institutions, providing enhanced access to digital reading materials and promoting digital literacy. While challenges such as cost, device maintenance, and user training exist, the benefits—ranging from increased accessibility to educational resources to fostering a more inclusive reading environment—make the program highly valuable. As technology advances and digital content expands, e-reader lending programs are expected to become a central part of library services, helping bridge the digital divide and meet the evolving needs of readers.

Suggestions for Implementing E-Reader Lending Programs

Implementing a successful e-reader lending program requires thoughtful planning, resource allocation, and ongoing support to ensure that the program meets community needs and delivers a seamless experience for patrons. Below are several key suggestions to help guide the implementation process:

- **Conduct a Needs Assessment**: Before launching an e-reader lending program, it is crucial to understand the needs and preferences of the community. Conduct surveys or focus groups to assess interest in digital reading, preferred e-reader models, and the types of digital content most in demand (e.g., e-books, audio books, educational materials).
- **Target Underserved Groups**: Pay particular attention to underserved populations, such as individuals who lack access to personal e-readers or those with limited digital literacy. This will help ensure that the program is inclusive and beneficial to a diverse group of patrons.
- **Device Variety**: Choose e-readers that are user-friendly, durable, and compatible with popular digital lending platforms (such as Over Drive, Libby, or Hoopla). Consider offering a range of devices that cater to different user needs, including basic models for casual readers and more advanced models for those interested in features like note-taking or larger screens.

- **Consider Accessibility Features**: Ensure that the devices chosen have accessibility options, such as adjustable font sizes, text-to-speech, or high-contrast screens, to serve individuals with visual impairments or other disabilities.
- **Streamline Borrowing Process**: Provide clear instructions on how patrons can borrow, download, and return e-books. Consider providing preloaded devices to minimize setup time for users, or allow access to cloud-based content for more flexibility.
- **Device and Content Management**: Establish policies for device maintenance, such as regular software updates, ensuring that devices are charged and ready for use. Also, make sure to track and monitor which e-books or content are preloaded onto devices.

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THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN ACADEMIC LIBRARY SERVICES: AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract: - *The present article discusses the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and its implications. In the twenty-first century, we have reached new heights of success across various fields. Significant changes are occurring in every sector, and innovative technological ideas are being adopted as these changes unfold. Each sector is striving to perform tasks more accurately and efficiently, utilizing fewer resources and manpower by embracing new technologies. Given this context, the library sector should not fall behind. This article aims to highlight the applications of artificial intelligence in libraries and explore how it is currently being utilized.*

Keywords: *- AI, User, Information Technology, E-Resource, Library*

Introduction: -

Currently, the entire sector is significantly influenced by modern information and communication technology (ICT). Advances are being made across all fields thanks to new technological developments. When the country gained independence, there was little to no technology available. The late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was the first to recognize that the nation could only progress through the establishment of information and communication technology, which marked the beginning of the ICT era in India. Today, every sector is advancing with the aid of information technology. When we consider the historical context of academic libraries, it becomes clear that the status of these libraries in India differs markedly from their counterparts in Western countries.

Currently, Indian academic libraries exist in a hybrid state; while some continue to rely on outdate practices, others are embracing new technologies. According to Hamlink (1997), information and communication technology refers to any technology that enables the management of information and facilitates various forms of communication. This encompasses capturing technologies, storage technologies, processing technologies, communication technologies, and display technologies. Libraries utilize information and communication technology to address challenges and discover more effective solutions. The following types of technology are relevant in this context:

1. Computing technology (hardware/software)

2. Communication technology
3. Network and Internet technology
4. Web technologies
5. Printer and publishing technology
6. Reprographic and micrographic technology

Libraries and Information Communication Technology: -

In the 21st century, there have been significant changes in the systems of information printing and distribution. Creating a knowledge-rich society is essential today, and it is crucial to utilize advanced technology to enhance Indian libraries. In ancient times, information was produced in limited quantities, and there was no information explosion; thus, the information needs of society were also restricted. Historically, the growth of published material can be outlined as follows:

1. In 1450, there were 100 book titles published per year, which equated to 0.2 titles per million inhabitants.
2. By 1950, this number had increased to 250,000 book titles published per year, or 100 titles per million inhabitants.
3. By the year 2000, the figure rose significantly to 1 million book titles published annually, which accounted for 167 titles per million inhabitants. Indian libraries have evolved through three main stages: ancient, medieval, and modern.

While we currently benefit from the services and facilities of modern libraries, it is important to study the journey from ancient to modern to appreciate the developments made along the way. As we transition from modern libraries to digital libraries today, we realize that digital libraries are being cultivated in India. In the 21st century, a vast amount of information is being generated at an unprecedented rate, measured in megabytes, yet Indian libraries are falling short by not providing modern services to their readers.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - John McCarthy, who coined the term in 1955, defines AI as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines" (McCarthy, 2007). Artificial intelligence (AI) is the field of study that focuses on the creation of computer systems that are capable of learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and natural language processing – all functions that are traditionally only performed by intelligent people.

Artificial intelligence can be a solution to the shortage of manpower, financial resources, and modern technology. To make progress in any field, it is essential to embrace contemporary technological advancements. A college library plays a crucial role in developing reading materials that cater to the needs of its target audience, as well as the needs of its readers and staff. Moreover, the entire team involved in the library system can also benefit from improvements brought about by AI. In library operations, we can utilize artificial intelligence in the following services:

a) Cataloging and Classification

b) Reference Service (User Service)

c) Collection Management and

d) Security System:

Earlier, the creation of information was limited due to the lack of tools for collecting and describing it. Information was often passed from one person to another in oral form. However, today we are generating a vast amount of information, making its description and distribution a significant challenge. In this article, we will discuss the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the development of libraries. First, it is important to understand what artificial intelligence is. AI refers to the creation of computer systems that can think and act like humans. This topic has been extensively discussed by renowned scientists, who have shared their insights. While AI offers many conveniences and benefits today, there are concerns that it may have negative effects on humanity over time. Currently, artificial intelligence is being utilized in various fields, including agriculture, industry, medicine, and education. Opinions on how to best apply AI in these areas vary among experts. It is worth noting that we are lagging behind other countries in our adoption of artificial intelligence. As AI becomes more integrated into our daily lives, we see its applications in household cleaning products like MAGILLO in major cities, as well as in travel-related services like ALEXA in hotels and companies. Renowned economists predict that the use of bank ATM credit cards may decrease in the future as digital currencies become more prevalent, similar to the trend seen with artificial intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence Library AI Tools help to library services in two ways

1. Technical services. 2. User services.

1. Chatbot is AI Tools help in library area like acquisition and cataloguing for reference services.Also help to users to follow Library rule and regulation, query services.AI Tools help tin cataloging process by automating repetitive tasks such as tagging, indexing, and assigning

metadata to digital resources.Artificial intelligence chatbots will be beneficial in the library sector as follow.

i Reference desk employees will have more time to concentrate on users' unique research needs and help better meet users' information needs if routine reference queries are handled by chatbots.ii. It will be simpler for librarians to handle users' complex information requests if chatbots are linked with user interaction.

iii. Chatbots facilitate the simultaneous usage of chat services by numerous users.As a result, customers can receive continuous and instantaneous responses.

iv. Chatbots are unable to react emotionally to pointless and foolish enquiries.As a result, users are at ease and feel free to engage with them.

v. Chatbots may someday be used to market library services and resources.Users can familiarise themselves with the library's resources and learn how to utilise them effectively through this channel.vi. Libraries can provide their patrons alert services and selective distribution of information (SDI) by utilising chatbots to deliver user-friendly alert messages and alerts.vii. ChatbotsThrough the collected information, the chatbot can automatically learn clearly what was communicated previously, what the user wants, and possible solutions to basic questions. Chatbots are available for 24/7 service. Users can access them anytime, anywhere very Conveniently, even when the library is closed

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1. **Robotics**: - Robotics is AI tools play road in lab stock taking and selling of books in other way it also used for searching everywhere material and checks in check out of books. Library books are sold using robotics stop taking materials because robotics are useful for user services to find library materials and check and check for users.

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2. Natural language processing used in library technical context Natural language processing is used as tools in technical service as a college management and information and processing. Other way translation of next from native language and reading of the material is a user base service.
3. Using big data to manage the repository server of the cloud. Big data analytics can be applied in the following areas of libraries:
   i. For better search results - Data mining and text analysis on previous Loan records and books can enhance bibliographic search results and recommendations.
   ii. Demand analysis - This will help in estimating the demand for new existing titles.
   iii. Library collection planning - The technology used will be conducive to planning the category mix in the collection, taking into account space and budget constraints.
4. Pattern Recognition Library materials to identify the security of the library QR code of the library material to identify the security password and pattern design to extract image support in technical services and auxiliary digital devices and reference of the library.
5. Image processing- recognition machine to save video and image library databases deep printer that manage protection and preservation of archive materials. The development of AI and computer systems that is capable of fulfilling the tax such as general essential intelligence such as visual perfection speech recognition meeting and translation in language artificial intelligence, has also been called the first industrial revolution by the industry.

Advantages of artificial intelligence include the ability to easily complete stressful and complex tasks, accelerating processes, improving quality, and increasing countless efficiencies. However, there are also disadvantages, such as a lack of human interaction, fear of job loss, potential consequences if something goes wrong, and the possibility of misuse. Change is an integral part of human life; it happens over time, is assimilated by people, and drives progress.

Conclusion:-

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has initiated a significant transformation in educational services across all sectors, enhancing the overall quality of education. In the 21st century, technology has created improved educational opportunities in this field. AI has particularly impacted libraries, which are a

crucial part of the education sector. The automation brought about by AI has improved library services, leading to greater quality and transparency while saving both manpower and time. Additionally, AI has enabled personalized learning experiences for students, allowing them to study according to their individual interests and needs. Overall, AI has revolutionized educational services and expanded opportunities for students. However, it is important to acknowledge the challenges associated with its implementation. Looking ahead, AI is poised to be a central element of library services in the future.

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Abstract -*The advancement of digital technologies has significantly transformed how modern libraries manage and preserve digital assets. This research paper explores emerging technologies and trends in digital preservation, highlighting innovations like Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Digital Forensics, Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR), Internet of Things (IoT), Metadata and Semantic Web, and 3D Scanning and Digital Imaging. These technologies offer scalable, secure, and efficient solutions to ensure the longevity, authenticity, and accessibility of digital resources. However, implementing these technologies presents challenges, including financial constraints, technological expertise, and standardization issues. The paper offers recommendations for addressing these challenges, such as the adoption of AI for automation, collaborative networks, and blockchain for securing provenance. These innovations are critical for ensuring the long-term sustainability of digital libraries, as they navigate the evolving technological landscape. By providing a comprehensive review, the article highlights the significance of integrating emerging technologies to create robust preservation infrastructures, ensuring that future generations can access valuable digital materials.*

Keywords : *Digital Preservation, Emerging Technologies, Libraries, Cloud Computing, Artificial intelligence (AI)*

1. Introduction

In the digital age, libraries are no longer solely custodians of physical books and materials. They play an increasingly key role in preserving digital content, ensuring that the vast amount of information generated in the modern era remains accessible and usable for future generations. Libraries, which house vast collections of digital data, are especially concerned with the preservation of scholarly, cultural, and historical materials. The traditional methods of preservation, which focus on physical formats, are being replaced by techniques designed to address the challenges posed by digital materials. These challenges include rapid technological advancements, changing data formats, and storage system failures, which all threaten the longevity of digital collections.

Emerging technologies in the digital preservation of library material are offering new solutions to these challenges. Emerging technologies such as Cloud Computing provide scalable and secure storage options that minimize the risk of data loss due to localized disasters or system failures. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being used to manage digital libraries, assisting in cataloguing, metadata creation, and even predicting future preservation needs. Blockchain technology offers a decentralized system for tracking and verifying the authenticity of digital assets, ensuring that records remain tamper-proof. Meanwhile, digital forensics tools allow libraries to recover lost or corrupted data, addressing the risk of file degradation and

data corruption. Other technologies are also emerging day-by-day that can be used in the digital preservation of library material. Despite these advancements, the adoption of emerging technologies for digital preservation comes with significant challenges. Libraries face financial constraints, limiting their ability to implement or upgrade necessary systems. There is also a growing need for skilled professionals who can manage these technologies effectively. Data security concerns, as well as the absence of standardized guidelines, further complicate the process. To address these issues, libraries need to form collaborative networks and develop unified strategies for digital preservation. By sharing resources and expertise, libraries can overcome the fragmentation of efforts and ensure the long-term accessibility of digital content.

2. Review of Literature

Digital preservation technologies or methods have evolved as libraries increasingly focus on maintaining access and the integrity of digital assets over time. Traditional techniques focused on physical formats are now shifting towards digital counterparts, and literature in the field highlights various strategies libraries adopt worldwide. The major studies related to the present topic are as follows that focus on the trends and technologies in digital preservation:

Muthusamy and Palanisamy (2024) identified modern digital data preservation and management trends, including AI for metadata generation and blockchain for secure data management.

Masenya and Ngulube (2021; 2019) examined digital preservation methods, systems, trends, and technologies in academic libraries in South Africa to recommend solutions for effective digital preservation.

Rathika et al. (2020) explored digital preservation techniques, examining different methods for preserving traditional documents and digitized forms by utilizing the latest technologies.

Samiei (2020), intended the survey-based study to identify the present status of digital preservation strategies, implemented by digital libraries of the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). The strategies such as daily back-up of data, refreshment of media, information migration, and permanent identifiers were identified.

Corrado and Sandy (2017), in their book, reviewed the current technological trends in digital preservation in archives, libraries, and museums.

Lakshminarasimhappa (2014) identified the need for a digitization process and its methods in libraries.

Hedstrom (2010) discussed the increasing importance of digital preservation in the context of digital libraries. The paper also reviewed challenges like media deterioration, hardware/software obsolescence, and the limitations of current preservation strategies like migration and emulation and highlighted the role of standards and operational models in advancing digital preservation research.

Arora (2009) outlined several digital preservation strategies, emphasizing that the choice of strategy should be tailored to specific data types, contexts, or institutions. The study also

discussed digital preservation metadata, a subset of metadata that details key attributes of digital resources to ensure their long-term accessibility.

Waters (2008), discussed the role of digital preservation in the ongoing transformation of scholarly communication. The study emphasizes that digital preservation will be vital in maintaining and renewing knowledge for future generations.

Thibodeau (2002), in his research, studied the technological methods of digital preservation and challenges. The researcher also identified the challenges in digital preservation such as institutional policies, roles, legal issues, IPRs, and metadata.

3. Objectives

The following are the key objectives framed for this study:

a) To identify the most effective technologies that can be employed in digital preservation.
b) To know the current trends in digital preservation.
c) To know the challenges in implementing emerging technologies in digital preservation
d) To recommend strategies to adapt emerging technologies for digital preservation purposes.

4. Significance

The significance of this research lies in its ability to provide libraries and information professionals with insights into how new technologies can enhance digital preservation. As digital collections grow, the preservation of these materials is crucial for maintaining cultural, academic, and historical continuity. This study will provide a detailed examination of how specific technologies can be employed effectively to ensure the long-term viability of digital materials.

5. Scope

This article covers various emerging technologies such as cloud storage, AI, blockchain, and their role in enhancing digital preservation in libraries. It aims to serve as a guide for library professionals, information technologists, and researchers who are engaged in or interested in the field of digital preservation.

6. Research Methodology

The research for this article was conducted through a thorough review of existing literature on digital preservation in modern libraries. Primary and secondary sources, including journal articles, conference papers, and case studies, were analyzed to gather information on the latest technological trends in the field. Data from digital preservation projects were also examined to assess the real-world impact of technologies like cloud computing, blockchain, and AI.

7. What is Digital Preservation?

'Digital Preservation' refers to the processes and activities aimed at ensuring the long-term accessibility, usability, and authenticity of digital information. This includes not only the

technical aspects of maintaining digital files but also strategies to preserve the integrity of digital content over time, despite technological changes or obsolescence. According to the *Digital Preservation Coalition* (2024), digital preservation is "the series of managed activities necessary to ensure continued access to digital materials for as long as necessary". The key techniques in digital preservation include format migration, emulation, and storage in robust, redundant environments. The goal of digital preservation is to prevent data loss and degradation while ensuring that digital content remains accessible to future generations. In the context of libraries and archives, digital preservation is critical to safeguarding scholarly, cultural, and historical materials in digital formats.As more materials are digitized, the challenge lies before libraries in maintaining their usability over time due to rapid technological advancements.

8. Emerging Technologies and Trends in Digital Preservation in Modern Libraries

In the digital age, libraries play a crucial role in the preservation of cultural and intellectual assets. Digital preservation refers to the processes involved in maintaining the usability of digital content over time. This becomes increasingly challenging due to the fast-paced evolution of technology, leading to issues such as file format obsolescence, hardware degradation, and data corruption. To address these challenges, modern libraries are turning to emerging technologies to safeguard their digital collections. These technologies include Artificial Intelligence(AI), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and advanced metadata management systems. This paper provides an overview of major emerging technologies and their role in ensuring the longevity and accessibility of digital assets in libraries.

a) Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers scalable, resilient, and cost-effective storage solutions for digital preservation. Libraries are increasingly migrating their collections to the cloud to avoid the risks associated with local storage systems, such as physical damage or hardware failure. Cloud-based platforms enable libraries to store large volumes of data with automatic backups and encryption, enhancing the preservation of digital content. Furthermore, the cloud allows for easy access to digital resources from multiple locations, ensuring that the materials remain available despite potential localized disasters.

b) Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is becoming a powerful tool in digital preservation, especially in metadata generation, cataloguing, and automation. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large datasets to identify patterns and predict potential risks, such as file corruption or data loss. AI also assists in automating metadata creation, ensuring that digital assets are well-organized and easily retrievable. Libraries use AI to identify the most appropriate preservation strategies by analyzing content and determining optimal storage formats and methods. Furthermore, AI-powered tools can assist in digital forensics, helping libraries recover corrupted or lost data (PressReader, 2024).

c) Blockchain Technology

Blockchain technology is emerging as a robust solution for ensuring the authenticity and integrity of digital records. It provides a safe, clear, and distributed method for documenting and exchanging data without relying on intermediaries (Panda and Kaur, 2023). In the context of digital preservation, blockchain can create a decentralized ledger

that records every transaction, alteration, or access to a digital file. This ensures that a reliable and immutable record of the digital asset is maintained, making it easier for libraries to track the provenance and history of digital content. Blockchain can also prevent tampering with digital files, ensuring that they remain authentic over time.

d) Digital Forensics

Digital forensics tools are being adapted by libraries to recover lost or corrupted data from outdated or damaged storage media. These tools can also be used to analyze the structure of digital files, ensuring that all the necessary components are intact for future access. Digital forensics plays a key role in understanding the state of digital assets and determining the best methods for their preservation. As libraries deal with an increasing number of file formats, forensics tools help in format migration and data recovery (Confinity, 2024).

e) Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR)

While still in its early stages in the field of digital preservation, Virtual, and Augmented Reality are gaining attention for their potential to preserve and present cultural artifacts and historical records. These technologies allow libraries to create immersive digital representations of physical items that may deteriorate over time. Through VR/AR, libraries can provide users with interactive experiences, giving them the ability to explore preserved materials in new ways. In the long term, these technologies could become essential for preserving the experience of physical objects as they exist in the real world and are increasingly popular technologies, with their applications in libraries and education continuing to grow Oyelude (2017).

f) Internet of Things (IoT)

The Internet of Things (IoT) has opened up new opportunities for acquiring and transferring born-digital materials. By using IoT technologies and devices, libraries can collect and preserve digital data streams, effectively integrating them with the digital assets in their collections.

g) Metadata and Semantic Web

Advanced metadata systems are essential for managing the growing number of digital objects that libraries store. Proper metadata ensures that digital assets are easily searchable and retrievable. Emerging metadata technologies focus on improving the accuracy, depth, and richness of the descriptive data attached to digital files. The Semantic Web, which aims to enable machines to interpret and process information more efficiently, is an evolving technology that can revolutionize how libraries manage their digital collections. By applying semantic technologies, libraries can automate the organization of digital content and create more meaningful connections between disparate data sources (Ippolito and Cigola, 2016).

h) 3D Scanning and Digital Imaging

3D scanning and digital imaging technologies are becoming increasingly popular in libraries for the preservation of physical objects. These technologies allow for the creation of high-resolution digital replicas of rare books, manuscripts, and artifacts, which can then be stored digitally for long-term preservation. 3D scanning ensures that even if the

physical object deteriorates, a digital representation remains accessible. Libraries can also use these technologies to provide virtual access to items that may otherwise be restricted due to their fragility (Ippolito and Cigola, 2016).

9. Challenges in Implementing Emerging Technologies in Digital Preservation

Despite the potential of these technologies, there are several challenges that libraries face in adopting them as follows:

a) Financial Constraints
- Limited budgets prevent libraries from acquiring new technologies or upgrading existing systems.
- Ongoing costs for maintenance, training, and support services can strain financial resources further.

b) Lack of Technological Expertise
- Staff may lack the necessary skills to effectively implement and manage new technologies.
- Regular training and upskilling are required, but this may be difficult to achieve due to time and budget constraints.

c) Data Security Concerns
- Emerging technologies often come with heightened risks of data breaches or misuse of sensitive information.
- Ensuring robust data protection measures while adopting new systems is a critical concern.

d) Sustainability and Accessibility
- As technology evolves rapidly, keeping digital content accessible and usable requires constant investments in new software and hardware.
- Preservation of digital assets can be challenging without appropriate resources and strategies.

e) Absence of Standardized Guidelines
- There is a lack of uniformity in how different libraries implement these technologies.
- This lack of standardization can lead to inconsistencies in digital preservation and resource management efforts across institutions.

f) Fragmented Implementation Efforts
- Without clear standards, libraries may adopt a piecemeal approach, resulting in compatibility and interoperability issues.
- Fragmented efforts reduce the overall effectiveness of technology adoption and hinder collaboration.

10. Recommendations

Some strategies can be recommended to acclimate emerging technologies in digital preservation:

a) Adoption of AI and Machine Learning

AI can automate metadata creation and improve digital material categorization, making long-term storage and retrieval easier.

b) Cloud-Based Storage
Utilizing cloud services for digital preservation offers scalability and resilience against hardware failure and local disasters.

c) Blockchain for Provenance
Blockchain can secure the provenance of a library's digital content, ensuring that it remains tamper-proof and authentic over time.

d) Regular Format Migration
Regularly migrating digital materials to newer formats is necessary to avoid obsolescence due to changes in file standards.

e) Collaborative Networks
Libraries should create collaborative preservation networks to share resources and develop unified strategies for digital preservation.

11. Conclusion

Libraries continuously face challenges and need to respond thoughtfully and efficiently to safeguard their collections, especially as the use of diverse digital technologies expands. The implementation of emerging technologies in digital preservation represents a crucial step toward securing the future of digital libraries. Cloud computing, AI, blockchain, digital forensics, and such emerging technologies offer solutions to the growing challenge of preserving vast digital collections. However, these technologies also bring about challenges related to cost, expertise, and standardization. To fully realize the potential of these innovations, libraries must adopt collaborative approaches, invest in staff training, and continuously update their preservation strategies. The future of digital preservation lies in the successful integration of these technologies, ensuring that digital information remains accessible for generations to come.

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AN EVALUATIVE STUDY OF A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED BY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS – WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MOODLE

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1.0 Introduction

Conventional education encompasses any instructional approach that employs traditional paper-and-pencil techniques within a standard classroom environment. In essence, conventional learning pertains to any educational methods commonly practiced in schools (Kaushik, 2016). This involves standard lecture-based teaching, assignments, assessments, and homework for students, established pedagogical practices for educators, the utilization of designated textbooks and supplementary course materials, as well as a face-to-face teaching framework (Amankwah et al., 2022). However, in the digital era, the integration of technology in education and information management has become indispensable (Abdullateef et al., 2019). Learning Management Systems (LMS) are pivotal tools in this transformation, providing platforms for structured learning, collaboration, and resource sharing. Among various LMS platforms, MOODLE (Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment) stands out as a leading open-source solution (Dhawale and Tikar, 2019; Mpungose, 2020). Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals have embraced LMS platforms like MOODLE to streamline services (Kampa and Kaushik, 2016), enhance learning experiences, and foster information literacy among users (Bradley, 2021).

The adoption of Learning Management Systems like MOODLE has revolutionized the role of Library and Information Science professionals, transforming libraries into dynamic learning hubs (Arora et al., 2022). By leveraging MOODLE's capabilities, LIS professionals can enhance their services, foster lifelong learning, and adapt to the evolving demands of the digital age (Devi et al., 2020). Despite the challenges, the benefits of using MOODLE far outweigh the drawbacks, making it a valuable asset for modern libraries striving to meet the needs of their communities (Bheki, 2020). However, the role of MOODLE in the education pertaining library and information science is still unclear in India in general and the colleges affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati in particular. It is widely accepted that acquisition of knowledge or skills through study constitutes the essence of learning. Hence, the role of MOODLE in library science education needs to be evaluated so that competent LIS professionals can be made available to cater to vast number of

researchers and other information seekers. In the backdrop of above information this investigation was carried out to study and critically analyze open source e-learning initiatives in the education sector especially in the Department of Library and Information Science, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

2.0 Research Methodology

In the current study, a quantitative approach was employed to address the study's objectives. The research employed a combination of descriptive and exploratory approaches. Data was collected from LIS professionals working in the educational institutions affiliated with Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. Prior to selection, a reconnaissance survey was conducted, indicating a finite population of LIS professionals. Sampling was done through the principles of probability sampling, specifically the Simple Random Sampling method. During the actual survey, feedback was obtained from 176 LIS professionals, which formed the final sample size for this study. Primary data was collected through a structured survey questionnaire and a survey research approach. The secondary data was also collected from a variety of sources, including general publications, scientific journals, professional association publications, research institute materials, books by national and international authors, as well as other online resources. The collected data was analyzed using a range of statistical techniques. Descriptive statistics, including frequency, percentage, and mode, were calculated from the collected data. Additionally, inferential statistics such as the Chi-Square test were employed to analyze the data. All statistical analysis was conducted using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences version 18.0. A significance level of 0.05 was selected to minimize the consequences of potential errors.

3.0 Results and Discussion

3.1 Access of Learning Material from the MOODLE

Table 1:Frequency of access to MOODLE

SN	Frequency	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	1-2	6	3.6
2	3-5	11	6.3
3	6-10	20	11.6
4	More than 10	138	78.6
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=172.929; **df**: 3; χ^2_{crit}= 7.82; p<0.05

The frequency of access to the MOODLE platform by the respondents is presented in the Table 1. The majority of the respondents, 78.6%, reported accessing MOODLE more than 10 times. This suggests a high level of engagement and familiarity with the MOODLE platform among the survey participants. Only a small percentage, 3.6%, accessed MOODLE 1-2 times, while 6.3% and 11.6% accessed it 3-5 times and 6-10 times, respectively. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents have attended more than 10 times accessing of MOODLE.

3.2 Consistency of access to MOODLE

Table 2:Consistency of access to MOODLE

SN	Consistency	No. of Respondents	Percent

1	Excellent	44	25.0
2	Good	112	63.4
3	Average	14	8.0
4	Below average	6	3.6
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=99.5; **df**: 3; χ^2_{crit}= 7.82; p<0.05

The Table 2 presents the respondents' perceptions of the consistency of access to the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 63.4%, rated the consistency as 'Good', while 25% rated it as 'Excellent'. Only a small percentage, 3.6%, rated the consistency as 'Below average'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses (χ2= 99.5, df: 3, χ2crit= 7.82, p<0.05), indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the consistency of access to MOODLE were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform developed for the Department of Library and Information Science at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University was generally perceived as providing a consistent and reliable access experience for the users. The results indicate that the majority of the respondents perceived the consistency of access to the MOODLE platform as 'Good' or 'Excellent', with only a small percentage rating it as 'Below average'.

3.3 Clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided during access

Table 3:Clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided during access

SN	Consistency	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very clear	41	23.2
2	Clear	101	57.1
3	Neutral	22	12.5
4	Unclear	13	7.1
5	Very unclear	0	0.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=112.643; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

The Table 3 presents the respondents' perceptions of the clarity and conciseness of the instructions provided for accessing the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 57.1%, rated the instructions as 'Clear', while 23.2% rated them as 'Very clear'. Only a small percentage, 7.1%, found the instructions to be 'Unclear', and none of the respondents rated them as 'Very unclear'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the clarity and conciseness of the instructions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the instructions provided for accessing the MOODLE platform were generally perceived as clear and concise by the Library and Information Science professionals at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University. The results show that the majority of the respondents perceived the instructions for accessing the MOODLE platform as 'Clear' or 'Very clear', with only a small percentage finding them 'Unclear'.

3.4 Opportunities for active student participation and interaction

Table 4:Opportunities for active students of participation and interaction

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Yes	112	63.4
2	No	22	12.5
3	Not sure	42	24.1
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=76.145; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 4 presents the respondents' perceptions of the opportunities for active student participation and interaction provided by the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 63.4%, reported that the MOODLE platform offered opportunities for active student participation and interaction. Only 12.5% of the respondents said that there were no such opportunities, while 24.1% were unsure. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents feel there is opportunity for active student participation. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform was perceived by the respondents at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University to provide opportunities for active student participation and interaction, which is a crucial aspect of effective e-learning.

3.5 Ease of Navigation through the platform

Table 5:Ease of Navigate through the platform

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very easy	38	21.4
2	Somewhat easy	124	70.5
3	Not at all easy	14	8.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=114.058; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 5 presents the respondents' perceptions of the ease of navigating through the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 70.5%, found the platform 'Somewhat easy' to navigate, while 21.4% found it 'Very easy'. Only 8% of the respondents reported that the platform was 'Not at all easy' to navigate. In view of the study results it is evident that most of the respondents feel navigating the platform is somewhat easy. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the MOODLE platform was generally perceived by the respondents at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University to be easy to navigate, which is an important factor in ensuring a positive user experience and effective e-learning.

3.6 System's/Instructor's responsiveness to questions and concerns

Table 6: System's/Instructor's responsiveness to questions and concerns

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Very responsive	52	29.5

2	Responsive	82	46.4
3	Neutral	25	14.3
4	Unresponsive	17	9.8
5	Very unresponsive	0	0.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=117.807; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

The Table 6 presents the respondents' perceptions of the responsiveness of the system or the instructor to their questions and concerns during their engagement with the MOODLE platform. The majority of the respondents, 46.4%, rated the responsiveness as 'Responsive', while 29.5% rated it as 'Very responsive'. Only a small percentage, 9.8%, found the system or the instructor to be 'Unresponsive', and none of the respondents rated it as 'Very unresponsive'. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions of the responsiveness were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that the Library and Information Science professionals at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University generally perceived the system or the instructor to be responsive to their questions and concerns during their engagement with the MOODLE platform.

3.7 Availability of reliable customer support

Table 7:Availability of reliable customer support to address technical issues and concerns

SN	Response	No. of Respondents	Percent
1	Yes	60	33.9
2	No	42	24.1
3	Not sure	74	42.0
	Total	**176**	**100.0**

χ^2=8.774; **df**: 2; χ^2_{crit}= 5.99; p<0.05

The Table 7 presents the respondents' perceptions of the availability of reliable customer support to address technical issues and concerns related to the online learning platform. A significant proportion of the respondents, 42%, were unsure about the availability of reliable customer support. 33.9% of the respondents reported that reliable customer support was available, while 24.1% said that it was not available. The chi-square analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in the distribution of responses, indicating that the respondents' perceptions were not equally distributed. These findings suggest that there may be room for improvement in the availability and responsiveness of customer support for the online learning platform, as a significant proportion of the respondents were either unsure or reported that reliable support was not available.

4.0 Conclusions

MOODLE plays a transformative role in LIS education by providing a dynamic and flexible platform for teaching, learning, and resource sharing. It enables LIS educators to design and deliver interactive courses, integrating multimedia content, quizzes, and collaborative activities to

enhance student engagement. Based on the study results it is evident that most of the study participants have attended significant number of online sessions on MOODLE. Moreover, their consistent participation in the online sessions on MOODLE appears to be satisfactory. However, many study participants indicated that the instructions provided during online sessions are not clear. This can be taken care of as most of the study participants revealed that there is opportunity for active student participation. In addition to above, the navigating through MOODLE platform appears to be somewhat easy for most of the users (with different levels of technical expertise). Finally, the role or responsiveness of systems/instructors with respect to questions and concerns is positive. Thus, MOODLE appears to be a welcome addition in the LIS education providing colleges affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

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INNOVATIONS IN LIBRARY SERVICES: INTEGRATING ONOS, MOOCS, AND ODL FOR ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY

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Abstract: *The rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed the landscape of library services, necessitating innovative approaches to enhance accessibility and efficiency. This paper explores the integration of Open Network Operating System (ONOS), Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in modern libraries to foster a more inclusive and technologically advanced learning environment. ONOS, as a scalable and programmable network management system, optimizes digital library infrastructure, ensuring seamless access to resources. MOOCs serve as an extension of library services by providing vast learning materials, while ODL frameworks enhance remote access to scholarly content, catering to diverse user needs. The convergence of these technologies not only improves resource availability but also promotes lifelong learning, bridging gaps in traditional library services. This study highlights the benefits, challenges, and future prospects of integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL in libraries, emphasizing their role in democratizing knowledge access and supporting digital inclusion*

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Introduction

Libraries have long been regarded as vital institutions for knowledge dissemination, research facilitation, and lifelong learning. With rapid technological advancements and evolving user expectations, libraries are continuously adapting to new trends and innovations to enhance their services. Emerging trends such as Open Network Operating System (ONOS), research support services, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) platforms are reshaping the landscape of modern library services. These developments not only improve access to information but also foster collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity in the global knowledge economy.

The integration of ONOS in library systems presents a transformative approach to networking and data management, ensuring efficient and secure access to digital resources. Similarly, research

support services have become increasingly significant in academic libraries, providing researchers with essential tools, guidance, and access to scholarly materials. Furthermore, the rise of MOOCs and ODL platforms has revolutionized education by offering flexible, cost-effective learning opportunities beyond traditional classroom settings. Libraries play a crucial role in supporting these platforms by curating digital content, facilitating e-learning, and promoting open access resources.

Literature Review

This section explores the current literature on the role of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms in modern library services. Existing studies highlight how ONOS enhances network efficiency and security within digital libraries, allowing for seamless data access and storage. MOOCs have been widely studied for their impact on education, particularly in providing accessible learning opportunities worldwide. Additionally, research on ODL platforms emphasizes their role in enabling flexible learning and expanding the reach of educational institutions. The literature review identifies the gaps in existing studies and provides a framework for analyzing how libraries can effectively integrate these innovations.

Open Network Operating System (ONOS) in Library Services

The integration of Open Network Operating System (ONOS) in library services has significantly improved digital infrastructure, enhancing access, security, and efficiency in data management. ONOS is an open-source software-defined networking (SDN) platform designed to support high-performance networking, and its adoption in library networks has been instrumental in managing vast digital collections and ensuring seamless access to resources (Gude et al., 2015). Studies suggest that ONOS implementation allows libraries to optimize bandwidth allocation, enhance cybersecurity, and provide better access to digital repositories (McKeown et al., 2008). However, challenges such as the initial cost of implementation and the need for specialized technical expertise have been identified as barriers to widespread adoption (Kim et al., 2019).

2. MOOCs and Their Role in Library Services

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have emerged as a transformative force in global education, providing free and open access to learning materials for a diverse audience (Yuan & Powell, 2013). Libraries have become integral to MOOC platforms by curating relevant resources, offering technical support, and promoting open educational resources (OER). Research highlights that MOOCs have expanded learning opportunities beyond traditional academic institutions, fostering lifelong learning and skill development (Pappano, 2012). However, some scholars argue that disparities in internet access, lack of instructor engagement, and challenges in content accreditation limit the effectiveness of MOOCs in education (Liyanagunawardena et al., 2013).

3. Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Platforms in Libraries

The rise of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) platforms has led to significant transformations in library services, particularly in remote education and digital learning. ODL enables libraries to provide access to digital collections, research materials, and virtual assistance, enhancing educational outreach (Tait, 2008). Libraries supporting ODL platforms contribute to knowledge democratization by ensuring equitable access to learning resources, particularly for students in remote and underprivileged areas (Peters, 2010). However, studies indicate that issues such as copyright restrictions, digital literacy challenges, and technological infrastructure limitations continue to hinder the full potential of ODL in library services (Mishra, 2017).

4. Challenges and Future Directions

While ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms offer promising innovations in library services, several challenges remain. Studies indicate that libraries must address financial constraints, invest in digital literacy training, and develop policies that support open access (Lane, 2012). Future research should focus on strategies for effective implementation, sustainability models, and the long-term impact of these technologies on knowledge dissemination and accessibility (Siemens, 2014).

Research Problem: The integration of emerging technologies and platforms such as ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning) into library services is a growing area of interest. However, the effective use of these innovations to enhance accessibility and improve service delivery in libraries remains a significant challenge. The current lack of seamless integration and understanding of how these platforms can be optimized together for diverse users, especially in under-resourced areas, needs further exploration.

Objectives:

1. To investigate the potential of integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into library services for improved accessibility.
2. To assess the impact of these innovations on user engagement and learning outcomes.
3. To identify the barriers and challenges faced by libraries in adopting these technologies.
4. To explore strategies for overcoming challenges and fostering collaboration between libraries and educational platforms.
5. To propose a framework for implementing these innovations for enhanced library services and broader accessibility.

Research Methodology

This study adopts a **mixed-methods approach**, combining qualitative and quantitative research to examine the integration of **ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning)** in enhancing library accessibility. A

literature review will be conducted to analyze existing innovations in library services and their impact on accessibility. **Surveys and interviews** with librarians, educators, and students will be used to gather insights on the effectiveness of these technologies. Additionally, a **case study approach** will be employed to assess real-world implementations of ONOS-driven network solutions, MOOCs integration, and ODL support in libraries. Data collected will be analyzed using **thematic analysis for qualitative insights** and **statistical methods for quantitative findings**, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of technological advancements in library services.

Potential of Integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into Library Services for Improved Accessibility:

1. **Wider Access to Digital Resources:** Users, especially in remote or underserved areas, gain access to a broader range of educational content, research materials, and courses.
2. **Enhanced Learning Opportunities:** Libraries can provide flexible, on-demand learning experiences through MOOCs and ODL, catering to diverse user needs.
3. **Cost-Effectiveness:** Reduces the need for physical infrastructure, lowering operational costs while expanding library services and resources.
4. **Improved User Engagement:** More interactive and engaging learning resources that encourage users to interact with library content more frequently.
5. **Seamless Integration with Educational Institutions:** Facilitates better collaboration with educational institutions, offering complementary services such as virtual learning and tutoring.
6. **Customization & Personalization:** Libraries can provide personalized learning paths and resources based on individual user needs and preferences.
7. **Network Efficiency with ONOS:** ONOS enables efficient management of library network resources, improving the delivery of digital content and services to users.
8. **Promotes Lifelong Learning:** ODL and MOOCs allow users to access learning materials anytime, supporting continuous, lifelong education.
9. **Improved Accessibility for Diverse Users:** Features like multi-language support, mobile access, and accessibility tools cater to users with varying needs and abilities.
10. **Bridge the Digital Divide:** Provides equitable access to educational resources for users in areas with limited access to traditional educational services.

The integration of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into library services has significantly enhanced user engagement and learning outcomes. These innovations provide users with flexible, on-demand access to educational resources, which encourages more frequent interaction with library content. MOOCs and ODL platforms offer diverse learning paths, catering to individual needs and learning styles, thus improving engagement levels. Additionally, users benefit from personalized learning experiences, real-time feedback, and the ability to access materials anytime and anywhere. This flexibility and accessibility have been linked to better learning outcomes, as users can progress at their own pace and revisit content as needed, leading to improved retention and mastery of topics.

Barriers and Challenges Faced by Libraries in Adopting ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL:

1. **Technological Infrastructure Limitations:** Insufficient broadband, outdated hardware, and lack of necessary technological resources hinder integration.
2. **Lack of Trained Personnel:** Libraries often lack staff with the technical expertise to manage and maintain new systems and platforms.
3. **High Implementation Costs:** The financial investment required for infrastructure upgrades, licensing, and training can be prohibitive.
4. **Resistance to Change:** Library staff and users may resist adopting new technologies due to unfamiliarity or comfort with existing systems.
5. **Digital Divide:** Users in rural or low-income areas may face challenges accessing digital content due to limited internet connectivity or device availability.
6. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns:** Ensuring the security of user data and maintaining privacy when using online platforms and digital resources can be challenging.
7. **Lack of Standardized Integration:** Difficulty in seamlessly integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL with existing library systems due to lack of standardization.
8. **Content Availability and Relevance:** Limited access to localized or context-specific educational content that aligns with users' needs and interests.
9. **Ongoing Maintenance and Support:** Continuous technical support and maintenance are required, which can be resource-intensive for libraries with limited budgets.

Strategies for Overcoming Challenges and Fostering Collaboration Between Libraries and Educational Platforms:

1. **Investment in Infrastructure:** Libraries should prioritize investments in broadband, hardware upgrades, and cloud-based solutions to enhance technological capacity and provide seamless access to digital resources.
2. **Training and Capacity Building:** Offering regular training programs for library staff to build technical skills in managing ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms ensures smooth implementation and sustainability.
3. **Collaboration with Educational Institutions:** Libraries can partner with universities and MOOCs providers to share resources, content, and expertise, thereby enhancing service offerings and aligning library resources with academic curricula.
4. **Securing Funding and Grants:** Libraries can seek government grants, private sector partnerships, and collaborations with educational organizations to fund technological upgrades and the integration of digital platforms.
5. **Building User Awareness and Engagement:** Libraries can organize workshops and outreach programs to familiarize users with new technologies, overcoming resistance and ensuring higher engagement levels.
6. **Standardization of Platforms and Integration Tools:** Developing or adopting standardized protocols for integrating ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL into existing library systems ensures smoother transitions and greater interoperability.

7. **Focus on Accessibility Features:** Libraries should prioritize accessibility by ensuring that platforms are mobile-friendly, offer multi-language options, and include support for users with disabilities.
8. **Fostering Community Collaboration:** Libraries can collaborate with local communities and stakeholders to better understand their needs and curate relevant educational content, ensuring greater user relevance.
9. **Developing Sustainable Models:** Libraries should work towards creating long-term, sustainable models for maintaining and updating technology systems, including establishing reliable partnerships for ongoing support.
10. **Emphasizing Data Security and Privacy:** Implementing strong cyber-security measures and educating users on data privacy will help alleviate concerns and build trust in digital platforms.

Proposed Framework for Implementing ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL for Enhanced Library Services and Broader Accessibility:

1. **Assessment and Planning:**
   - Conduct a needs assessment to understand user requirements and existing technological gaps.
   - Identify key stakeholders, including educational institutions, IT experts, and users, to involve in the planning process.
2. **Infrastructure Development:**
   - Upgrade network infrastructure using ONOS for efficient resource management and improved access to digital content.
   - Invest in high-speed internet, cloud-based solutions, and scalable systems to support MOOCs and ODL platforms.
3. **Technology Integration:**
   - Integrate ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms into the library's existing systems, ensuring seamless compatibility and user accessibility.
   - Develop APIs and other integration tools to enhance interconnectivity between educational platforms and library databases.
4. **Content Curation and Personalization:**
   - Curate and customize learning materials, courses, and digital resources based on user preferences, academic needs, and local contexts.
   - Offer personalized learning paths and support services to cater to diverse user groups, including students, professionals, and lifelong learners.
5. **Staff Training and Capacity Building:**
   - Provide ongoing training for library staff to manage and support the use of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL platforms effectively.
   - Create technical and customer service support teams to assist users and troubleshoot issues.
6. **User Engagement and Support:**
   - Launch awareness campaigns and workshops to educate users about the benefits and usage of the new technologies.

- Provide continuous support services, including virtual tutoring, online forums, and user-friendly guides.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**
   - Implement monitoring tools to track the usage of digital resources, user satisfaction, and learning outcomes.
   - Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the system and make necessary adjustments based on feedback from users and staff.
8. **Collaboration and Partnerships:**
   - Foster partnerships with educational institutions, MOOC providers, and technology vendors to share resources, expertise, and content.
   - Engage with local communities, government agencies, and funding organizations to ensure sustainability and broaden access.
9. **Data Security and Privacy:**
   - Implement strong data protection policies and cybersecurity measures to ensure the privacy and security of user information.
   - Educate users about data privacy risks and secure usage of online learning platforms.
10. **Sustainability and Continuous Improvement:**
    - Develop a sustainable financial and operational model, incorporating regular updates and system maintenance.
    - Stay updated with emerging technologies and continuously improve library services to meet evolving user needs.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The integration of **ONOS (Open Network Operating System), MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and ODL (Open and Distance Learning)** represents a transformative shift in modern library services. These technologies collectively enhance accessibility, scalability, and efficiency, ensuring that libraries remain vital hubs of knowledge in the digital era.

By implementing **ONOS**, libraries can optimize their network infrastructure, ensuring seamless access to digital resources for users worldwide. **MOOCs** bridge the gap between traditional learning and digital education, offering open access to high-quality courses and materials. Meanwhile, **ODL** expands educational opportunities by catering to remote learners, making libraries more inclusive and globally relevant.

However, while these innovations offer significant benefits, challenges such as **digital literacy gaps, infrastructural limitations, and cybersecurity risks** must be addressed to maximize their impact. A holistic approach that includes **training programs, policy frameworks, and strategic investments** is essential for ensuring the sustainable and effective adoption of these technologies in library services.

Recommendations

To fully harness the potential of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL in enhancing library accessibility, the following recommendations should be considered:

1. **Investment in Digital Infrastructure**
   - Libraries should upgrade their IT infrastructure to support ONOS, ensuring seamless, secure, and scalable network services.
   - Cloud-based solutions should be explored to enhance storage capacity and remote access to digital materials.
2. **Collaboration with Educational Institutions and MOOC Providers**
   - Libraries should partner with universities and MOOC platforms (e.g., Coursera, edX, FutureLearn) to curate high-quality digital learning content.
   - Licensing agreements and open-access policies should be adopted to provide cost-effective access to MOOCs for library users.
3. **Capacity Building and Digital Literacy Training**
   - Librarians should receive training in managing digital services, ONOS-based networks, and integrating MOOCs into library offerings.
   - Users should be educated on how to effectively utilize online learning platforms and digital library resources.
4. **Enhancing Accessibility and Inclusivity**
   - Libraries should adopt **assistive technologies** such as screen readers, text-to-speech software, and adaptive learning tools to support users with disabilities.
   - Multilingual support and localized digital resources should be developed to cater to diverse user demographics.
5. **Strengthening Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Measures**
   - Robust **cybersecurity policies** should be implemented to protect user data and digital assets from cyber threats.
   - Regular audits and updates should be conducted to ensure compliance with global data protection regulations.
6. **Monitoring and Evaluation**
   - A structured **impact assessment framework** should be established to evaluate the effectiveness of ONOS, MOOCs, and ODL integration in libraries.
   - User feedback mechanisms should be implemented to continuously improve digital library services.

By implementing these recommendations, libraries can transform into dynamic, technology-driven learning spaces that **promote lifelong learning, digital inclusion, and equitable access to knowledge** in the modern era.

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UTILITY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR OVERALL GROWTH OF LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *A revolutionary change in the working system of the Library is on the doorstep, thanks to the entry of AI technology, which will not only help the librarians to manage the things in a better and faster way, but will assist the Librarians 24 x7 , as & when required. That means in the form of AI we got an honest & intelligent assistant who never sleeps , never gets tired & at your service, at your will. There will be sea change in the functioning of the Libraries by bringing in Artificial Intelligence (AI). It will help you in multiple ways like sorting and organizing books , managing the huge database. That means Library working staff can get more time to deal with the people. Like every digital tool AI has got its advantages & challenges as well. We need to Sof the Libraries that we are maintaining from the long past. The aim of this study paper is to do the comprehensive study of the utilization of AI , so that maximum benefit can be achieved from it.*

Keywords- *Artificial Intelligence , On the doorstep, Sea change, Database , Essence*

Introduction

AI can give continues & tireless assistance by bringing smart technologies like advanced algorithms and virtual assistants into play. The books and the related data can be organized quickly. For one problem it can give a number of solutions to choose you the best option. This tool will be always prompt in helping you out from the troubles you are facing. It can also help you to bring your ideas of development into reality ,because it is saving your precious time by doing the things in the proper, better & faster way & giving you an opportunity to think more for the further development of the Library related with working culture, further growth, more facilities to the Library users, environment development. Overall social engagements . Future plans & actions etc.

AI will create the atmosphere that will be more friendly & enjoyable. The AI will not limit itself to arranging the books only but it can give you number of ideas that too in the customized way for bringing the maximum positive changes.

While using this smart tool we should be careful that it will never cross the basic principles & the rules of the Libraries. AI can perform the multiple tasks like problem solving, perception, speech

recognition, reasoning, language understanding etc.AI is designed to explore the human intelligence in the machines which can independently think, analyze & take the decisions.

It comprises broad range of technology & techniques which includes machine learning, natural language processing computer learning and vision, robotics etc. It also designed for analyse the data, recognize the pattern, making decisions.

The history of AI that the technology which can think like human being was generated from the ancient time , but the actual work in this direction started in the mid of 20th century. The term AI that is artificial intelligence was first used in 1956 by Mr. John McCarthy. Who organized the Dartmouth Conference, considered the birth of AI as an academic discipline.

Methodology-

Since AI is an upcoming technology, and the most discussed subject in the recent time, research on this subject was carried out by referring various articles published in the newspaper. Also watching the latest new was helpful to get an wide idea of the subject, social media now a days is flooded with the write up on AI & people are discussing regarding pros & cons of AI. The subject is wide & possibilities of exploring new versions of AI in the coming future can't be ruled out . So overall research was comprised of the combine efforts from all the available resources.

How useful is AI for modern library

It's true that there will be revolutionary change in the overall working system of the library which AI will bring. This also will change their landscape & improve the capacity. Libraries are entering a revolutionary period in the digital age ,as a result of the integration of artificial intelligence (AI), which is changing their landscape and improving their capacity to fulfil users' changing requirements. AI is well being introduced for higher speed in the work , capacity to store & display the information, Libraries can use this tool to improve accessibility , expedite processes, and provide cutting-edge services. This combination will make the library operations more efficient, and also establishes libraries as vibrant centres of information discovery for the twenty-first century. In this study paper , we will consider the different aspects & ways, AI is impacting and changing the conventional functions of libraries, such as enhancing information literacy and resource discovery. AI programs can automate repetitive work in most efficient way.

AI technologies facilitate accessibility for diverse user groups, including those with disabilities, by enabling features like voice-controlled interfaces and text-to-speech functionalities.

AI-driven educational tools in libraries offer personalized learning experiences, adapting content to individual user preferences and learning styles.

The integration of AI in libraries raises ethical concerns related to privacy, data security, and algorithmic biases, emphasizing the need for responsible AI implementation.

Libraries leverage AI-driven analytics to assess user behaviour, preferences, and emerging trends, informing collection development strategies and resource allocation.

Role of AI

Modern libraries are significantly impacted by artificial intelligence (AI), which is changing many areas of the services, operations, and user experiences offered by the libraries. Some of the main facts of which are here as:

1. ***Information retrieval*:** Based on artificial intelligence search engine algorithms improve the way that information is found in databases and library catalogues. By understanding and handling user queries, Natural Language Processing (NLP) approaches increase search accuracy.
2. ***Digital archives and preservation:*** *In library collections, AI helps with rare and delicate* material preservation, digitization, and indexing. Searchable text may be extracted from scanned documents using optical character recognition (OCR) technology, and digital archives can be categorized and arranged with the use of AI algorithms.
3. ***Chabot's and virtual assistants*:** AI-driven Chabot's and virtual assistants are used by libraries to assist patrons instantly, respond to questions, and direct them toward the resources and services available. These virtual agents are always available, which makes them more accessible to customers.
4. ***Text analysis and data mining*:** Text mining and sentiment assessment are two AI techniques that let libraries gather useful data from huge quantities of textual material. These findings are used by librarians for user behaviour analysis, scholarly research, and collection creation.
5. ***Content creation and generation*:** Artificial intelligence (AI) technologies enhance the creation of content through the creation of metadata, abstracts, or summaries for reference materials. By automating monotonous methods, these tools allow librarians to devote more of their time to more strategic endeavours.
6. ***Predictive analytics for collection management*:** Predictive analytics is used by libraries to plan ahead for resource demand, improve collection development tactics, and effectively handle inventories. AI systems use usage trends and outside variables to inform their data-driven choices.
7. ***Language translation services*:** AI-powered translation systems are used by libraries with multilingual collections to provide resources in several languages, making them more accessible to a wider range of users.
8. ***Recommendation & curation systems*:** Under this, personalized suggestions are generated by AI algorithms that analyse user preferences, borrowing histories, and reading habits. These tools make it easier for users to quickly find suitable books, articles, and other resources.
9. ***Security and fraud* detection:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used in libraries to improve security measures like fraud detection, access control system monitoring, and cyber asset protection.
10. ***Accessibility services*:** AI helps improve the accessibility of library materials for people with disabilities. AI-powered software, for example, can help visually impaired people navigate digital interfaces and convert text to speech.

Benefits Vs Drawbacks

Benefits of AI:

1 .Enhanced Efficiency:

AI can automate repetitive tasks, freeing up human time for more complex work and increasing overall productivity in various industries.

2.Improved Accuracy:

AI algorithms can analyze large datasets to identify patterns and make more accurate predictions compared to human judgment in certain scenarios.

3.Personalized Experiences:

AI can tailor products, services, and recommendations to individual users based on their preferences and behavior, creating a more personalized experience.

4.Decision Support:

AI can provide valuable insights and data-driven recommendations to aid decision-making processes in complex situations.

5.Customer Service Improvement:

Chabot's powered by AI can provide immediate customer support and answer queries efficiently.

Drawbacks of AI:

1.Job Displacement:

Automation through AI could lead to job losses in sectors where tasks can be easily automated, potentially impacting the workforce.

2.Algorithmic Bias:

AI systems can perpetuate societal biases if trained on biased data, leading to unfair or discriminatory outcomes.

3.Lack of Creativity and Intuition:

AI struggles with tasks requiring creative thinking, complex problem-solving, and understanding nuanced contexts that humans excel at.

4.Data Privacy Concerns:

AI applications often rely on large amounts of personal data, raising concerns about data collection, storage, and potential misuse.

5.Ethical Dilemmas:

The development and deployment of AI raise ethical questions regarding accountability, transparency, and potential misuse in critical decision-making. Some conventional principles may have to be compromised due to extensive use of AI.

6.Dependency:

Human will highly relied on the technology & any failure of the system may lead to halting of the entire system.

7.Implementation cost:

Implementing complex AI systems can require significant financial investment and technical expertise, also cost for purchasing this technology may be high.

.Conclusion

To sum up, the revolutionary change in the functioning of Libraries is bound to take place after inclusion of AI technology the combination of artificial intelligence (AI) into libraries in the way that knowledge is gathered, arranged, and used is definitely giving an extra edge for the overall performance of the Library .Just look at how you are already benefiting from AI with the likes of Alexa, Siri, Cortana, and Google Assist. And that's only the start. Libraries can increase services, improve user experiences, and expedite procedures through this integration, better serving the changing requirements of those who use them in the age of technology. But these changes also come with drawbacks, like the need to constantly adjust to new technical developments, privacy issues, and ethical issues. However, libraries can continue to be essential places for the dissemination of knowledge while navigating the rapidly evolving field of information technology if they adopt AI rationally and effectively. So it is important to achieve perfect balance between use of latest technology & the conventional method of working to get the maximum benefits from AI.

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NEXT GENERATION LIBRARIES: EXPLORING EMERGING TREND AND TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract: *In this article, we study out the how the new technology will help he library subject. Every field will be using the new advance tools for upgradation. Base of every new invention technology which is library. Look back the for updation means it will be started from printing advancement for better reading. Color printing, computer, laptop, internet etc. Every tool is upgraded and also readers. Most important tool various ways in which 5G-enabled services can be utilized in higher education, from virtual and augmented reality experiences to smart campus environments and advanced research capabilities.*

This article brings together contributions from library professionals across various regions of the world, exploring how Next Generation Libraries (NGL) can enhance user experiences. It specifically focuses on key themes, including (a) Emerging Trends and Technologies, (b) Collaboration and Community Engagement, and (c) The Future of Librarianship.

Key-Words:*Upgradation, Updation, Acceptance, Inventions, Technology.*

1. Introduction:

India is emerging as a significant global power, experiencing substantial growth across various sectors. The agricultural sector remains a crucial component of the Indian economy, employing over 50% of the workforce and contributing approximately 20.2% to the country's GDP. As of 2022, India's urban population is estimated at 508,368,361, accounting for approximately 38.2% of the total population, while 898,794,639 individuals reside in rural areas, making up 61.8%. When discussing the development of India's next generation, it is imperative to consider both urban and rural populations to ensure inclusive progress.

The advancement of the library sector plays a pivotal role in this transformation, incorporating new technologies, tools, and resources to enhance accessibility and efficiency. Modernizing and updating library systems must take into account the diverse demographic landscape of India, ensuring that both urban and rural communities benefit from these advancements.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are revolutionizing library management and information dissemination. AI-powered cataloguing systems significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of organizing materials, while chatbots and virtual assistants facilitate instant responses to user inquiries and provide research assistance. These technological innovations are instrumental in shaping the future of libraries, making knowledge more accessible and interactive for the next generation.

2. Objectives of Research Paper:

1. Introduce the library new 'Avatar'.
2. Indian Library is now Global library.
3. Introduce ongoing and emerging technology trends in libraries.

3. Research methodology:

This research paper explores the technological advancements from rural to urban settings, focusing on their impact on education and library development. My academic institution is situated in a rural area, while I reside in an urban setting. Therefore, my analysis is based on a comparative study of technological accessibility and its implications in both village and city environments.

4. Latest advancements in library technology

When discussing technology, one of the most prevalent tools that comes to mind is the Android smartphone. This device has become ubiquitous among students, offering ease of operation and comprehension. Additionally, I have examined the latest advancements in library technology, including Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning, which are revolutionizing library services and accessibility.

A notable example of how technological advancements facilitate learning is the case of Paul Richard Alexander (January 30, 1946 – March 11, 2024). Alexander, an American lawyer and author, was a survivor of paralytic polio and spent over 70 years in an iron lung. Despite his physical limitations, he successfully earned a bachelor's degree and became the first student in Dallas to graduate high school without physically attending classes. He authored a book using assistive technology, employing a plastic stick and a pen to type on a keyboard or dictating to an assistant. With the advent of advanced technologies, learning has become significantly more accessible for individuals with disabilities, including those who are visually or hearing impaired.

This paper further discusses emerging technologies in libraries and their contributions to education. It examines how these innovations are being utilized by students from various

backgrounds, including those in remote rural areas, small towns (Talukas), districts, metropolitan cities, and prestigious institutions such as IITs and medical schools. The study highlights the evolving trends in library technology and their role in enhancing educational opportunities for diverse student populations.

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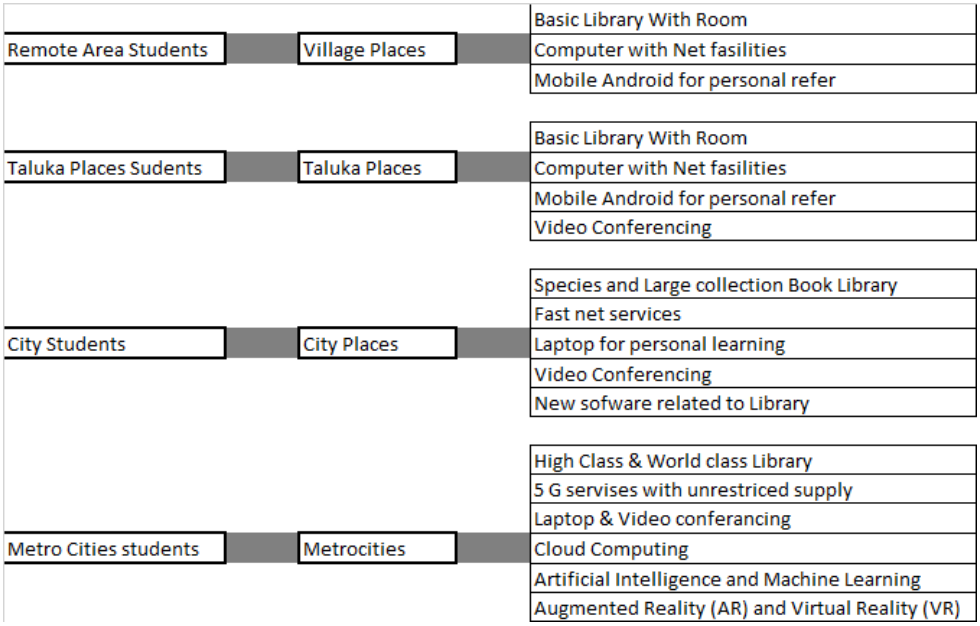

5. Cloud Computing:

The storage and retrieval of data have become essential for all institutions and universities. Cloud computing has transformed the way libraries manage their operations and provide services. By transitioning to cloud-based systems, libraries can significantly reduce the costs associated with maintaining physical servers while enhancing flexibility and scalability. Institutions should adopt such software to efficiently store vast collections of books and institutional management records. Additionally, data protection software ensures secure access through authorization and locking mechanisms. Furthermore, these systems can be implemented on a global scale, facilitating seamless access and management.

6. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) encompasses a broad spectrum of technologies that drive numerous services and products utilized in daily life, ranging from applications that recommend television shows to chatbots that provide real-time customer support. AI and Machine Learning (ML) represent emerging trends in computing that are significantly transforming library operations. These technologies enhance accuracy and efficiency in information management, optimizing how libraries organize, retrieve, and disseminate knowledge.

Furthermore, AI has the potential to personalize user experiences by recommending books and resources based on individual preferences and reading histories. AI applications in libraries include expert systems for reference services, book-reading and shelf-reading robots, and virtual reality tools for immersive learning, among others. Rather than replacing librarians, AI is expected to augment their roles by enhancing service delivery and operational efficiency. Ultimately, the integration of AI into library systems will improve overall functionality, reinforce the relevance of libraries in an evolving digital landscape, and ensure their continued adaptability in the modern information era..

7. Analytics

Libraries are accumulating vast amounts of data, necessitating the use of big data analytics and data visualization tools to interpret and leverage this information for enhancing their services and collections. Data analytics involves the systematic examination of raw data to identify patterns, draw conclusions, and extract meaningful insights. Readers analyzing previous data for research or innovation require a structured approach to comparing information effectively. Through the process of analytics, data can be systematically interpreted to support informed decision-making.

In essence, data analytics entails the manipulation of data to uncover significant trends and hidden patterns, ultimately facilitating valuable insights that can inform strategic decisions and business forecasting.

8. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

Augmented reality (AR) represents an emerging technology that is garnering significant interest across various fields, including medicine and gaming. Given its potential, it is worth considering its application within libraries to seamlessly integrate digital elements with the physical environment. Both AR and virtual reality (VR) are expanding the possibilities for libraries by transforming traditional learning methods into immersive experiences.

For instance, VR enables users to virtually experience historical events, explore ancient civilizations, or venture into outer space, offering an interactive and engaging approach to education. Similarly, AR can enhance physical books and exhibits by overlaying digital content, thereby enriching the learning experience. Libraries are increasingly adopting these technologies for educational programs, workshops, and exhibitions, providing innovative ways to engage users.

Additionally, automation and robotics are being integrated into library systems to enhance efficiency and accessibility. Numerous libraries have already successfully implemented automated technologies, such as the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, which utilizes advanced robotic systems for book retrieval and management.

9. Digital Libraries

The emergence of digital libraries and eBooks represents a significant transformation in the library landscape. The widespread adoption of smartphones, tablets, and e-readers has greatly enhanced accessibility to an extensive range of books and resources. Digital libraries provide the advantage of continuous, 24/7 access, allowing users to borrow books, audiobooks, and multimedia content from any location. Platforms such as Overdrive, BorrowBox, and IndyReads are widely utilized by libraries to efficiently manage their digital collections, ensuring a seamless and user-friendly borrowing experience for members.

10. **RFID Implementation**

Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is revolutionizing library operations by enhancing efficiency and automation. The integration of RFID tags with library materials facilitates expedited check-in and check-out processes, enables self-service functionalities, and optimizes inventory management. The incorporation of RFID within a Library Management System (LMS) offers substantial benefits. In comparison to traditional barcode systems, RFID significantly enhances transaction speed by allowing multiple items to be scanned simultaneously. Furthermore, the implementation of self-service kiosks empowers patrons to independently manage the borrowing and returning of materials, thereby improving user experience and operational effectiveness.

11. Mobile-Based Library Services

Mobile applications have become a prominent trend, as individuals now have continuous access to their mobile devices. A mobile application can effectively expand the reach of library services beyond their physical premises and enhance engagement with patrons. Given the widespread adoption of smartphones and tablets, libraries are increasingly adopting mobile apps to serve as an intuitive extension of the Library Management System (LMS), offering remote access to library resources and services for users. Through such applications, members can access library resources at their convenience, regardless of location or time. The app allows users to search for books, renew borrowed items, place holds, and even settle fines without the need to visit the library in person. Additionally, the app provides notifications regarding due dates, availability of reserved items, upcoming library events, and promotions, thereby ensuring that members remain informed and engaged with library activities. Furthermore, libraries can leverage mobile apps as a valuable component of their service offerings, further enhancing their ability to meet the needs of users.

12. Intelligent Library Search & Federated Search

Libraries are increasingly adopting intelligent search tools that utilize natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning (ML) technologies to enhance search precision and relevance. Federated search systems, which enable users to query multiple library catalogs and databases concurrently through a single interface, are also gaining prominence.

Although physical books remain a staple of library services, emerging technological trends are ensuring that libraries retain their relevance in the digital era. By integrating these innovations, libraries can continue to offer vital services to their communities, guaranteeing universal access to the information necessary for success.

Contemporary Library Management Systems (LMS), such as Libero, are evolving in complexity, incorporating diverse functionalities into cohesive platforms. These systems facilitate the efficient management of cataloging, circulation, acquisition, and membership services, thereby optimizing library operations.

Libero is playing a key role in assisting libraries to build the "library of the future"—an institution that not only sustains access to information but also integrates cutting-edge technology to remain adaptable and responsive to the needs of a rapidly changing world.

13. Conclusion:

This study explores the topic of "Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies," providing a comprehensive comparison tailored to various reader sectors. It examines the effective application of new technologies within library services and evaluates how these innovations can bridge the gap between remote and metropolitan areas, fostering development across both sectors.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN PRISON LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract: *Prison libraries play a crucial role in rehabilitation, education, and mental well-being among incarcerated individuals. The integration of emerging technologies into prison library services has the potential to enhance access to educational resources, improve digital literacy, and support reentry initiatives. This paper explores the adoption of technologies such as e-books, digital databases, virtual reality (VR) learning, artificial intelligence (AI)-powered information retrieval, and secure internet access within correctional facilities. It examines the challenges of implementation, including security concerns, digital equity, and policy constraints, while highlighting successful case studies from various correctional systems. The findings suggest that while technology can revolutionize prison libraries, its success depends on strategic planning, collaboration between stakeholders, and policy reforms to ensure equitable and secure access. This study contributes to the growing discourse on digital transformation in correctional education and its role in fostering rehabilitation and lifelong learning.*

Keywords*: Prison Libraries, Emerging Technologies, Digital Access, Rehabilitation, Correctional Education, E-Books*

Introduction:

Prison libraries serve as crucial centers for education, rehabilitation, and personal development within correctional facilities. They provide incarcerated individuals with access to legal materials, literacy programs, and recreational reading, all of which contribute to cognitive engagement and personal growth. Studies have shown that access to educational resources in prison reduces recidivism rates, enhances mental well-being, and improves inmates' prospects for reintegration into society. However, prison libraries often face significant challenges, including limited funding, restricted book collections, outdated materials, and inadequate staffing. In many cases, the physical and logistical constraints of correctional facilities hinder inmates from fully utilizing these resources.

In response to these challenges, emerging technologies are reshaping the way prison library services operate, offering new opportunities to enhance information access and learning. Digital tools such as e-books, audiobooks, and online legal databases can significantly expand the range of available resources while addressing space and budget constraints. Moreover, artificial intelligence (AI)-powered research tools, automated library management systems, and virtual reality (VR)-based educational programs are opening new avenues for learning. Secure digital platforms and

monitored internet access further enable inmates to engage in remote learning and vocational training, preparing them for successful reintegration into society upon release.

Despite the potential benefits of technology integration in prison libraries, several barriers must be addressed. Security concerns regarding digital access, strict correctional policies, and infrastructural limitations often pose challenges to implementation. Additionally, digital literacy among inmates varies widely, necessitating structured training programs to ensure meaningful engagement with technological resources. Moreover, ethical and policy considerations regarding information access, censorship, and surveillance remain key areas of debate.

This paper examines the role of emerging technologies in transforming prison library services, exploring both the opportunities and challenges associated with their adoption. It analyzes case studies of correctional facilities that have successfully integrated digital solutions, evaluates the impact of these initiatives on inmate education and rehabilitation, and discusses policy recommendations for broader implementation. By investigating these aspects, this study aims to contribute to the discourse on digital transformation in correctional education and advocate for the equitable expansion of technology-driven learning opportunities in prison environments.

Objective of the Research:

1) To explore the role of emerging technologies in transforming prison library services and to assess their impact on inmate education, rehabilitation, and reintegration.
2) To Identify the limitations and challenges faced by traditional prison libraries, including restricted access to educational materials, funding constraints, security concerns, and policy barriers.
3) To Investigate the various digital tools and technologies such as e-books, audiobooks, digital databases, artificial intelligence (AI)-driven research tools, virtual reality (VR) learning, and secure internet access that are being integrated into prison library services.
4) To Evaluate how the adoption of emerging technologies enhances information access, literacy programs, legal research, vocational training, and overall inmate rehabilitation.
5) To Explore the technical, infrastructural, and policy-related barriers that hinder the effective implementation of technology in prison libraries.

Literature Review:

The role of prison libraries in inmate rehabilitation and education has been extensively studied, with recent research focusing on the integration of emerging technologies. Lehmann (2011) highlighted the significance of prison libraries in fostering literacy and lifelong learning, while Vogel (2014) traced their historical evolution from basic book collections to comprehensive learning environments. Morrison & McDuff (2019) examined the use of digital kiosks and secure tablets, concluding that controlled digital access enhances inmate engagement with educational and vocational content. Emerging technologies such as AI and VR have also been introduced into prison libraries, offering new opportunities for correctional education. Tewell (2018) highlighted AI-

driven research tools that provide personalized learning recommendations and improve legal research efficiency. Johnson & Robbins (2021) explored the potential of VR in vocational training, while Smith et al. (2022) assessed AI-powered library management systems, which improve cataloging and digital resource accessibility. However, despite these advancements, challenges remain. Martinez (2016) analyzed security concerns, noting that strict policies often limit the full potential of technology in prison libraries. Perry & Dalton (2020) discussed digital literacy gaps among inmates, emphasizing the need for structured training programs, while Brown & Harris (2023) reviewed global policies on prison library digitization, revealing disparities in implementation due to cybersecurity and censorship concerns. Overall, the literature underscores the transformative potential of emerging technologies in prison libraries but highlights the need for effective policies to address security risks, infrastructure challenges, and digital literacy barriers.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to explore the integration of digital technologies in prison library services. It uses literature review, and interviews to analyze existing literature, and empirical data. The research aims to identify the benefits, challenges, and policy implications of implementing these technologies in correctional institutions. The findings aim to contribute to policy development and the advancement of digital resources in correctional education.

Emerging Technologies in Prison Library Services:

Prison libraries are crucial resources for incarcerated individuals, providing access to legal materials, literacy programs, vocational training, and recreational reading. Advancements in digital technology are transforming prison libraries by improving information accessibility, promoting digital literacy, and supporting rehabilitation efforts.

Digital library platforms offer a solution to outdated materials and space limitations by providing incarcerated individuals with vast collections of e-books, audiobooks, and digital research databases. E-Book Lending Systems and Legal Research Databases provide inmates with up-to-date legal resources, while Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library management and research help in finding relevant books and legal documents without physical access to library staff. AI is also used for automated cataloging and management, ensuring efficient tracking of borrowed materials and reducing human workload.

Virtual reality (VR) is emerging as a powerful tool in correctional education, providing immersive learning experiences for inmates. Key applications include vocational training, therapeutic and behavioral programs, and secure tablet programs for learning and communication. Secure tablets with restricted internet access allow inmates to access digital libraries, participate in online courses, and engage in rehabilitation programs.

Internet-restricted digital learning platforms provide pre-downloaded educational content and recorded lectures and tutorials for incarcerated learners. However, integrating technology into prison libraries presents challenges such as security concerns, policy and budget constraints, and digital literacy gaps.

For successful integration, policymakers and correctional institutions must develop secure, controlled access frameworks for digital learning tools, provide comprehensive digital literacy training for inmates, partner with educational institutions and technology providers, and implement data privacy and cybersecurity measures.

Emerging technologies are revolutionizing prison library services by expanding access to educational and rehabilitative resources. Despite challenges, continued investment in secure and innovative digital solutions can significantly improve inmate education, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration into society.

The Role of Technology in Prison Libraries:

Technology has the potential to revolutionize prison library services by introducing innovative methods of information access, education, and skill development. By leveraging digital solutions, correctional facilities can overcome traditional library limitations such as restricted book collections, security concerns, and resource shortages. Key technological advancements are reshaping prison library services, including digital libraries and e-books, which provide a vast range of reading materials without the physical constraints of traditional libraries. Benefits include expanded access, cost and space efficiency, and customizable reading experiences for inmates with learning disabilities or vision impairments.

AI-driven technologies can personalize and enhance the prison library experience by providing adaptive learning recommendations, automated research assistance, and library management automation. Immersive learning technologies like VR and AR offer interactive and engaging educational experiences, such as vocational and job training, literacy and language learning, and behavioral and social training.

Online educational platforms provide structured courses that help inmates develop new skills and earn certifications, such as GED and higher education programs, soft skills development, and legal education. Secure tablets and kiosks are being adopted by many correctional facilities to provide controlled digital access to educational and rehabilitative materials. These devices offer digital book and legal resource access, educational and vocational training programs, and mental health and wellness resources.

Integrating technology into prison libraries enhances access to educational and rehabilitative resources while overcoming traditional barriers such as book shortages, security concerns, and limited funding. By leveraging AI, VR, e-learning platforms, and secure digital devices, correctional facilities can create more dynamic and effective learning environments, ultimately supporting inmate rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Benefits of Emerging Technologies in Prison Libraries:

The integration of advanced technologies into prison libraries offers numerous benefits, including enhanced access to information, improved literacy and education, cost-effectiveness, and support for rehabilitation and mental well-being. Digital resources eliminate physical constraints, providing inmates with a broader range of books, legal materials, and educational content. Traditional prison

libraries often face challenges such as outdated books and limited space, but digital collections ensure up-to-date resources.

AI-driven learning platforms and e-learning courses support literacy programs, vocational training, and higher education opportunities. Secure tablets and kiosks allow inmates to engage with interactive learning materials at their own pace, while virtual and augmented reality technologies create immersive educational experiences. These tools not only enhance engagement but also provide practical skills that increase inmates' chances of employment upon release.

The cost-effectiveness of digital solutions reduces costs associated with maintaining traditional prison libraries by streamlining library management and minimizing the need for physical materials. Subscription-based e-book services provide updated resources without the logistical challenges of maintaining large physical collections.

Digital legal resources also improve inmate self-advocacy, empowering them to navigate the justice system effectively. Online legal research databases provide essential information on case law, legal rights, and appeals processes, empowering inmates to advocate for themselves.

The integration of advanced technologies in prison libraries enhances access to knowledge, improves education, reduces costs, supports rehabilitation, and provides legal assistance. Correctional institutions can create a more effective and inclusive learning environment, contributing to inmate reform and promoting successful reintegration into society.

Challenges in Implementing Technology in Prison Libraries:

Emerging technologies in prison libraries face several challenges, including security concerns, limited funding, administrative resistance, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions. Security measures must be implemented to control digital devices and internet access within correctional facilities, as authorities fear misuse of technology for unauthorized communication, cybercrimes, or restricted content. Limited funding also poses a significant challenge, as many prison systems operate on tight budgets and require investment in infrastructure, software updates, digital subscriptions, and training programs.

Resistance from prison administrators and staff can slow the adoption of new technologies, as they may be skeptical about the effectiveness of digital resources in rehabilitation efforts or fear that technology could increase security risks. Overcoming this resistance requires proper training, awareness programs, and evidence-based research demonstrating the positive impact of technology on inmate education and rehabilitation.

Digital literacy among inmates is another barrier, as many have limited exposure to digital tools and require structured instruction and technical support to effectively use e-learning platforms, research databases, and secure communication systems. Regulations on technology use also present a challenge, as they often limit the full potential of digital library services.

While emerging technologies offer transformative opportunities for prison libraries, challenges such as security concerns, funding limitations, administrative resistance, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions must be addressed. A collaborative effort between correctional institutions, policymakers, technology providers, and educational organizations is needed to develop secure, cost-effective, and impactful digital library solutions. With proper investment and

strategic planning, technology can play a crucial role in improving inmate education, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society.

Conclusion:

Emerging technologies in prison libraries can significantly improve education, rehabilitation, and access to information for inmates. These technologies include digital libraries, AI-powered learning tools, virtual reality, and secure tablets, which offer inmates expanded educational opportunities, skill development, and legal resources. These advancements help bridge the gap between incarceration and rehabilitation by fostering literacy, vocational training, and mental well-being. However, challenges such as security concerns, limited funding, resistance to change, digital literacy gaps, and regulatory restrictions hinder widespread adoption. A balanced approach involving correctional institutions, technology providers, policymakers, and educational organizations is essential for developing secure, cost-effective, and scalable solutions. Despite these challenges, the benefits of these technologies in prison libraries outweigh the difficulties. By leveraging digital innovations, correctional facilities can improve inmates' education, increase employment opportunities, and reduce recidivism. As technology evolves, its role in prison library services will become increasingly critical, shaping a more rehabilitative and forward-thinking correctional system.

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IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON LIBRARIES

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Abstract :*Artificial intelligence is going to be a revolutionary technology in the academic libraries. The management of huge quantity of information, analysis, presentation and distribution, which are essential skills of the library profession, have become easy to acquire through Artificial Intelligence. In the computer era, the challenge of controlling the huge amount of information created by the explosion of information has become possible through Artificial Intelligence. Library services are undergoing, and will undergo, drastic changes through AI.At present computer, internet, ICT tools have changed the face of library profession. Making the user experience of libraries more personal, identifying customer needs as a basis for data collected from inside and outside the library, The insights gained from data analysis, as well as inferences to meet the exact needs of customers, are now easily possible through AI.AI is helping to make library services more effective and efficient. The present paper reviews the impact of the evolving technology of artificial intelligence (AI) on libraries and library services.*

Key Words :-*Artificial IntelligenceICT Tools , Digital Technology*

Introduction :-

Library users expect the library to provide personal services according to their needs. Different types of customers have their unique needs. For example, researchers, professors, postgraduate students, students of Guide Research Centers, etc. Through artificial intelligence, customers can be classified and their needs can be analyzed. Information can be provided according to their needs in a very short time from the huge stock of information.Through Artificial Intelligence, it is not only expected to provide information to customers according to their type, but through AI it is possible to identify the exact needs of each customer and provide information to them accordingly.So

customers can get the satisfaction of getting personalized service and they will definitely be attracted towords libraries.

Concept of Artificial Intelligence :-Artificial intelligence is a technology that can think and act like a human being.AI tools built using Artificial Intelligence use the information available to them in an automated manner. As human gets more information, experience and knowledge, his intelligence increases.As such, these AI tools become more intelligent by integrating old and new information and analyzing it properly.

Use of Artificial Intelligence in libraries :- AI is being used in all fields due to the increasing capabilities and scope of AI in the future.Companies like Deepseec have challenged the monopolies of existing AI tools manufacturing companies. Some Artificial Intelligence companies have started providing services more effectively at cheaper rates.
Both information and data are essential in a library. Therefore, many innovative ideas in the field of Artificial Intelligence will have a direct impact on library services.By meeting the expectations of the readers, libraries will increase customer interaction. More expectations of the readers can be fulfilled. In the future services like Hyper personalization, Real time targeting and Intelligent Automation will drastically change the library services.

Changing needs of customers and future trends :- Artificial Intelligence can study what kind of information they want from the request and behaviour of users. In this way products of information packages can be prepared.Not only this, but with the help of available information, the future trend of the customers can be identified through AI and the strategy of the library can be planned in this regard.

Opportunity to implement new ideas: - With the help of delivering the right information to the right readers, the trend of the information they want is known from the browsing of the readers. Information available in the library which is not requested by the readers but is relevant to the readers can be conveyed to the readers.This leads to the reader's response to get relevant information.With the help of AI, analysis of available information blogs, social media post libraries, information products, content products can be created in less time and more attractively.It is a means of attracting readers to libraries. Model Scheduling Day-to-day work Follow-up of readers streamlining these tasks increases efficiency and gives an opportunity to implement new ideas.

Know your user :- The basic information of the readers is obtained through Artificial Intelligence.For example, reading habits, favourite subjects, their next task, in which subject research is going on, which subject is frequently asked about, behaviour patterns of readers, reading habits, educational qualification, aptitude etc.By analyzing all these aspects, any information can be given to readers whenever they want, without any delay.This creates an emotional investment of readers with libraries. Due to the positive attitude towards the library, these readers can promote and spread the library services.

Control over huge amount of information: - Since the onset of computer age, there has been an explosion of information.Libraries are faced with a huge challenge of planning, preserving and distributing the huge amount of information that is available on various subjects and is constantly being added to it.In order to meet the shortage of trained manpower on one hand and the increasing expectations of the readers on the other hand, it has become necessary for libraries to take the help of Artificial Intelligence.

Process of using Artificial Intelligence in Library:- In order to provide library services in a more effective manner, there is a need to have a definite process at the university level, at the state level or at the country level.A certain process can be very effective. The outline of this process will be as follows.

Objectives:- Scope of the library. The nature of information available in the library, the type of user, it is necessary to plan the goal.

Data collection. The quality of AI services depends on the data collected. Library Information Sources Online data must be classified and protected. Along with this, it is necessary to collect extensive customer data.

Determining the model. Depending on the nature of the library services, it is necessary to select an AI tool that has high accuracy of the model as well as the creation of a model that can match the library services.In this, modelling is done using tools like Decision Tree, Ad Abrust, Linear Regression. Models that check the accuracy of this model are also available. Libraries can use many AI tools such as Research Rabbit, Puzzle labs, Open read, Lateral.

Model training :- Model training is necessary to ensure that the selected models match the nature of the work, the services to be provided, the type of customers they want, and the data available.Also the customer center user interface needs to be designed so that readers can get the right information more accurately.

Quality Control:-Using AI for libraries can lead to various types of errors.This can be done using tools that use AI algorithms such as visual pattern and anomaly detection error detection.Therefore, the quality control work is done quickly and more effectively. Many parameters can also be determined while providing the information in the library to the customers.

Maintenanceof Data :- There is continuous flow of information like print digital online etc. in the library.It is necessary to classify and save the exact useful print and online information from different types of books, information sources, and consortia.Information that is frequently requested, books, information that is useful but requested after a certain period of time, information that is useful but rarely requested, all need to be managed through AI. Without it, this information will not be able to be supplied to the right person. AI can be very important in this regard

Advantages :- Due to Artificial Intelligence it is possible to provide personal service to the readers. Also they can get what they need and in the form they want without delay. Therefore, readers will have a strong relationship with the library.
New opportunity for employment creation:- Due to the use of Artificial Intelligence, there will be a drastic change in the services of libraries. It will be necessary to provide adequate manpower to provide various services as per the demand of the customers. Adoption of AI is a new opportunity for job creation.

Accuracy:- The use of AI in library services is significant in providing accurate and precise information required by the readers from the huge pool of information available. This not only saves the time of the reader but also provides the reader with the exact and useful information he wants.

Emergence of new library services :- New services can be included in library services through Artificial Intelligence. For example, if the information required by the readers is not available in a language they do not know, the library can provide this information in a translated form through AI technology.Instead of just providing desired information, this information can also be provided in the form of culture, editing and analysis of that information keeping in mind the purpose of the readers.

Limitations :-

1) Artificial Intelligence cannot think out of the box, it creates information product by analyzing the available information around. Therefore, maximum use of information sources available in the library can be made.
2) 2) Using AI, fake news is automatically generated to appear authentic.
3) 3) The rules and regulations regarding Artificial Intelligence need to be tightened. Because the information generated by the AI is created by combining the articles of the four authors. This may raise a copyright issue.
4) Customer data can be taken elsewhere or outside the country through AI tool
5) The need for staff training to adapt to new technologies.

Conclusion :-

1. There is an opinion that the new technology of Artificial Intelligence will adversely affect library services, reducing the need for libraries. And another view is that AI will revolutionize library services, allowing libraries to provide services more efficiently, creating new jobs.Both schools of thought have merit when tested on quality.The integration of AI in libraries brings both opportunities and challenges.

2. Information & data are both extremely important in AI and libraries. Therefore, both of them complement each other.

3. The use of AI by libraries will not only bring about a radical change in library services, but many new library services will be possible through AI.

4. The scope of AI has increased tremendously due to the increasing capabilities with the continuous use of AI in every field. Competition has started among companies providing AI services and companies like Deepsec have started offering artificial intelligence services more efficiently and at cheaper rates, challenging the companies that have a monopoly on AI tools.

Therefore, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the library is inevitable. For this, it is essential for library professionals to acquire the technology of Artificial Intelligence for the existence of libraries.

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IMPACT OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES : ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract: *There is the potential for using a broad array of contemporary technologies in libraries. Emerging technology are those that have attained the level of peak acceptance. The categories of emerging technology are those that support user services, instructions, library management, and technical services. The new technologies have introduced enormous potential to all libraries in the globe to improve user access to library and information services. Libraries in developed nations used emerging technologies such as Robotics, Cloud Computing, RFID, Big Data, Institutional Repositories, Virtual and Augmented Reality, Book Delivery Drones, and Web 2.0 to provide their library and information services. It should not be a different scenario for Nigeria and other developing nations because these technologies are designed to assist all those involved in providing services for all. This paper discusses emerging technology, emerging technology in and for libraries by examining the literature available. Several benefits of introducing emerging technology into libraries have been documented to include increased patronage, cost and time saving, and brand loyalty. Furthermore, some problems that limit the widespread use of developing technologies in libraries were documented. The article concluded with significant recommendations for the solution of the problems.*

Keywords: *Emerging Technologies, Libraries, Issues, Impacts, Opportunities*

Introduction

Libraries are responsible for collecting, compiling, archiving, retrieving, and exhibiting information to users. This has been the basic function of libraries from the beginning of time to the Internet age. Nevertheless, the provision of library and information services across the world experienced a paradigm shift with the arrival of the twenty-first century. Information technology

(IT) is a phenomenon that arrives as a need to all human progress, and the effect it has on information services such as libraries cannot be underestimated in any manner. Librarianship core competencies to obtain, organize, and share information have not been undermined by their lengthy history and development (Chloe, 2018).
The arrival of computers, internet, and other information and ICT capabilities, nowadays libraries collect and preserve material in different forms and provide information services (Iwhiwhu, & Okorodudu, 2012; Jantti, 2016).

According to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) (2001), nowadays libraries are institutions where materials are kept in different forms and are professionally arranged for educating, informing, and entertaining individuals as well as facilitating personal learning and society as a whole. In order to assist the members of the host communities in learning and research work, libraries collect, organize, and share information resources in different media.

According to International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions IFLA 2001 libraries are currently materials stored in forms of collections put together according to experts that mainly provide enlightenment for educating informing or entertaining a reader for enhancing a personal learn about things but advance the greater interests of humanity generally. Support the efforts of learning and research from members of the host communities by gathering, codifying, and transmitting information resources in different media. Long-established is the drive of information and communication technology to progress and develop society. Virtually endless are the resources of information necessary for the development of all industries in the world. The library application must considerably contribute to satisfying the user's informational needs. It is worth noting that the advancement of information and communication technology has greatly affected the quality of knowledge available in libraries, as Vysakh (2020) commented. Moreover, it also allows competent and adequate library services towards all patrons in other academic fields. The new technologies that have resulted from the use of ICTs have brought along a plethora of new technologies to be used in libraries and information hubs. Information acquisition and dissemination have thus changed.

The effect of ICT, information and communication technology, on libraries is fantastic. It has brought about changes in the thought process, behavior, communication, and work patterns of people. This is because of the ICT and globalization, which replaced old-fashioned libraries with digital libraries. All this is computerized. So, the functioning of libraries has shifted from service-oriented to user-oriented, focusing on user needs. New technologies have been integrated into library science, libraries have been rechristened as a result, among other things, as Digital Libraries, Virtual Libraries, Hybrid Libraries, Library Without Walls, and Library 2.0. Information Officer, Information Scientist, Documentation Officer, etc., are the name and the job of the librarian now. Libraries are at our beck and call whenever we want (Mittal, 2017).

Because of the technological advancements, information and library service administration has improved, according to the explanation provided by Barathi, Loganathan, & Rajan in 2017. The paper helps in bridging a gap in the literature on managing digital library projects by discussing the issues pertaining to integrating and utilizing cutting-edge technologies and innovative practices in libraries. Developing identifies, assesses, and puts into practice new and existing technology in library administration and services. Technology developments and other constraints on library service management have to be realigned frequently in order to fit into the changing environment.

Emerging Technologies for Libraries

Emerging technologies are those technologies that have reached the ultimate stage of acceptance claim (Cervone, 2010). These are emerging technologies that are still in the development phase, with no name yet in their respective fields of use, but with the potential to solve problems and open up additional opportunities for development in those topics (Rathna & Divyananda, 2018). Emerging technologies are defined as those technologies that are still in their early stages, but have the potential to transform the way people live and address some of the world's biggest problems. Emerging technologies offer solutions to a range of problems, aid in the creation of a range of existing facilities, and offer opportunities for the creation of new ones. Several emerging factors drive information management and information services to new modes of existence. In recent trends, several factors influence: volatile technologies, tech-savvy hyperactive user behavior, hyper-connected cultures, liberalized access to information, re-defined information security, snowballing digitalization of business and administration at all levels, user-centric and user-driven information and services, and an on-line and cooperative learning environment.

a. Big Data: Due to the overpowering influence of ICT, huge amounts of data are being created day after day by ordinary people, scientists, researchers, and other concerned groups in every nook and corner of the globe. Storage, processing, retrieval, and transmission of this data present huge challenges to information professionals as well as to data managers (Karimi, 2014). Library and information professionals can benefit significantly from the storing and processing of huge sets of data since they possess the required skill and experience in exploiting the huge sets of data for maximum advantages (Princh, 2019).

b. Institutional Repository (IR): An institutional repository is an institution's digital repository where its intellectual and research output is deposited (Karimi, 2014). It publishes the best scholarship of the institution on the web so that individuals anywhere in the world can access it. That is, an IR is a facility that a research organization provides to the academic and research communities in which it operates to manage and effectively disseminate the output of research produced by those communities. It is utilized by high-rated academic and research institutions to facilitate access to research publications.

c. Cloud Computing: Cloud computing is a system that utilizes the web (Internet) and central remote servers to store data, software, and applications. In the opinion of Waljat (2018), cloud computing enables users to access their private and professional files from any computer that is connected to the internet without the need to install software on their local workstation.

d. Internet of Things (IoT): The internet has greatly influenced most aspects of human existence and activity in this era of information and communication technology. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the most advanced emerging technology that can effectively influence library users through the provision of quick and easy effective services. It does away with human contact as any physical or artificial object can speak and share information using IP addresses.

e. Robotics: Robotics appears to be very fabulous in assisting human beings in the wisest possible manner. (Harris, 2012). In libraries, robots scan printed materials in real time through a Web interface.

f. RFID: RFID, an efficient tool for collection management, is a system which enables the automatic identification and tracking of items. Transponder, also called a tag or microchip, is mounted on an antenna in an RFID system. Simple data like an identity number or extensive information can be accepted by a user (Waljat, 2018).

g. Artificial Intelligence: Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming ubiquitous in the modern world. In the science and technology era of the modern age, artificial intelligence (AI) is the study of mental faculties using computing models.

Used Emerging Technologies for Service Delivery in Libraries

Emerging technologies are utilized for service delivery in the library, as per Vysakh (2020) and Frey (2014). Many technologies have recently emerged, and some of these technological facilities are used in the library. Artificially Intelligent Robots have entered almost all the spheres of life including libraries which can do things even humans can't with more efficiency.

Robots can be used for a variety of operations within the library which include, filing, sorting, and replacing the books on the shelf, taking inventory, welcoming and directing guests and users to different locations in the library, and answering frequently asked questions among others. This technology has been piloted in many libraries among them include; NY Public Library, Temasek Polytechnic Library, UMKC Library, University of Chicago Library, Shanghai Library, and so on (Vysakh, 2020). Many the libraries abroad like Dubai Library, Rose Memorial Library, NY Public Library, and Florida Library have already started using drones as an efficient tool for the delivery of books from library to patrons and vice versa, where users request books via mobile library app, concern sections receive and process the requests, the ordered book will then be checked and handed over to the drone section, drone pilot attaches the book and make it flies to the user doorstep and thereby flies back after delivery(Rouse, 2018). Big data are a large and complex

amount of data sets that traditional data processing application fails to capture, store, share, transfer, and analysis. Big data has a direct impact on libraries as the professionals use big data tools to analyze their large data like to know the users better to provide services with complete efficiency ((Sonawane and Sane, 2018). A library like Harvard University Library as highlighted by Ball (2019), uses big data for data mining and text analytics for decision making, user behavior analysis, and developing library collections and monitoring usage of library resources.

Advantages of Using Emerging Technology in Libraries

The following are some advantages of emerging technologies to libraries based on Neogi and Partap (2019);

I. Emerging technologies improve the capacity of libraries to offer even faster and better services.
II. It influences librarians' and the library's creativity, problem-solving ability, and self-concept.
III. It processes innovations that provide additional value to products and current services.
IV. Library knowledge and other opportunities were enhanced.
V. Quick service is easy to deliver.
VI. Time-saving.

While there are numerous issues confronting the Nigerian academic libraries, there is an opportunity to search and put into use new, emerging technologies for the provision of library services with a sense of relevance in society. Perhaps one of the key factors that will redeem libraries is Open-Source Emerging Technologies (OSET). Savard and Dione (2007) in Bichi (2021), concurred that the management of automated library systems and other information management technologies is challenging in developing countries because of the lack of resources that would enable them to access technological tools as well as developed countries. The authors concluded that, if well managed, open-source software could be an answer to the issues. As a result of the information and communication technology, libraries employ myriad technologies that make the services offered. The information services are offered on a daily basis to the public because of new innovations in the technology sector. Libraries, therefore, gain from these emerging technologies in all activities, which range from the selection of information to its dissemination (Bichi, 2021).

Challenges Limiting the Use of Emerging Technologies in Libraries

Despite the many advantages of modern technology to the libraries, there are a number of barriers that hinder effective use and utilization of these resources, as noted by Krubu & Asowaru (2011) and Bichi (2021). The most significant hindrances to the effective use of technology resources by Nigerian libraries are poor search skills, poor budget, epileptic power supply, and insufficient proper training and retraining of staff and management. The adoption of new technologies has been bedeviled by poor finance, poor capacity, and unstable power supply. Lubanga and Mumba (2021) posit that a number of barriers have hindered the utilization of high-end technologies among libraries, such as the absence of well-established research and innovation centers, the ambiguity of the nature of technological advancement in the twenty-first century, and university cultures that are not research- and innovation-friendly.

In the opinion of Saibakumo (2021), the biggest challenges to the use of new technology are a lack of funds, an inefficient power supply, and a lack of maintenance. Information cost and quality are both rising. Fiscal restraints, a lack of maintenance, cultural modernization, and a record conversion issue can be attributed to infrastructure issues, a lack of informatics/learning, and a lack of government support. Because of the ongoing digital revolution, Nigeria and other developing countries are faced with a chain of issues (Ajie, 2019). New technology has not been embraced in libraries in full because of institutional constraints, a lack of training of the employees, insufficient funding, and the absence of staff time (Golz, 2014). Wastage of time and issues regarding privacy violation are two of the biggest issues brought about by the use of Web 2.0 technologies in library services (Hussain and Jan 2018). The greatest challenges to the use of the latest technology in academic libraries were found to be a lack of funds for the library, a lack of effective library staff or a user education program for library technology improvement, and frequent power outages (Jan and Sheikh, 2014). The challenges to the use and implementation of new technologies in libraries were found by Oghenetega, Umeji, & Oboe in 2014; Okojie and Okiy in 2019; the challenges include lack of funds, an irregular power supply, a lack of trained staff, and government policies, among others. Makori and Mauti (2016) also found a lack of know-how, ICT infrastructure, information resources, social computers, weak institutional and physical structures, and a lack of skills and competence as challenges to the implementation of digital technology.

Conclusion and Recommendation

New technologies have established itself in libraries as a transformation in the deliveries of information services, there is rapid transition from hard to soft and print to digital as the case may be. The need for library users is also changing literally mimicking the changing global environmental climate just to buttress the point that this change is almost uncontrolled by evident factors like management-system of libraries. The study carefully look into emerging technologies and emerging technologies for libraries, which include Robotic, Artificial Intelligence, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Internet of Things (IoT), and many more, the used emerging technologies for service delivery in libraries, opportunities of using emerging technologies in libraries; to include, it has an impact on librarians' and the library's creativity, problem-solving skills, and self-image, it helps to process innovations and bring value to existing products and services, it strengthened library knowledge and opportunities for the future, and the challenges limiting the use of these technologies were as well discussed.

It is advised that full implementation of policies on the establishment and incorporation of modern technologies in libraries. Increased funding of libraries

and constant training and retraining of librarians on how best to manipulate emerging technologies to be adopted in libraries.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract:*The rapid advancement of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Big Data, and the Internet of Things (IoT) is transforming library systems worldwide, including in India. Indian libraries, spanning academic, public, and special libraries, are increasingly integrating these technologies to enhance information access, automate services, and improve user engagement. However, this transition presents significant challenges, including financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, cybersecurity risks, and resistance to change. This paper explores the impact of emerging technologies on Indian libraries, examining both the opportunities they create—such as improved cataloging, personalized services, and efficient resource management—and the obstacles that hinder their widespread adoption. Through a review of existing literature and case studies, the study identifies best practices and strategies for overcoming these challenges, ultimately advocating for policy reforms, infrastructure development, and skill enhancement programs to ensure a sustainable technological transformation in Indian libraries.*

Keywords:*Emerging Technologies, Indian Libraries, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation, Library Automation*

Introduction:

Libraries have long been essential for knowledge dissemination, cultural heritage preservation, and academic and research activities. However, the digital era has transformed this role, necessitating

libraries to adapt to technological advancements. Emerging technologies like AI, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Big Data, IoT, cloud computing, and automation are reshaping the traditional library ecosystem, offering opportunities for enhancing operations, improving information access, and providing personalized services. Indian libraries, including academic, public, and special libraries, are increasingly recognizing the potential of these technologies in optimizing library management and user engagement.

Indian institutions are implementing AI-powered search engines, RFID systems for automated book tracking, cloud-based digital repositories for remote access, and Big Data analytics to understand user preferences and improve collection management. The integration of mobile applications, virtual reference services, and smart library solutions has expanded the reach of libraries, enabling users to access knowledge resources beyond physical boundaries.
However, the adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries faces challenges such as financial constraints, a digital divide between urban and rural libraries, lack of digital literacy and technical expertise among library professionals, resistance to change, cybersecurity threats, data privacy issues, and the need for policy frameworks.

The dynamic nature of technology requires continuous learning, adaptation, and investment in upskilling library professionals. The success of technological integration in Indian libraries depends on the availability of financial and infrastructural resources, effective training programs, institutional support, and national policy interventions. Addressing these challenges strategically is crucial to ensure libraries can harness the full potential of emerging technologies and continue to serve as vital centers of knowledge and learning in the digital age.

Objective of Research:

1) To explore the role of emerging technologies in transforming Indian libraries, identifying both the opportunities they present and the challenges that hinder their effective adoption.
2) To Examine how technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, Blockchain, the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, and automation are influencing library management, service delivery, and user engagement in Indian libraries.
3) ToInvestigate the potential benefits of technological integration, including enhanced accessibility, improved cataloging, automation of routine tasks, personalized user experiences, and better resource management.
4) To Explore financial, infrastructural, technical, and human resource-related barriers that hinder the seamless adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries, with a special focus on digital literacy, cybersecurity, policy limitations, and the urban-rural digital divide.
5) To Evaluate the extent to which Indian libraries have incorporated modern technologies, highlighting best practices, case studies, and successful implementations in academic, public, and special libraries.

Literature Review:

The integration of emerging technologies in Indian libraries has been widely studied, highlighting both opportunities and challenges. Chari (2023) explored the shift from traditional to digital platforms, emphasizing the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and cloud computing in enhancing user experiences and library operations. Similarly, Sonawane and Dongare (2023) examined the application of these technologies, discussing their benefits and implementation barriers. A study published in *Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research* (2024) identified key trends such as blockchain, facial recognition, virtual reality, and robots, assessing their potential impact on libraries. In a broader analysis, a 2022 study on "The Future of Libraries" examined the role of AI, virtual and augmented reality, and cloud computing in library services, stressing the importance of strategic planning for successful integration. Ramesh Babu and Gopalakrishnan (2018) investigated the digital competencies of library professionals in Tamil Nadu, highlighting the urgent need for continuous training and skill development to manage emerging technologies effectively. Collectively, these studies emphasize that while emerging technologies offer transformative potential for Indian libraries, issues such as infrastructure limitations, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, and policy shortcomings must be addressed through strategic planning, professional development, and proactive innovation adoption.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to analyze the impact of emerging technologies in Indian libraries. It uses a survey, interviews, literature review, official reports, and web-based sources to assess the adoption of these technologies. The research uses purposive sampling to select participants from diverse libraries across India. The study uses quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, and comparative analysis to evaluate the adoption of these technologies and provide recommendations for better implementation strategies and policy improvements.

Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries: Challenges & Opportunities

Library services are being transformed by emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Big Data, Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and cloud computing. These technologies are enhancing information access, automation, and user engagement in Indian libraries. AI-powered systems are improving library search capabilities, automating cataloging, and providing personalized recommendations to users. AI-based chatbots are increasingly being used to offer virtual reference services, reducing the workload on librarians and improving user satisfaction.

The Internet of Things (IoT) technology is enabling smart libraries where RFID and sensor-based systems automate book tracking, self-checkout, and security. IoT devices help in real-time monitoring of library infrastructure, improving operational efficiency. Blockchain technology has the potential to enhance data security, streamline interlibrary loan systems, and ensure the authenticity of digital records. It provides a decentralized and tamper-proof ledger for storing library transactions, improving transparency and security.

Big Data and Data Analytics are being utilized by libraries to study user behavior, optimize book collections, and enhance resource allocation. Cloud computing allows seamless access to digital collections, e-books, and research databases from remote locations, reducing infrastructure costs by eliminating the need for physical servers. Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR & AR) technologies are being used in libraries to create immersive learning environments, offering virtual library tours, interactive exhibits, and digital storytelling experiences.

Opportunities for Indian libraries include enhanced accessibility, automation and efficiency, improved user experience, data-driven decision-making, cost-effective solutions, and preservation of cultural heritage. However, several challenges hinder the seamless adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries. Financial constraints, the digital divide, lack of digital literacy, cybersecurity concerns, resistance to change, and policy and regulatory barriers are some of the challenges.

To overcome these challenges, strategies can be adopted: increased government and institutional funding, capacity building and training, public-private partnerships, development of national policies, strengthening cybersecurity measures, and bridging the digital divide. By addressing key challenges related to financial constraints, infrastructure, digital literacy, and policy frameworks, Indian libraries can harness the power of AI, IoT, blockchain, and other technologies to create a smarter, more inclusive, and technologically advanced library ecosystem.

Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed the landscape of library services in India, making them dynamic knowledge hubs that integrate technology to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and user experience. Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics are revolutionizing how libraries function, manage information, and engage with users.

Artificial Intelligence and ML are playing a crucial role in the automation of various library functions, enabling intelligent search functionalities, automated cataloging, and personalized recommendations for users. AI-based systems assist in the classification and cataloging of books and digital resources, reducing human effort and ensuring accuracy. Personalized recommendations are suggested by AI-driven recommendation engines, which analyze user preferences and reading habits to suggest relevant books, research papers, and digital resources, improving user engagement.

AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants are being implemented to assist users in searching for books, answering queries, and navigating digital repositories. Predictive analytics for user engagement help libraries anticipate user needs by analyzing past search behaviors, thereby optimizing book acquisitions and service improvements.

The Internet of Things (IoT) is enhancing library operational efficiency by integrating smart technologies for resource management and security. IoT enables real-time monitoring, automation, and optimization of library services. RFID-based book tracking, smart shelves and inventory management, automated environmental controls, and library space utilization optimization are some of the smart technologies being used.

Blockchain technology is emerging as a secure and decentralized solution for maintaining the authenticity and integrity of library records. It ensures transparent and tamper-proof management of digital resources, interlibrary loans, and research archives. It also provides secure and tamper-proof record-keeping, decentralized access to resources, smart contracts for interlibrary loan transactions, and plagiarism and copyright protection.

Cloud computing is revolutionizing library infrastructure by offering cost-effective and scalable solutions for data storage, remote access, and collaborative research. Cloud-based library systems allow users to access e-books, research papers, and digital archives from anywhere, breaking geographical barriers. Cost-effective data storage solutions eliminate the need for expensive physical servers, reducing operational costs while ensuring secure and scalable storage solutions.

Big Data Analytics is transforming libraries by providing valuable insights into user behavior, optimizing resource allocation, and improving decision-making processes. By analyzing vast amounts of data, libraries can enhance their service offerings and collection development strategies.

Emerging technologies are revolutionizing Indian libraries by enhancing accessibility, automation, and user engagement. However, libraries must address challenges such as financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, and cybersecurity risks. With strategic planning, investments in digital infrastructure, and training programs, Indian libraries can fully leverage these technologies to become modern, efficient, and user-centric knowledge hubs.

Opportunities Presented by Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The integration of emerging technologies in Indian libraries presents a transformative opportunity to enhance accessibility, streamline management, increase user engagement, preserve cultural heritage, and optimize costs. These advancements are reshaping libraries from traditional physical spaces into dynamic digital knowledge hubs that cater to the needs of modern users. As Indian libraries increasingly adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics, they are unlocking new possibilities for efficiency, inclusivity, and innovation.

Emerging technologies in libraries make information more accessible by breaking barriers related to location, disability, and limited resources. AI-driven search and discovery enable intuitive, context-based searches that help users retrieve relevant materials faster. Digital repositories store vast amounts of information, including e-books, research papers, audio-visual content, and historical records, making them accessible anytime and anywhere.

Emerging technologies automate many traditional processes, making library services more efficient. Automated cataloging and indexing, RFID-based self-checkout and tracking systems, IoT-enabled smart libraries, automated environmental controls for book preservation, and library space utilization optimization are some of the key opportunities provided by these technologies.

Modern libraries must go beyond traditional book lending services to engage users with interactive and immersive experiences. Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR) for interactive learning, AI-powered personalized recommendations, gamification in library services, and voice-activated assistants can help users locate books, access digital resources, and navigate library services through simple voice commands.

Emerging technologies are providing innovative ways to safeguard rare manuscripts, ancient texts, and historical documents. Digital Archiving and Blockchain-Based Record Keeping ensure the longevity of rare books and historical records, while AI-Assisted Restoration of Fragile Documents help restore old and damaged manuscripts by reconstructing faded text, enhancing image clarity, and detecting missing content.

Implementing emerging technologies allows libraries to optimize their budgets by reducing operational costs and maximizing resource utilization. Cloud computing for cost-effective data storage eliminates the need for expensive physical servers, reducing infrastructure costs. AI-driven resource allocation and budget optimization help libraries make data-driven decisions regarding book acquisitions, licensing of digital materials, and allocation of funds. Open-source Library Management Systems (LMS) offer advanced cataloging, user management, and reporting features without the high costs associated with proprietary software.

The adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries presents a transformative opportunity to evolve into modern, efficient, and user-centric knowledge centers. By integrating AI, IoT, blockchain, cloud computing, and big data analytics, libraries can significantly enhance accessibility, streamline operations, improve user engagement, preserve cultural heritage, and reduce costs. However, the full potential of these technologies can only be realized through strategic investments, training programs, and policy support. With the right approach, Indian libraries can harness these innovations to remain relevant in the digital age and continue serving as essential pillars of education, research, and cultural preservation.

Challenges in Implementation of Emerging Technologies in Indian Libraries:

Emerging technologies in Indian libraries present numerous opportunities, but their successful implementation faces several significant challenges. These include infrastructure disparity, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, security concerns, and resistance to change. Infrastructure deficits, particularly between urban and rural areas, hinder the integration of cloud-based services, digital repositories, and AI-driven tools. Inadequate IT infrastructure, power supply issues, and limited availability of digital resources also pose challenges.

To address these challenges, government initiatives, investment in solar-powered or backup energy solutions, and the development of cost-effective mobile library solutions are potential solutions. Financial constraints include high initial investment costs, cost of training and skill development, licensing fees for proprietary software, and sustainability of digital services. Open-source library management software can reduce costs, and collaboration between government agencies, private institutions, and NGOs can fund technology integration. Public-private partnerships (PPPs) can support digital transformation in libraries.

A key challenge in the adoption of emerging technologies is the digital literacy gap among both library staff and users. Many librarians lack the necessary training to operate AI-powered search engines, cloud storage systems, and big data analytics tools. Users may struggle to adapt to new systems, and there is a shortage of IT support personnel. Solutions include conducting regular digital literacy workshops for both library staff and users, developing user-friendly interfaces for digital library systems, and encouraging collaboration with universities and technology institutions. Data security and privacy concerns are also significant. Libraries store vast amounts of sensitive data, making them potential targets for cyberattacks. Cloud-based storage raises concerns about unauthorized data access and potential data breaches. AI-powered personalization collects user data to provide personalized suggestions, but improper handling can lead to privacy violations. Blockchain for record-keeping requires specialized knowledge and high computational costs. Solutions include strong encryption and multi-factor authentication, adopting data protection regulations aligned with global privacy standards, training librarians in cybersecurity best practices, and using decentralized blockchain networks to enhance security while minimizing costs. Resistance to change is another challenge. Traditional workflows and comfort with conventional methods may resist switching to AI-powered or automated solutions. Staff members may fear automation will reduce the need for human librarians, leading to job insecurity. Some library users may be reluctant to adopt digital solutions, and solutions include implementing gradual technology adoption strategies rather than abrupt transitions, conducting awareness campaigns to highlight the benefits of emerging technologies, providing reassurances that technology will complement, not replace, human librarians, and encouraging a hybrid approach where traditional and digital services coexist.

While emerging technologies present immense opportunities for Indian libraries, several challenges must be addressed to ensure their successful implementation. By investing in digital infrastructure, promoting digital literacy, securing funding, and ensuring data privacy, Indian libraries can fully embrace the benefits of AI, IoT, cloud computing, and blockchain. Collaborative efforts between government agencies, educational institutions, and technology providers will be crucial in overcoming these challenges and making libraries more accessible, efficient, and future-ready.

Conclusion:

The adoption of emerging technologies in Indian libraries marks a significant shift in how information is accessed, managed, and preserved. Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Big Data Analytics offer transformative opportunities, making libraries more efficient, accessible, and user-friendly. These advancements enable automated cataloging, personalized recommendations, digital repositories, and interactive learning experiences, ultimately enhancing the role of libraries as knowledge hubs in the digital era.However, despite these opportunities, several challenges hinder seamless implementation. Infrastructure limitations, particularly in rural areas, financial constraints, digital literacy gaps, data security concerns, and resistance to change pose significant barriers. Addressing these issues requires strategic investment in digital infrastructure, extensive training programs for library staff and users, robust cybersecurity measures, and policy support from both government and private sectors.

To successfully integrate these technologies, Indian libraries must adopt a balanced approachleveraging innovation while ensuring inclusivity and sustainability. Collaborative efforts between policymakers, educational institutions, technology providers, and library professionals will be crucial in bridging the digital divide and maximizing the potential of modern library systems. With proper planning and execution, emerging technologies can transform Indian libraries into dynamic, future-ready institutions that continue to foster knowledge, research, and cultural preservation for generations to come.

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ADVANCES IN INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL: A PANORAMIC VIEW OF MODERN DAY LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *Data has turned into a fundamental item in our everyday life. We are residing in the data driven time, where the choices are taken in view of the data called 'informed dynamic cycle.' As the data develops, considerably more after the innovation of Web and web advances, contributes dominatingly to the data blast, consequently related data contamination. As how much data grows, a connected pattern of data stockpiling idea developed.Todaydatadevelopmentis straightforwardlyrelatedor affectedonthecapacity gadgets/medium. As how much capacity and handling has developed, the intricacy of the information and the difficulties of working with it have additionally sped up. In this article the writer has examined, the manner in which library data and capacity impressions have remained closely connected and a rundown of few related devices and advancements*

fuel the pattern of data stockpiling and its resulting recovery with an accentuation on data recovery and search methods. The library and data administrations have seen progress because of reasonable, innovative and clients' necessities. The new improvements in the instructive associations and the clients' requirements have tracked down hardly any mechanical variables to think about evolving patterns. The part has talked about different perspectiveslikeadministrations,their structure,adjustmentsand jobin library'ssituation in the scholarly local area. The library staff and slow improvements have been examined alongside the infrastructural qualities in library.

***Keywords**: Web, Web innovations, Data blast, Data contamination, Data storage, Information recovery, devices recovery librarianship, demonstrating, scholastics, computerized.*

Introduction

Many individuals are known about the possibility of Moore's Regulation: that how much PC handling power per chip copies like clockwork. A comparable thought, advanced by Imprint Kryder, the previous President of Seagate, proposes that how much information stockpiling one can fit on a given region of an attractive medium likewise pairs at regular intervals. So is the data multiplying process happens like clockwork. Much appreciated are because of this speeding up pattern, medical clinics, schools, producers, universities, retailers, state run administrations and their organizations, libraries have started to gather and store gigantic measures of information to be utilized and store for some time later. The fundamental objective is to utilize this information to offer new benefit loaded administrations or to work on by and large proficiency in navigation. The library and data administrations have gone through colossal changes because of reasonable, innovative and clients' requirements. The changestage during any turn of events and headway made ina specific bearing gives traces of the different parts of headings of library's anxiety. The new improvements in the mechanical regions have constrained libraries to think about the reception of progress. Different areas of library housekeeping capabilities have confronted progress in their tasks, schedules and focuses to be accomplished. The improvement of administrations and regions to serve have been isolated into different parts and examined inelaborativemanner. Theplanning ofparthasbeen finishedina manner thatcontainsthe subtleties of late improvements in down to earth sense. The topical clarifications and subject wise conversations give the excursion of library's turn of events. The reasonable thoughts have turned out in the planning and improvements of library climate. A bunch of aspects, for example,"happy; context; connectivity; consideration; collaboration; construction; certainty and progression" has been related with changing of "acomputerized social legacy library". The progress of libraries came about into the informationonroutein theviewpointsofdata innovationand colossallycentered staff.The features, for example, teaching the clients through the data proficiency and met literacy; Electronic Data Assets Assortment, Building and The executives and Formation of Web presence among Library Clients are featured. Computerized Data Administrations and waving the newness of development; Making Mindfulness by being among the clients and upgrading learning and need of "Development and serving the clients at individual level" have been examined with regards to job in research support.

Basicconceptofinformationstorage

Efficient course of gathering, ordering, indexing and orchestrating the data, so that the data can be looked/found and showed upon demand all day, every day is called data capacity and recovery. PCs and information handling procedures have made it conceivable to get to the rapid and a lot of data for government, business, and scholastic purposes. As indicated by Reference book of Clinical ideas, Essential idea of data stockpiling and recovery is a "part of PC or library science connecting with stockpiling, finding, lookingand choosing, upon request, pertinent information on a given subject". The significant obstructions behind current data stockpiling and recovery endeavors are the incredible volumeofinformationpouring from our printmachinesand our powerlessnessto findalot of many it has showed up. Thus legitimate recovery is the key despite the fact that the information is there put away in an information stockpiling medium.

Data innovation has changed the entire world into a worldwide town with a worldwide economy, which is progressively reliant upon the imaginative administration and conveyance of data. Over the course of the last many years the world has been encountering tremendous changes in which theneed to gain, use and offer information has become progressively fundamental. Presently, in the 21st 100 years, the period of information and data is in its higher stuff. This is an age when undetectable informationand data play the job of central players driving all area. The World Bank has utilized analogy "information is improvement". All in all, absence of information is to a great extent liable for underdevelopment. In an information and data situated society, imaginative cerebrums become heads of economy and information laborers are overwhelmingly popular.Ontheoffchancethatinformationcanbecomparedwithadvancement,then,at that point, the more extensive the information hole, the more extensive the improvement hole.

Electronicstorage

Information capacity has forever been something that is, has been and will mean a lot to progress. Our way of life is established on the possibility that information and data are the most vital assets anybody can have for going with better choices. The mantra "data/information is power" obviously depicts this story. Consequently, the advancementof information stockpiling means quite a bit to realms, developments and countries from old to the present. This development normally started with the introduction of libraries as the essential method for examining data from sources accessible all over. Lords in those timescomprehendedthattheycangetadvantagebyacquiringasyndicationondata.Thisis especially valid for military techniques as the countries with the mightiest armed forces were frequently bound to administer the world. In any case, there was likewise a lot of interest in different information like populace and socioeconomics, even data about scholarly and human expression. The old library of Alexandria in Egypt was viewed as one of the 7 Miracles of the Old World in light of this conviction itself.

Quickforwardto themidtwentieth100years, whendatachangedgraduallyintothe type

of electronic. The primary type of electronic information stockpiling was the Ferrite dab or center which was utilized in the underlying PC processors. Right now, memory centers were just great for putting away around 4KB of information and were a couple of millimeters across, about the size of a bean. The development of information stockpilinggot a lift during the 1950s with the reception of the half-inch tape covered with oxide. IBM spearheaded the utilization of this innovation and brought about the capacity to store greater measures of information, as much as 220MB now and again. Everybody from the nursing specialist to designing organizations profited from this transformation. This likewise made ready for additional refined advancements in the bygone eras starting with the LTO (Direct Tape-Open) tape innovation from IBM, HP and Seagate. The following leap in the capacity medium has happened during the 1970s when Philips presented the optical stockpiling gadget. The WORM media, or "compose once read many", came from this empowering a greater stockpiling limit of up to 5GB. One can test it and furthermore guarantee a serious level of dependability andexactness. Fundamentally, the improvement of the laser empowered this innovation to be conceivable. Magneto optical circles addressed the best illustration of the optical media stockpiling stage and in any event, stretching out into the present with the Blu-beam innovation as a branch-off of a similar stage change procedure used to code attractive plates.

Cloudstorage

Distributed storage signifies "the capacity of information online in the cloud," wherein an organization's information is put away in and open from various dispersed and associated assets that contain a cloud. Distributed storage can give the advantages of more prominent availability and dependability; fast arrangement; solid assurance and Information reinforcement, chronicled and calamity recuperation purposes; what's more, lower by and large capacity costs because of not buying, oversee and keep up with costly equipment. In any case, distributed storage has the potential for security and consistence concerns (however very minimal).Cloud Stockpiling offers libraries a strong, straightforward, financially savvy, tough and profoundly accessible (with 0.00 blackout) object capacity. Cloud has empowered three straightforward item choices to assist libraries with working on the presentation of the applications while keeping the costs low. These three item choices utilize similar Programming interface, furnishing you with a basic and predictable technique for access. Google has spearheaded in this area and coming up next are the three choices given by Google are;

StandardStorage

Standard Capacity gives the most elevated level of solidness, accessibility and execution of all Google Distributed storage administrations. It's particularly intended for use cases requiring low response time and regular information access, for example, site content appropriation and video web based.

DurableReducedAvailabilityStorage

Solid Decreased Accessibility (DRA) Stockpiling has lower cost and lower accessibility than Standard Capacity yet is intended to have a similar sturdiness and execution as Standard Stockpiling.

Near lineStorage

Near line Capacity is a minimal expense, exceptionally strong capacityadministration for information documenting, online reinforcement, and debacle the board and recuperation. Not at all like other cloud or on-premises chronicle and reinforcement contributions, doesn't one need to stand by hours or days to recover or get to their information. With the creation of Data and Correspondence Innovation, libraries presently utilize different kinds of advances to help the administrations they render. Regular new mechanical advances influence how data is dealt with in libraries and data focuses. The effects of new advancements are felt by libraries in each angle. Figuring innovation, correspondence innovation and mass stockpiling innovation are a portion of the areas of nonstop improvement that reshape the way that libraries access, recover, store, controland disperse data to clients. The scholarly library has been from its beginning a basic piece of establishmentsof higher learning,asopposed to an informativesupplement or assistant.

DeliveryandNewTechnologiesofInformationNaturally

The objective of examining new advances in the library climate is eventually to work on the conveyance of data to the client. The degree to which full text in PC coherent structure will penetrate the library is a dubious issue. Steward (1986) says: "Making speculationsregarding essential distributing from advancementsin thedistributing ofdata databases is significant not. To do so makes a ridiculous assumption for the speed with which electronic distributing will become normal among essential distributers" (p. 49). He accepts that optical plate will be utilized for long runs of periodicals, however that these itemswon'tforthemostpartcoverthereviewvolumes.Assuch,themonetaryeffectof filtering and dominating will be seen as inordinate by distributers as well as by bookkeepers. Obviously, more data will be made accessible on the web or on optical plate. Be that as it may, the method involved with acclimatizing this innovation into archive conveyance administrations is a lot more slow than generally anticipated. Bookkeepers started discussing the capability of optical circle in the mid to late 1970s. Presently it is the last part of the1980s, and notmany items are yet accessible either on 12 inchoptical circle or Compact disc ROM. A large portion of the items at present on the commercial center are data finding instruments i.e., files to periodicals and other writing.

Therearefourmaintypesofcloud storage:

18. PersonalCloudStorage(Mobilecloudstorage)

Individual distributed storage is a subset of public distributed storage that applies to

putting awaya singular'sinformationinthecloudand giving thesingular admittanceto the information from anyplace. It likewise gives information synchronization and sharing capacities across numerous gadgets. Apple's iCloud is an illustration of individual distributed storage.

2. PublicCloudStorage

Public distributed storage is where the endeavor and capacity specialist co-op are discrete and there aren't any cloud assets put away in the venture's server farm. The distributed storage supplier completely deals with the venture's public distributed storage.

3. PrivateCloudStorage

A type of distributedstorage where the undertaking and distributed storage supplier are coordinated in the venture's server farm. In confidential distributed storage, the capacity supplier has foundation in the undertaking's server farm that is commonly overseen by the capacity supplier. Confidential distributed storage helps settle the potential for securityand execution worries while as yet offering the benefits of distributed storage.

4. HybridCloudStorage

Half and half distributed storage is a mix of public and confidential distributed storage where a fewbasic information lives in the venture's confidential cloud while different information is put away and open from a public distributed storage supplier.

BigDataandData analytics

Organizations, ventures, states, colleges, researchers, customers, and not-for-profits are producing information at uncommon levels and at a unimaginable speed. Large Information is no joking matter today, and it is a major an open door for bookkeepers and data experts to assume a part in the Huge Information universe. Since Custodians have the important abilities, the expected information, adding to that is the assistance mindset to help the businesses, governments, colleges, and charitable associations to profit by all that Enormous Information that brings to the table. Public and confidential areas are feeling the strain to make the most of all that what Large Information brings to the table, with the assumption that it will spike (animate) new advancements and new item open doors, accomplish cost reserve funds and efficiencies, and utilize prescient examination that will empower organizations to comprehend what their clients need now as well as later on piece of libraries as well as librarianship.

DigitalcollectionsasBig Data

Weactuallyhavelibrarycollections, butwhatweadditionallyhaveisHugeInformation,whichexpectsustoreexaminethenecessaryfoundationtohelpEnormous Informationadministrations. Curatorpeoplegroup anticipatesthat specialistsshould come to, pose inquiries about the assortments, and utilize the computerized assortments in

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Informationretrieval (IR)

Data recovery is the action of getting data pertinent to a data need from an assortment of data assets. Searches can be founded on metadata or on full-text, or other substance based ordering. The significance of the term data recovery can be exceptionally wide. Be that as it may, as a scholarly field of study, data recovery may be characterized hence: Data recoveryis seeing as material (normally records) of an unstructured nature that fulfills a data need from inside huge assortments (for the most part put away on PCs). Ascharacterizedalongtheselines,datarecoveryusedtobeanactionthatacoupleof

Individuals participated in: reference bookkeepers, paralegals, and comparable expert searchers. Presently the world has changed, and countless individuals participate in data recovery each day when they utilize a web crawler or search their email. Data recovery is

quick turning into the predominant type of data access, overwhelming conventional data set way of looking. A data recovery process starts when a client enters an inquiry into the framework or a web search tool. Questions are the assertion of data should be placed as search strings in neighborhood data set or web search tools. In data recovery a question doesn't extraordinarily distinguish a solitary item in the assortment. All things considered, a few items might match the question, in view of importance or other related methods of data show.

With theongoing quick improvementof knowledgeand Webof Thingsinnovation, a specialized stage has been made for the striking utilization of computer generated reality innovation in libraries, and it has likewise given specialized development and administration ideachangefortheexpanded changeoflibraryadministrations.Augmented reality innovation is to reflect virtualdata into this present reality with the assistance of PC handling innovation to understand the reconciliation of virtual articles, scenes, activities, and different items and apply them to genuine scenes. The presentation of computer generated reality innovation in the savvy library makes an agreeable shrewd virtual space for peruses, permitting peruses to improve their craving to appreciate library administrations with regards to administrations. Computer generated reality innovation is a unique type of reality innovation. It has the qualities of solid communication, reconciliation of virtuality and reality, and three-layered situating. It presents three- layered enrollment and virtual similarity. As of now, if libraries have any desire to effectively widen the extent of public social administrations, they ought to present AR computer generated reality innovation straightaway, show the help model to peruses in a shiny new structure, and utilize top notch asset development to burst out the library's own benefits. For successful recovering of pertinent records utilizing IR methodologies, the reports are regularly changed into a reasonable portrayal. Every recovery systemintegrates a particular model for its record portrayal purposes. The image beneath shows the relationship of a few Norma models.

Conclusion

The new manifestation of the stockpiling gadget has made some amazing progress from where it was in the last part of the 1940s. Today, hard circles are presently ready to storeasmuchas4TBinformation.LTOinnovationisadditionallyequippedforgoingupto 2.5TB while optical drives are similarly as skilled. The best part is that strong state circles (SSD) are accessible promising extremely superior execution and dependability but at a more costly rate than other capacity gadgets. Eventually, you needn't bother with any perusing card to realize that the capacity gadgets of today are a great deal more competent than the capacity gadgets of yesterday, with considerably more minimized, light, and reliable. Even better, the most amazing improvement in the advancement of capacity gadgets is the proceeding with drop in costs per unit of information put away. Given the reasonableness of the present drives, you never again need swtor credits to purchase the gadgetyouwant.Forunder$10,youcanentirelypurchasethumbdrivesequippedfor putting

away 16GB worth of information. The fate of capacity gadgets looks brilliant, and it must be if it needs to support the speed of innovation upheaval introduced by PCs and cell phones. Where it will be a long time from now is impossible to say; be that as it may, you can wager it would be more amazing than what you can creative mind.

Notwithstanding, brilliant libraries additionally need differentiated savvy countermeasures to tackle different issues in the development cycle and lay out an intelligent shrewd stage for the multifunctional brilliant library framework to check for lacks and compensate for the absence of public government assistance administrations. Under the pennant of promotion, we can zero in on client needs and carry out the help guidelines of "exact interest and excellent administrations" to make a savvy space, to understand the interconnection of actual space, to expand the solace and humanistic consideration of the space, and to epitomize the idea of a shrewd library for the comfort of peruses and green turn of events. Likewise, the coordination of on the web and disconnected libraries, libraries and book shops, libraries and strategies organizations, incorporated help arrangements, and different combinations are additionally being additionally investigated, and joining is turning into the fundamental type of the advancement of shrewd libraries.

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ADVANCED ICT APPLICATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE WAYS FOR LIBRARIES

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Abstract - *Libraries are experiencing rapid transformation with the advent of advanced Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). These technologies offer innovative ways to enhance library services, streamline operations, and meet the growing demands of the digital age. This paper examines the role of*

advanced ICT applications in modern libraries, exploring their potential to improve information access, user engagement, resource management, and digital preservation. By analysing case studies and examining the challenges and opportunities, this paper aims to provide a comprehensive overview of how advanced ICT can shape the future of library services.

Keywords: *Modern Libraries, Next Generation Libraries, ICT Applications, Innovative Ways, Digital Age.*

1. Introduction

The integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in libraries has evolved significantly over the past few decades, moving from basic digital cataloging systems to sophisticated platforms for information management, user engagement, and digital resource sharing. Libraries, once seen as passive repositories of books and materials, are now becoming dynamic information centres leveraging advanced ICT to cater to the digital needs of users. These advancements include the use of artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, cloud computing, virtual and augmented reality, and mobile technologies to optimize library operations.

This research paper explores the applications of advanced ICT in libraries, identifying key technologies and their impact on enhancing library services, improving user experience, and advancing knowledge dissemination.

2. Overview of ICT in Libraries

ICT refers to the tools and resources used to manage, store, and disseminate information through digital means. In the context of libraries, ICT includes computer systems, software, communication networks, and digital content that support the library's operations and services.
Historically, libraries have adopted ICT in stages, beginning with the digitization of catalogues and indexes, transitioning to integrated library systems (ILS), and now embracing advanced ICT applications. These newer technologies enable libraries to adapt to the changing information needs of users, supporting functions such as online databases, e-books, and real-time access to information.

3. Advanced ICT Applications in Libraries

The following sections discuss the key advanced ICT applications that are transforming library operations and services.

3.1 Cloud Computing

Cloud computing allows libraries to store, manage, and access their data and resources remotely through the internet. This technology offers numerous advantages for libraries, including:

- **Scalability and Flexibility**: Libraries can adjust their storage and computing needs based on demand without the need for costly hardware investments.
- **Cost Efficiency**: Cloud solutions reduce the cost of maintaining physical servers, freeing up library resources for other purposes.

- **Collaboration and Resource Sharing**: Cloud platforms allow multiple libraries to collaborate and share resources, such as databases, archives, and digital collections, leading to a more interconnected library network.

Many libraries are adopting cloud-based Integrated Library Systems (ILS) such as Koha, Ex Libris Alma, and WorldShare Management Services, which enable easier access to library resources, improved cataloguing systems, and enhanced search functionalities for users.

3.2 Big Data and Analytics

Libraries generate vast amounts of data through user interactions, borrowing patterns, search queries, and digital resource access. Big data analytics offers libraries the ability to:

- **Enhance Decision-Making**: By analysing usage data, libraries can make informed decisions regarding resource allocation, acquisitions, and service improvements.

- **User Behaviour Analysis**: Libraries can track and analyse user behaviours, such as reading preferences and search patterns, allowing them to offer personalized services.

- **Predictive Analytics**: Big data can help libraries predict future trends in resource demand, allowing them to optimize their collections and services proactively.

For instance, libraries can use data analytics to recommend relevant books or resources to users based on their reading history or provide tailored services for research purposes.

3.3 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being integrated into library systems to enhance search capabilities, automate administrative tasks, and improve user experience. Key AI applications in libraries include:

- **Automated Cataloguing**: AI systems can automatically categorize and tag new materials, reducing the need for manual cataloguing efforts.

- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**: AI-powered search engines equipped with NLP can understand user queries more intuitively, providing more accurate and relevant search results.

- **AI Chatbots**: Libraries are using AI-driven virtual assistants and chatbots to offer real-time support, helping users find information, manage their accounts, and navigate library services more efficiently.

An example is the implementation of AI-powered digital assistants, such as those used by the New York Public Library, which help users access resources and navigate the library's catalogue through conversational interfaces.

3.4 Mobile Technologies and Applications

The proliferation of smartphones and tablets has led to the development of mobile apps for libraries, allowing users to access resources and services on the go. Mobile technologies offer:

- **Mobile Access to Library Resources**: Users can access e-books, journals, and databases from their mobile devices, making libraries more accessible.

- **Mobile Notifications**: Libraries can send real-time notifications to users regarding due dates, new arrivals, and upcoming events.

- **Mobile Payments**: Integrated mobile payment solutions allow users to pay fines or fees through their devices, streamlining library services.

Libraries are increasingly investing in mobile-friendly platforms to cater to the growing demand for access to resources anytime, anywhere.

3.5 Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR)

Virtual and augmented reality technologies are emerging as valuable tools in libraries for enhancing user experience and education. Libraries are using VR and AR to:

- **Virtual Exhibitions and Tours**: Libraries can offer virtual reality tours of their spaces, including special collections and archives, to users who cannot visit in person.

- **Immersive Learning Experiences**: AR and VR can be used to create interactive learning experiences, such as simulating historical events, scientific processes, or visualizing complex data.

- **Enhancing Special Collections**: AR can be used to overlay additional information onto physical exhibits, offering a more engaging experience for library patrons.

Several academic libraries, including those at major universities, are experimenting with VR for immersive research environments and virtual learning spaces.

3.6 Digital Preservation Technologies

As libraries increasingly manage digital content, the need for advanced digital preservation technologies has become critical. These technologies help ensure the longevity and accessibility of digital assets, including manuscripts, research papers, multimedia, and historical records.

- **Automated Archiving Systems**: Digital preservation systems use algorithms to ensure that digital content is archived correctly and remains accessible over time.

- **File Format Conversion**: Advanced preservation tools can automatically convert outdated file formats into more modern and sustainable formats, ensuring long-term access.

- **Blockchain Technology**: Some libraries are exploring blockchain technology for secure and immutable records of digital assets, enhancing the integrity of digital collections.

Libraries such as the Library of Congress are leading the way in digital preservation, using cutting-edge technologies to safeguard historical and cultural assets.

4. Case Studies of Advanced ICT Applications in Libraries

4.1 The National Library of Australia's Trove

The National Library of Australia developed Trove, a cloud-based platform that aggregates digital collections from libraries, museums, and archives across the country. Trove provides users with access to millions of books, journals, images, and historical documents in a single digital space. By leveraging cloud computing and big data analytics, Trove offers an extensive, easily navigable digital library that continues to grow.

4.2 University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries

The Bodleian Libraries use AI-driven tools to manage their large and diverse collection. These tools include AI-based search algorithms and automated cataloguing systems that help streamline the process of managing both physical and digital resources. Additionally, the Bodleian Libraries employ digital preservation technologies to maintain their extensive archival materials, ensuring long-term accessibility.

4.3 The New York Public Library's AI Chatbot

The New York Public Library implemented an AI-powered chatbot that assists users in navigating the library's online catalogue and accessing digital resources. The chatbot leverages NLP to understand and respond to user queries effectively, offering a user-friendly and accessible interface for the library's patrons.

5. Challenges of Implementing Advanced ICT in Libraries

While advanced ICT applications offer numerous benefits, libraries face several challenges in adopting and implementing these technologies:

5.1 Financial Constraints

Many libraries, especially smaller public libraries, may struggle with the cost of implementing advanced ICT systems. Investments in new technologies, infrastructure, and staff training require substantial financial resources.

5.2 Staff Training and Skills Development

As libraries adopt more sophisticated ICT applications, staff members need specialized training to manage and operate these systems. There may be a gap in technical expertise, requiring ongoing professional development and upskilling.

5.3 Data Privacy and Security

The increasing use of digital platforms and cloud services raises concerns about data privacy and security. Libraries must ensure that user data is protected, and robust cybersecurity measures are in place to prevent data breaches.

5.4 Technological Obsolescence

Rapid advancements in technology mean that libraries must continuously upgrade their systems to remain current. This can lead to challenges in maintaining compatibility with older systems and avoiding technological obsolescence.

6. Conclusion

Advanced ICT applications are transforming the way libraries operate, offering new opportunities for enhancing user experience, improving information access, and optimizing resource management. Cloud computing, AI, big data analytics, and other emerging technologies have the potential to revolutionize library services, making them more accessible, efficient, and dynamic.

However, the adoption of these technologies requires careful planning, investment, and ongoing staff development. As libraries continue to embrace advanced ICT, they will play an even more critical role in the dissemination and preservation of knowledge in the digital age.

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EVALUATION OF LIBRARY TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract- *Libraries and archives have historically been the major organizations tasked with managing human knowledge and culture, which includes collecting, preserving, and disseminating it. When developments in computer science enabled the use of digital representations of materials devoted to computer human knowledge and culture rather than printed ones, libraries were particularly interested in capitalizing on the digital revolution's potential. Digital libraries have evolved in a nonlinear fashion, with contributions from a variety of fields.*

Keywords- *Library Evolution, Academic Libraries, Digital Transformation, Historical Perspectives, Digital Era*

Introduction-

Libraries' development is a tale of metamorphosis, mirroring shifts in society, culture, and technology. Libraries have evolved from being physical book storage facilities to become vibrant hubs for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and digital resources. As information and communication technology advances, library technologies evolve to mirror the shift from traditional to digital and integrated systems. It's a huge improvement that modern library management systems have evolved to include advanced features like data analytics, cloud-based storage, RFID technology, and artificial intelligent.Libraries are now full-service community institutions that strive to address a wide range of civic and social needs, not merely informational repositories. Public libraries were changing dramatically even before the COVID-19 outbreak upended life all across the world.

Digital Transformation in Libraries-

Digital technologies are being used by libraries to broaden their audience and make knowledge more accessible to all. In today's information landscape, libraries are finding that digital platforms, online databases, and virtual services are essential. Customer experience, data and analytics, business model change, and digital operations are the areas that need the most attention. For the user community to receive information services, libraries are crucial. Historically, efforts have been made to create these libraries in response to commissions on education's recommendations. Automation, digital library services, digital reference services, INFLIBNET services, digital efforts for higher education in India, artificial intelligence in libraries, and resource digitization are the primary areas of concentration for digital transformation.

Need for Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries-

Because research and learning are developing so quickly, academic libraries are in dire need of digital transformation. Libraries must strategically embrace digital technologies to stay valued and relevant. Expanding digital collections, improving service delivery, adopting new technology, fostering a digital culture, and guaranteeing accessibility and diversity are important areas for digital transformation.

These are other details about the development of libraries-

1. **Early Libraries** Cuneiform-written clay tablets were kept in ancient libraries, while papyrus scrolls, frequently of a religious or administrative nature, were kept in temples. The focus of private collections in Greece and public libraries in Rome was on philosophy and education. The Islamic Golden Age, university libraries, and monastery libraries were all part of **medieval libraries.**
2. **The Print Age** Here, libraries were transformed by the mass manufacturing of books, which increased access to knowledge. Extensive collections created by wealthy clients, such as kings and nobility, eventually served as the cornerstone of public libraries. To help, organizations like the British Library (1854) and the Boston Public Library were established.
3. Libraries developed into community centres in the **19th and 20th centuries**, providing free access to knowledge and instruction. The Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal (1876) systems standardized the arrangement of volumes. This century saw the development of microfilm and card catalogues. Librarianship was established as a profession by the American Library Association (ALA) and other groups.
4. **Digital Transformation**: Libraries started providing digital resources, such as encyclopaedias and scholarly databases, in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. In this day and age, OPAC has emerged. Additionally, rare books and manuscripts were digitized by libraries and made accessible online. For increased efficiency, libraries implemented cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS). Repositories for theses, dissertations, and open access documents were established by academic institutions and research centers.
5. **Libraries Today**: A lot of libraries now have maker spaces, workshops, and events. The goal of initiatives like global digital libraries and open-access publishing is to make knowledge accessible to everyone.
6. **Future Directions**: AI-powered solutions support resource discovery, metadata generation, and customized user experiences. To raise awareness of environmental issues, libraries implement eco-friendly procedures and areas. Libraries have changed over time to meet the demands of their communities, from prehistoric archives to contemporary digital platforms. They continue to be essential establishments for education, creativity, and community involvement.

Historical perspectives on Library systems and tools- Humanity's evolving approach to the organizing, preservation, and distribution of knowledge is reflected in the development of library systems and resources. An outline of the past is provided here:

I) **Ancient Libraries and Tools**: The first methods of information storage in libraries such as the Ashurbanipal Library and the Alexandria Library were clay tablets and papyrus scrolls. To keep track of their contents, ancient libraries utilized simple inventory lists, frequently written on clay or stone tablets.

II) **Medieval Libraries**: By hand-copying books onto vellum or parchment, monasteries were able to preserve information. Books were chained to shelves to deter theft because

they were valuable and scarce. Books were arranged on shelves or in alcoves according to general subjects.

III) **The Printing Revolution**: Melvil Dewey developed a methodical approach to subject-based library collection organization, first cataloguing, and the printing press.

IV) **The Industrial Age**: This century saw the development of card catalogues and the Library of Congress Classification.

V) **The Digital Revolution**: This century saw the development of automated library systems, MARC, and OPACs. Additionally, libraries have embraced digital databases to make scholarly articles and databases accessible.

VI) **The Internet Era**: Libraries adopted cloud-based integrated library systems during this time, enabling online searches of their holdings. Several databases and catalogues can be accessed through a single interface with e-resources and digital libraries.

VII) **New and Emerging Technologies**: Libraries began utilizing RDF and other cutting-edge search tools to build networked web-based catalogues became a safe instrument for interlibrary borrowing and digital rights management.

Balancing Traditional and Digital landscape in Libraries- Today's libraries need to strike a balance between adopting digital advancements and maintaining their traditional duties. Librarians must keep strong physical collections that include rare books, archives, and print resources in order to preserve equilibrium between the two environments. Library buildings are often used as gathering places for events, study, and collaboration. By purchasing e-books, digital journals, and online databases, librarians can increase the scope of their digital offerings. able to set up webinars, virtual exhibits, and workshops to guide consumers using digital tools. Cataloguing and discovery, blended learning and resources, and physical-digital synergy are the main areas of integration. Here, librarians can offer workshops, lectures, and events in both real and virtual versions, integrate physical and digital collections into a single searchable platform, and grant access to both traditional and electronic resources. Blend digital and traditional handicraft

Best Practices for libraries- -Evaluate user needs on a regular basis using feedback and surveys. -Create regulations that give both digital and conventional resource management top priority. -To exchange resources, collaborate with other libraries, academic institutions, and tech firms.

Managing Libraries in the Digital Era: A roadmap to libraries of Vikasit Bharat @2047-In the digital age, managing libraries entails implementing new tactics and technology to increase information accessibility, boost productivity, and satisfy changing patron demands. India wants to become a developed country (VIkasit Bharat) by 2047, and libraries need to change to become knowledge centers that support the nation's goals of accessibility, innovation, and inclusivity. This road map describes methods for converting libraries into dynamic, cutting-edge hubs for education, culture, and technology.

1. **Vision for Libraries in 2047**: To close the digital gap, libraries must give all residents equal access to information. Libraries that encourage creativity, investigation, and cooperation to their user. India's rich legacy and customs are preserved through digital archives, facilities that help people of all ages with their education, skill development, and personal development.

2.Key Objectives: Providing universal access is one of the main goals. Make certain that all citizens have access to library materials, irrespective of their geography or background. Use cutting-edge technology for library administration and user interaction, such as AI, VR, blockchain, and IoT. to encourage environmentally sustainable methods of resource development and library operations. Convert libraries into forums for social interaction, cultural exchange, and community growth.

3.Digital Transformation Strategies:

a) **Infrastructure Development**: Create a nationwide network of digital libraries that links rural and urban libraries. Install public Wi-Fi and high-speed internet in libraries, particularly in outlying locations. Make library spaces that are modular and flexible enough for events, collaboration, and online learning.

b) **Adoption of Technology**: Library management systems, automated cataloguing, AI, and automation. Blockchain technology for archives Safely preserve and monitor the digital cultural and literary legacy. Provide engaging educational opportunities, such interactive storytelling sessions or virtual tours of historical locations.

c) **Digital Collections and Services**: Increase the availability of open educational resources, e-books, research journals, and multimedia. Create a National Repository of Indian Knowledge Systems that will house ancient texts and indigenous knowledge. Put in place round-the-clock virtual libraries with voice assistance and a bilingual interface.

4.Human resource development and capacity building: The digital literacy program will teach people how to access and use digital resources, particularly those living in remote areas. Advanced technical, administrative, and digital skills training for librarians. Work together with public and private institutions to provide courses on entrepreneurship, vocational training, and emerging technology.

5. Cultural Preservation and Promotion: To conserve and disseminate India's cultural variety, digitize rare manuscripts, folktales, and oral histories, plan workshops, exhibitions, and cultural activities that highlight India's legacy.

6. Inclusivity and Accessibility: Create interfaces and resources for people with disabilities, such as screen-reader-friendly websites, audiobooks, and Braille information. In order to promote linguistic diversity, make sure resources are accessible in regional languages. In underserved and distant locations, offer mobile library services.

7. Policy and Funding Support: Create thorough government regulations for library service funding, digitization, and standardization. Involve businesses and non-profit organizations in

technology deployment and funding. Collaborate with global organizations to exchange resources and embrace best practices.

Conclusion: By 2047, libraries in Vikasit Bharat have the potential to develop into revolutionary establishments that foster innovation, celebrate cultural diversity, and arm citizens with information. A progressive, just, and knowledge-driven society will be shaped in large part by libraries with careful planning, strong infrastructure, and a dedication to diversity. Traditional libraries are increasingly dynamic, technologically advanced knowledge hubs thanks to the advancement of library technologies. From the earliest days of card catalogues to the most advanced digital systems, libraries have always changed to accommodate their patrons' evolving requirements. Cloud computing, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and Blockchain are some of the advances that modern libraries use to improve accessibility, manage resources better, and provide individualized user experiences. In addition to democratizing information access, these developments have reinterpreted libraries' functions as centres of education, cooperation, and cultural preservation. Libraries are well-positioned to continue being essential organizations as technology develops further, bridging the gap between the real and virtual worlds and encouraging creativity and inclusivity.

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VIRTUAL REALITY SOCIAL PLATFORMS: A FUTURISTIC TREND IN LIBRARY

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Abstract*: Like Facebook, Twitter the virtual reality social platform is also available for community connection and chatting. The investigator has elaborated in this paper about social VR, importance of social VR, which type of social VR are available. The social VR are using for community chatting as well as gaming. But now the librarians are use it for their immersive library services. The investigator has shared some services which the library can provide it. Virtual Conference, Book exhibition, Reference Service, Library Orientation etc. The librarian and user can make their avatar as per their choice and communicate with each other world wild.*

Keywords: *Virtual, Reality, Social, Platforms, Futuristic, Trend, Library*

Introduction:

Social Virtual Reality is a web-based social interaction platform, mediated by immersive technologies and taking place in predesigned three-dimensional virtual worlds where individuals, represented by an avatar, may engage in real-time interpersonal conversation and shared activities. It is new trend of technology to communicate with masses with a very interactive and immersive way. It is happening in online game, virtual gathering. It is also new way to convince the customer. The library field cannot be the exception of this technology trends.

The librarian can make the replica of their library in social virtual reality platform like Second Life, VRChat, Overte, Avakin Life etc. The librarian can purchase the place or on rent, create replica of library in 3D and design the various services. Any user across the world can avail the services. The investigator has investigated various Social VR Software and has studies its use in modern libraries for immersive learning. This paper has presented social VR platforms for immersive edutainment.

Review of Literature:

Parker, Lyn has explained in his paper (Second Life: the seventh face of the library) about the social VR platform Second Life. It is a very popular VR platform. He threw light on library services that can be provided by the second life; with this, he also elaborated on issues and challenges that stand before the library while using social VR technology.

Kristine S. Condic (Using Second Life as a Training Tool in an Academic Library) has elaborated on Second Life as a training tool within an academic library. In doing so, various topics were examined, including training within libraries, the use of Second Life in educational settings, and Second Life as

a training tool. Second Life offers unique opportunities for training but also presents a definite set of challenges.

Objective of Study:

- To provides a short overview of Social Virtual Reality Platforms,
- To describe their applicability for immersive edutainment.
- To inform the new era of technology to the library professional like Social VR

What is Social VR?

It refers to communal experiences in a digital atmosphere formed by virtual reality technology. Social VR experiences enable masses to interact and immerse with each other in a virtual pace, with VR headsets or other VR equipment.

Main Factors of Social VR:

Like the metaverse, social virtual reality (SVR) blurs the boundaries between the real and virtual worlds, making it a major step toward more immersive and engaging forms of digital interaction. These are a few essential components of social virtual reality experiences.

1**. Immersion**: Social VR transports users to a fully immersive 3D environment where they may interact with others and exercise a great deal of agency. This interaction might be more engaging than traditional screen-based social media since it offers a feeling of presence and immersion.

2. Characters: 3D animated characters are called avatars. Residents (users) frequently employ avatars, which are changeable digital representations of themselves in virtual space. Interactions feel more natural because these avatars can often mimic facial emotions and gestures from real life. a picture from an app for virtual reality. It exhibits communication. Through avatar movements, the Social VR facilitates body language in addition to text and vocal communication. As a result, communication is more complex than non-VR digital interactions.

3. Activities and Experiences: The Social VR platforms include a range of activities, from games and entertainment to educational experiences and practical workspaces. By enabling users to participate in these activities together, they promote a feeling of community.

4. Accessibility and Inclusivity: Although social VR can make life easier for people who live far away, it has disadvantages, such as the requirement for specialist hardware and the need to discuss issues like cybersickness.

5. Cybernetic groups: Social VR systems can provide a new degree of social connection that transcends geographic borders by facilitating virtual groups with shared interests.

6. Safety and Secrecy: Because social VR interactions are so intense, there are safety, security, and secrecy concerns that are comparable to any social network like facebook and Instagram etc.

Features of VR Social Platform:

- Interact with masses across the world
- Experiment with distinctiveness by trying new avatars
- Produce long lasting friendships
- Express yourself
- Build worlds and invite people to them
- Play and have fun
- To Empower Individuals and Create Vibrant Inclusive Communities.

Various Social VR Software :

Various social VR software are available in market. Second life, Opensimulator, Avakin Life, VR Chat Overte, Workadventure, IMVU, Twinity etc. The social virtual reality software use for virtual gathering, Online meeting, Online gaming. The investigator presents the comparative study of various software.
These are as follow.

Sr No	Mode	Second Life	OpenSimulator	Avakin Life	VRChat	Overte	Workadventure	IMVU	Twinity
1	Developer(s)	Linden Lab	OpenSimulator	Lockwood Publishing	Graham Gaylor	Overte.V Association	Steve Lawrence	Will Harvey, Eric Ries, Marcus Gosling, Matt Danzig	Metaversum GmbH (former) ExitReality
2	Platform	Windows macOS Linux (in development) iOS (beta) Android (beta)	Cross-platform	Android, iOS, ChromeOS	Microsoft Windows, Android (on Meta Quest 2 and newer, PICO 4, 3and HTC Vive XR Elite)	Windows and Linux (downloads here), with MacOS	-	-	Microsoft Windows
3	Engine	Open-	Open-	Unity		-	-	-	

		source (C++, OpenGL)	source		Unity				BigWorld Technology
4	Website	secondlife.com	opensimulator.org	https://avakin.com/	https://hello.vrchat.com/	https://overte.org/index.html	https://workadventu.re/app/virtual-workplace/	www.imvu.com	http://web.ha.twinity.com/en
5	Type	Basic account free of cost	-	-	-	Open Source	Free /open	free of cost	Basic Membership free of cost

Second Life: www.**secondlife.com**

The Second Life is an entertaining online community where users can make their own avatars and interact with others for socializing, business, or information sharing. Users create the material in a multi-user online virtual environment. Built and owned by the San Francisco-based company Linden Lab. Despite its resemblance to MMORPGs, Linden Lab makes it apparent that Second Life is not a game when it was first released on June 23, 2003. There is no predetermined objective or fabricated dispute.

The Second Life is a powerful and immersive 3D program. It makes use of advertising and gameplay. To improve academia, the researcher advises using this app at libraries. This academic platform is inventive, engaging, and interactive. The librarian can create replicas of their libraries and provide the same services. Second Life has the capability to provide services such as reference assistance, book talk, digital book displays, and virtual conferences etc.

The Community Virtual Library in Second Life

Overte : https://overte.org/index.html

Overte is a social VR platform that is open source and free. High Fidelity's source code was used to create the Vircadia project, which is a fork of it. The application is released under the Apache 2.0 open source license and is maintained by the German firm Overte . It works really sound with Vircadia.

You may generate and share virtual worlds as desktop experiences and virtual reality (VR) with Overte, an open source platform for social VR and virtual worlds. Among many other things, you can create your own virtual world, discover other worlds, relate with other users, and host or attend live virtual reality events.

The Overte software's primary features are as follows:

1. Creating and updating collaborative worlds
2. Keeping VR, including body tracking
3. Scaling for up to 500 players in a single environment;
4. Using JavaScript for scripting, which enables the development of games, interactable, user interface components, and unique applications
5. High quality, low latency spatial audio
6. Robust physics via the Bullet physics engine
7. Complete open-source under the Apache 2.0 license and no centralized control. Running your own server from home is possible
8. A democratic non-profit organization supports it
9. No user account is needed.

Open Simulator : www. **opensimulator.org**

OpenSimulator is an open source, multi-platform, multi-user 3D application server that was founded by Darren Guard on January 29th, 2007. It can be used to produce a virtual environment (or world) that can be accessed through a variety of clients, on multiple protocols, and has an optional feature (the Hypergrid) that enables users to visit other OpenSimulator installations

across the web from their "home" OpenSimulator installation. OpenSimulator allows developers of virtual worlds to customize their worlds using the technologies they trust work best—we have made the framework easily extensible. OpenSimulator is written in C#, running on Windows, Unix-like machines, and on several platforms on.NET. The source code is released under a BSD License, a commercially friendly license to embed OpenSimulator in products.

Open Simulator application in library:

- A virtual library's history and services can be studied by users.
- This VR can assist users in finding resources and the finest route to books in a timely manner.
- Users are able to peruse and choose which electronic books to read or borrow.
- Users can reserve virtual meeting spaces, attend virtual conferences and seminars, and schedule mentoring sessions with professionals.
- Virtual worlds allow users to play games.

Avakin Life : https://avakin.com/

Avakin Life is a 3D life simulation game developed and published by Lockwood Publishing, an English firm based in Nottingham. It is accessible on both PC and mobile platforms. In December 2013, the game was first made available for Android smartphones. It has more over 200 million registered users on iOS, Android, and ChromeOS as of 2022, and over a million gamers play every day. According to the creator, Avakin Life was impacted by PlayStation Home, acting as a comparable mobile platform, and saw an increase in players after PlayStation Home shut down in 2015. It can be used in library for immersive services.

VRChat :https://hello.vrchat.com/

Graham Gaylor developed the virtual reality online game VRChat for the Meta, Rift, PCVR, and SteamVR headsets. On January 16, 2014, VRChat was made available in beta on Oculus (now Meta) Rift headsets. On February 1, 2017, the whole game was made available on Steam for free early access. Initially, VRChat was in beta testing for an Oculus Rift headset prototype. More

platforms, like the Meta Quest headsets, were made possible when the beta was refined and transformed into early access. The immersive services can be offer by this platform.

WorkVentures :https://workadventu.re/app/virtual-workplace/

WorkAdventure is a video-conference application that lets masses hold multiple parallel conversations in a virtual universe. Walk in, out, speak to anyone just like in real-life! Work online or organize your future event online! WorkVentures started in 1979 as Peninsula Community Services, based in the Malabar/La Perouse area in Sydney's south-east.

WorkAdventure is a virtual reality (VR) platform that permits users to engross dynamically with avatars in immersive experiences be it for employment, onboarding, or internal/external events purposes. The platform allows users to customize the design, import company logos, and use custom domain names, providing an immersive journey for team members and participants. WorkAdventure offers a range of solutions tailored to various needs. In the Workplace solution, users can connect with team members and increase alliance. This social platform offers real-time engagement, allowing for impulsive conversations and seamless project management. Whether it is a team-building activity, a social event, or a conference.

IMVU :

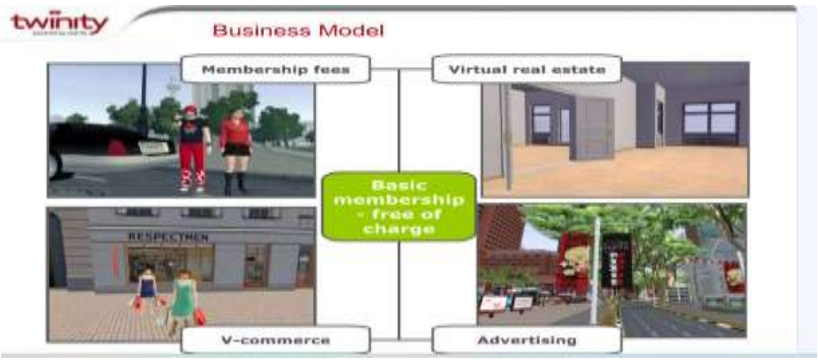
An online social networking site, and virtual world is called IMVU (/ˈɪmvjuː/, stylized as imvu). Originally supported by venture capitalists Menlo Ventures, AllegisCyber Capital, Justin Greene, Bridgescale Partners, and Best Buy Capital, IMVU was established in 2004. Members of IMVU create, interact, play games, and meet new people using 3D avatars

It joins millions of people across the world on IMVU, the world's major avatar-based social network site where shared experiences shape deeper friendships. IMVU is a place with endless possibilities, allowing you to entirely customize your 3D avatar to reflect who you are, what is your identity. The resident explore chat rooms where he can meet new persons, connect with friends and voice chat with anyone from around the world. Roleplay, dress up, party, go on a virtual date, host an event, and join a virtual world. And, it's totally free of cost. Your dream life and virtual life await in IMVU, a metaverse where real life comes into play.

Twinity :

A 3D online virtual world is called Twinity. Currently owned by ExitReality, it was first created by Metaversum GmbH. The game allows its players, known as Twinizens, to move across historical virtual replicas of actual cities, sometimes referred to as mirror worlds or metaverses. Berlin, the first virtual city to be released in a public beta, was followed by Singapore, London, Miami, and New York in September 2008. Big World Technology is the foundation of Twinity, and a free-to-play business model forms the basis of its economy. The first 3D online virtual environment to include realistic representations of major cities from around the globe is called Twinity. But the

business has just started to move away from a mirror reality and into a setting that is more focused on imagination.



Library Services By Social Vitual Reality software :

The following metioned services offered by Allience Virtual Reality, Alexandria Free Library Consortia, Caledon whitehorn library and Madam Curie Library . The Social VR software provides innovative VR practices in libraries. These are the best example of edutainment.

Library Services:

Sr. No	Library Services	Glimpses
1.	Story scene creation from book	
2.	Book exhibition	
3.	Reference Service	

4.	Classes	
5.	Information Delivery	
6.	Virtual Conference	
7.	Library Orientation	
8	Book Discussion	

Major Libraries which are using Social VR Platforms :

Conclusion :

The Social VR Platform is a 3D application, that is immersive, and effective. The social VR are using in gaming and advertising. However, the investigator recommends utilizing the social VR Platforms at libraries to enhance learning satisfaction. These platforms are innovative, involved, and interactive. The librarian can create replicas of their libraries and provide the same services. Second Life has the capability to provide services such as reference assistance, digital book displays, and virtual conference, Book Talk, Library Orientation,Scene Creation etc. The Overte, Second Life VR Chat,IMVU VRChat etc VR platform have been discussed by the investigator .

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Abstract: *The field of Library and Information Science (LIS) is undergoing a significant transformation as emerging technologies reshape the landscape of information access, management, and dissemination. From artificial intelligence to Blockchain, these advancements demand a revaluation of LIS education to ensure that professionals are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate this evolving environment. This article explores the impact of emerging technologies on LIS education, highlighting key trends, challenges, and opportunities.*

Keywords: *LIS Profession, Skill Development, Teaching Learning Process, New Technology, Online learning, Hybrid Learning.*

Introduction:

Theimpact of emerging technologies on LIS (Library and Information Science) educationrefers to how advancements in technology influence the way LIS programs are designed, taught, and implemented. Emerging technologies are innovative tools and systems like artificial intelligence, machine learning, Blockchain, cloud computing, big data, augmented/virtual reality, and others that are transforming many fields, including library science and education.

Key Areas of Impact

1. **Curriculum Development**
   - Incorporation of courses on data science, digital preservation, AI, and cloud computing.
   - Emphasis on teaching how to manage electronic resources, digital repositories, and metadata standards like Dublin Core.
   - Training students in tools and platforms like integrated library systems (ILS), discovery layers, and open-source software.
2. **Skill Set Expansion**
   - Focus on technical skills such as coding (e.g., Python, SQL), data visualization, and analytics.
   - Development of soft skills for working with emerging technologies, such as digital literacy, ethical decision-making, and critical thinking about technology's societal impact.
3. **Teaching and Learning Methods**

- Use of online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and augmented/virtual reality for experiential learning.
- Integration of simulation-based training and gamification to teach real-world library scenarios.

4. **Research Opportunities**
   - Emerging technologies open new areas of research, such as AI in cataloguing, Blockchain for digital rights management, and the role of big data in user behavior analysis.
   - Greater collaboration between LIS students and technologists on interdisciplinary research projects.
5. **Accessibility and Inclusivity**
   - Development of systems and interfaces that cater to diverse user needs, including adaptive technologies for people with disabilities.
   - Education on creating equitable access to information using advanced technology.
6. **Changing Roles of Information Professionals**
   - LIS graduates are trained to become data curators, digital archivists, knowledge managers, and technologists, in addition to traditional librarian roles.
   - Greater focus on leadership and advocacy for ethical technology use in libraries and information centers.

Emerging Technologies in the LIS Profession

1. **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI is revolutionizing information retrieval, cataloguing, and user services in libraries. AI-driven tools such as catboats and machine learning algorithms enable personalized recommendations, efficient data analysis, and enhanced user experiences. LIS curricula must incorporate AI-related competencies to prepare students for these advancements.
2. **Blockchain Technology:** Blockchain has potential applications in digital rights management, secure transactions, and ensuring the authenticity of digital records. Understanding block chain's implications and uses is becoming a critical area of focus for LIS education.
3. **Big Data and Analytics:** Libraries increasingly rely on data analytics to understand user behavior, improve services, and make data-driven decisions. LIS programs need to train students in data management, analysis, and visualization.
4. **Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR):** VR and AR technologies are being used to create immersive learning environments and virtual library tours. LIS professionals must learn how to integrate and manage these tools effectively.
5. **The Internet of Things (IoT):** IoT devices, such as smart shelves and RFID systems, are streamlining library operations. Familiarity with IoT applications is crucial for future LIS professionals.

Challenges in Integrating Emerging Technologies

1. **Curriculum Development:** Updating curricula to include emerging technologies without overloading students is a significant challenge. Balancing foundational LIS principles with new technological competencies requires careful planning.
2. **Faculty Expertise:** Ensuring that faculty members possess the necessary knowledge and skills to teach emerging technologies is critical. Continuous professional development is essential for faculty to stay updated.
3. **Resource Limitations:** Limited access to cutting-edge technology and infrastructure can hinder the integration of emerging technologies into LIS education.
4. **Ethical and Privacy Concerns:** As technology evolves, so do the ethical implications of its use. LIS education must address issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and digital rights.

Opportunities for LIS Education

1. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Collaborating with fields such as computer science, data science, and information technology can enrich LIS curricula and provide students with diverse perspectives.
2. **Practical Training:** Incorporating hands-on training, internships, and real-world projects can help students gain practical experience with emerging technologies.
3. **Lifelong Learning:** Promoting a culture of lifelong learning ensures that LIS professionals can adapt to technological advancements throughout their careers.
4. **Global Perspectives:** Understanding how emerging technologies are applied in different cultural and institutional contexts can prepare students for a globalized job market.

How has emerging technology impacted LIS education?

Emerging technology has significantly impacted Library and Information Science (LIS) education by reshaping curricula, instructional methods, and the skills required for future professionals. Here are key areas of impact:

1. Integration of Technology in Syllabus

- **Digital Information Management**: LIS programs increasingly emphasize managing digital resources, including metadata, digital preservation, and cloud-based library systems.
- **Data Science and Analytics**: Courses now include data mining, visualization, and analytics to prepare students for roles in data-driven decision-making.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**: AI and machine learning applications in information retrieval, cataloguing, and user services are integrated into coursework.
- **Emerging Formats**: Students are trained to manage non-traditional resources such as 3D models, augmented reality (AR) content, and virtual reality (VR) materials.

2. Shift to Online and Hybrid Learning

- **Online Education**: Many LIS programs offer online or hybrid formats, leveraging platforms like Zoom, Moodle, and Canvas to provide flexible learning opportunities.
- **Distance Collaboration Tools**: Tools like Slack, Microsoft Teams, and Google Workspace are used for group projects and collaboration.
- **Digital Libraries**: Students gain hands-on experience with virtual collections and digital repositories, often through internships or partnerships.

3. New Roles and Competencies

- **Technology-Focused Roles**: LIS graduates are prepared for roles such as digital archivists, data librarians, and systems analysts.
- **Emphasis on UX Design**: Understanding user experience (UX) and interface design has become a critical competency.
- **Cybersecurity and Privacy**: Programs now address data privacy and cybersecurity challenges in libraries and information systems.

4. Access to Global Resources

- **Open Educational Resources (OER)**: Students and educators benefit from global access to OERs, enhancing affordability and collaboration.
- **Global Collaborations**: Technology facilitates international partnerships and cross-cultural learning experiences.

5. Simulation and Immersive Learning

- **VR and AR Applications**: Simulations allow students to practice library management, disaster planning, or archival preservation in virtual environments.
- **Gamification**: Interactive learning modules and gamified experiences are used to engage students with complex topics.

6. Emphasis on Lifelong Learning

- **Professional Development Platforms**: Programs encourage using platforms like LinkedIn Learning, Coursera, and webinars to keep up with technological advancements.
- **Adaptive Learning Systems**: Personalized learning paths use AI to meet individual needs.

Challenges and Considerations

- **Digital Divide**: Not all students have equal access to emerging technologies, creating barriers to learning.
- **Keeping Curricula Current**: Rapid technological changes challenge institutions to continuously update courses and faculty expertise.

- **Ethical Implications**: Educators must address ethical concerns related to AI, big data, and surveillance technologies.

Overall, emerging technologies are transforming LIS education by broadening its scope, fostering innovation, and equipping graduates with the tools to navigate and lead in a dynamic information landscape.

Conclusion

Emerging technologies are reshaping the LIS profession, presenting both challenges and opportunities for education in the field. By integrating technological competencies, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and addressing ethical concerns, LIS programs can prepare students for a dynamic and technology-driven future. As the pace of technological change accelerates, the role of LIS education in shaping adaptive and forward-thinking professionals becomes increasingly vital.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *Artificial intelligence is one of the newest developments and uses of computers in libraries. It comprises educating computers to carry out activities that humans would deem intelligent. The ultimate goal of artificial intelligence in libraries is to create computer systems or computers that are capable of thinking, acting, and even competing with human intelligence; this has significant implications for librarianship. The potential of AI in academic libraries is examined in this research, with a focus on benefits like enhanced efficacy, improved accessibility, and personalized user experiences. AI offers benefits like the potential for growth and innovation, despite its disadvantages including algorithmic bias, data privacy, and ethical issues.*

Keywords:- *Artificial Intelligence, AI, Academic Libraries, Library Information, Library Operations, Digital Library.*

Introduction:-

The advent of artificial intelligence in the fields of library science and information science has had a profound impact on how libraries operate and serve their communities in recent years. Conventional methods for user interaction, retrieval, and cataloging are becoming more challenged by the exponential development of information resources. Artificial intelligence technologies offer innovative approaches to increase consumer pleasure and productivity and enable more customized services. Machine learning, natural language processing, and predictive analytics are just a few of the many technologies that fall under the umbrella of artificial intelligence. The way libraries manage their data and interact with patrons could be drastically altered by these technologies. By automating basic processes, libraries may free up important staff time to focus on more complicated inquiries and community involvement programs. Additionally, artificial intelligence-driven solutions facilitate advanced knowledge retrieval, making resource access easier. Chatbots and virtual assistants can respond to common inquiries and provide timely guidance and support. Predictive analytics can assist with service planning and collection development by analyzing user behavior and trends. Voice-controlled interfaces and text-to-speech capabilities are two examples of AI technologies' features that make them accessible to a range of user groups, including those with disabilities. Artificial intelligence systems automate repetitive tasks. By customizing information to each user's preferences and learning styles, AI-powered educational systems in libraries provide personalized learning experiences. It is crucial to employ AI responsibly because its application in libraries brings up ethical questions around algorithmic biases, data security, and privacy. AI-driven analytics are used by libraries to assess user behavior, preferences, and emerging trends in order to direct collection creation and resource allocation efforts.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial intelligence is a subfield of computer science that studies how computers see, learn, and understand information. This includes 3D perception, picture analysis, character recognition, and eye function modeling. Expert systems, which are gaining more and more attention, voice

recognition, speech production, and natural language interpretation and usage are also included. Artificial intelligence also refers to the programming and development of computers to do intelligence activities that humans require, such as speech recognition, decision-making, visual perception, language translation, conversation, and emotional responses.

Importance of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is transforming several industries by enabling machines to perform tasks that often require human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Its importance stems from improving operational effectiveness, automating intricate procedures, and offering data-driven insights that support developments in industries including healthcare, finance, education, and transportation. Computer vision, natural language processing, and machine learning are examples of artificial intelligence technologies that are driving innovation in domains including personalized medicine, autonomous systems, and predictive analytics. AI also has the capacity to solve global issues including resource management, public health emergencies, and climate change. Its quick progress, however, also brings up important moral, legal, and societal issues of prejudice, privacy, employment displacement, and decision transparency, which calls for thorough governance and responsible application.

Artificial Intelligence in Libraries

Library automation is the process of using technology to manage and speed up standard library tasks like acquisitions, circulation, cataloging, record-keeping, and serials administration. Through the use of specialized software tools, libraries can now efficiently handle a wide range of jobs that were formerly manual, labor-intensive, and subject to human error. The primary goals of library automation are to improve patron service, increase operational efficiency, and improve user access to materials. Libraries can easily give patrons remote access to digital resources like e-books and online databases by implementing automated systems. Ultimately, automation improves the accuracy and efficiency of library operations, giving employees and users a more modern and convenient experience. Among the artificial intelligence domains utilized in library management systems include robotics, pattern recognition, expert systems, natural language processing (NLP), and others. In a nutshell, Natural Language Processing (NLP) is the process by which computers analyze and produce natural language content. Subject indexing is another useful way that artificial intelligence is being used in libraries. In order to peruse, analyze, and recommend the best terms to utilize as index terms or keywords of a particular document, the librarian or indexer must possess both technical skill and intellectual discernment. In the context of libraries, artificial intelligence can be viewed as a subsystem that communicates with traditional library services, necessitating a thorough comprehension and use of technology. By simplifying the organization, retrieval, and sharing of information, artificial intelligence in knowledge management enhances ideas of knowledge management. This is particularly significant in cooperative environments where knowledge sharing is essential, such as digital libraries. Understanding these theoretical frameworks offers a solid basis for using AI technology in library and information science. As the field advances, further study and theoretical development will be essential to overcoming new challenges and achieving artificial intelligence's full potential in libraries.

Advantages and Disadvantages of AI in Libraries

The advantages of artificial intelligence in libraries are as follows:

1. Artificial intelligence in libraries can boost the accessibility of research, which will increase faculty members' research productivity.
2. Bridge in Time: relevant information resources and services are available around the clock.
3. Bridge in Space: The amount of space used by stacks of books, journals, bound newspapers, and other information resources has shrunk with the introduction of digitization, electronic copies, and robotic cranes that store and retrieve books from a small off-site storage location.
4. Efficiency Maximisation: This refers to the effectiveness of a library's operations, encompassing technical services, circulation, references, serial management, material acquisition and selection, etc.
5. Increasing efficacy by enhancing service delivery and removing human error from library operations.
6. Minimisation of Effort: Library staff can work less to provide technical services, circulation services, reference services, serial management, etc. thanks to artificial intelligence technologies.
7. A better and more interesting user experience when utilizing library services.

The disadvantages of artificial intelligence in libraries are as follows:

- Security and Privacy: Today's organizations and individuals can profit from artificial intelligence (AI), but there are also significant privacy and security issues associated with it. One of the primary concerns is the potential misuse of personal information collected by AI-powered devices. Security flaws and privacy violations may arise from a lack of openness and control over the collection, use, and sharing of data.
- Network Issues: Artificial intelligence is being utilized to maintain the functionality of critical business systems to prevent and address these issues before they occur. AI can predict likely faults in real-time, enabling staff to take preventative action before more serious problems occur. Finally, as new threats unavoidably emerge in a constantly changing digital ecosystem, the integration of AI into network management techniques will require ongoing growth and improvement.
- Substantial Time Commitments: Experts from a variety of industries frequently need to devote a substantial amount of time to AI. To develop AI systems that function, specialists with various skill sets—such as data scientists and software engineers—must collaborate. Furthermore, numerous iterations during the development and testing stages are typically used to increase an AI system's performance. Teams may discover that their efforts to improve the machine learning algorithms that underpin these systems take a significant amount of time to finish because development is cyclical.
- Design Interface defect: The Design Interface Defect (DID-AI) is a major issue in the domains of artificial intelligence (AI) and human-computer interaction (HCI). It makes reference to the reality that AI systems cannot effectively communicate with humans when their interfaces are poorly designed. These defects could manifest in a number of ways, including unclear messages, confusing icons or symbols, and inconsistent user command responses.
- User acceptance: For professionals, AI is an essential tool to utilize and manage. The user must accept the workflow and deliver high-caliber services. To accomplish so, the user needs to be aware of the procedures and other relevant elements. That will only be feasible if the user can understand the AI and its features.

- High Cost: Establishing AI technology can be costly, particularly in terms of the funds and infrastructure required. In order to deploy these systems, specialized knowledge and substantial R&D efforts are frequently required for the design, development, and optimization of the algorithms that power the platforms. Purchasing the necessary hardware and software to enable dependable AI installations could potentially be expensive.

Conclusion:- Academic libraries could greatly benefit from artificial intelligence (AI) in terms of operations and user experiences. Along with increasing the effectiveness and personalization of information access, it is also posing new ethical problems and hurdles. As these technologies advance, there will unavoidably be a deeper integration of these technologies into information science and libraries, which will likely impact the future of libraries. The application of artificial intelligence to library and information science represents a significant advancement in how libraries function and serve their populations. The creation of artificial intelligence systems for technical, reference, circulation, resource management, and information retrieval/dissemination will be extremely beneficial to libraries.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARIES: EMERGING ROLES AND INNOVATION

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Abstract: *Library operations are no exception to the significant shift in operational dynamics and service delivery caused by the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI). In this paper, we examine how AI is transforming libraries, emphasizing new roles and innovations.AI technologies like machine learning, natural language processing, and data analytics are revolutionizing library services, management, and user experiences. There are several key areas where AI has made significant inroads in library functions.The use of AI-driven cataloging and data management systems improves information retrieval efficiency, personalized recommendation engines tailor user experiences, and chatbots and virtual assistants improve user interaction. Additionally, AI is examined in terms of analytics, improving library decision making and resource management.There are ethical issues and challenges associated with AI in public spaces like libraries discussed in the paper. Library services are analyzed critically in terms of data privacy, security, and the need to balance technological advancements with human needs. As well as providing insights into successful case studies, the paper also predicts future trends in AI in libraries.Using AI to enhance library services, as well as redefine library roles in an increasingly digital world, indicates a positive trajectory. To ensure libraries continue to serve as accessible, inclusive, and innovative information hubs, this transformation requires careful and ethical approaches.*

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Library Innovation, Digital Transformation, AI in Library Services, Machine Learning in Libraries, Data Management and Analytics, User Experience Enhancement, Chatbots in Libraries ,Personalized Recommendation Systems, AI-driven Cataloging*

1. INTRODUCTION

A great deal of industries have been revolutionized by artificial intelligence (AI), which has reshaped the way we interact with technology and process information in countless ways[1]. Throughout the modern era, AI has made its mark on more than just technological advancements; it has also represented a paradigm shift in our approach to conceptualizing and executing tasks.As the library sector has traditionally been seen as a bastion of manual information management and a provider of human-centric service, it is undergoing a significant transformation that is being fueled by the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) [2]. Libraries have always spread information, preserved culture, and supported education. The library has collected, stored, and provided access to books and other material for decades. Libraries have changed with society, with digital materials and online services becoming more essential in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The move to digital libraries was a major change from physical to digital information, creating new issues and possibilities for information management and user services. Machine learning techniques, natural language processing, and data analytics are being used by libraries to improve services. More

efficient cataloguing and data management, personalized user experiences, and intelligent query processing. AI-driven systems may reveal resource management, user behaviour, and library use patterns by analyzing data [3].

The purpose of this paper is to explore the emerging roles and innovations of AI in libraries. This paper provides an overview of how AI is being incorporated into library functions, its benefits, challenges, and implications for library services moving forward. This paper reviews current AI applications in libraries, analyzes how these technologies affect library services and management, and discusses the ethical and practical considerations of implementing AI in public services [4].

Figure 1: AI in Libraries

Library organizations continue to adapt to the digital age, with the role of artificial intelligence becoming increasingly important as time goes on. The purpose of this paper is to illuminate the transformative power of artificial intelligence in libraries, and to offer insights into how these venerable institutions are changing to meet the demands of a rapidly changing digital environment.As a purpose of the study, we are examining the intersection between artificial intelligence and libraries in order to highlight the innovative ways in which libraries are using AI to enhance their services and maintain their essential role as information hubs in the society by leveraging AI to augment their services and maintain their important role as information hubs [5].

The contribution in Research paper

1. As an introduction to AI's integration in libraries, the impact it has on services and management, and the associated challenges and ethical considerations that go along with this, highlights the key focus areas.
2. Summarizes the findings and conclusions of the study emphasizing the transformative role that artificial intelligence can play in modern libraries.

The research paper is meticulously organized to cover the multifaceted impact of AI on library services. It begins with an abstract that concisely overviews the topic, key focus areas, and a summary of findings. By defining the paper's purpose and scope, the introduction discusses AI's importance, libraries' historical evolution, and their transition into the digital age. AI technologies

like machine learning and natural language processing are revolutionizing cataloging, data management, and user experiences in libraries, as explored in subsequent sections. Additionally, the paper addresses challenges and ethical considerations associated with integrating AI in public spaces, as well as emerging innovations in library services, including personalized recommendations and chatbots.In this case study, AI is successfully implemented in libraries using real-life case studies and success stories. The paper concludes with a future outlook and a comprehensive reference list, emphasizing both the opportunities and responsibilities of AI in library services.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Throughout the literature review for the research paper, a diverse range of sources are referred to in order to show the breadth and depth of the subject matter.

Abram (2019) and Blakemore (2016), A focus on practical applications of robotics and artificial intelligence in libraries. Abram discusses the growing presence of robots in libraries, emphasizing that what once appeared distant has now become a reality. It aligns with Blakemore's exploration of Singapore's high-tech library robot, which illustrates how robotics can be used for shelf management. A shift from traditional methods to more advanced, technology-driven approaches has been demonstrated in both sources by the practical implementation of AI and robotics in libraries.

Alpert (2016) and the American Library Association (2019) identify the broader implications of AI for information management and dissemination. Though not directly related to libraries, Alpert discusses the Washington Post's use of AI to cover election races, which illustrates AI's wider implications.As a foundation for understanding AI's relevance in library and information sciences, the American Library Association's AI article offers a general overview of the technology's role and potential impact.

Asemi and Asemi's (2018) taxonomy study and Bailey's (1991), The application and theory of AI in libraries are explored in this study of intelligent library systems. AI applications in Iranian library systems are examined by Asemi and Asemi, highlighting a unique geographical perspective. Bailey offers valuable historical context on the evolution of AI in libraries, providing a baseline from which modern advancements can be measured.

Lastly, Bourg (2017), Coleman (2017), Corke (2013), and Croft, Metzler, & Strohman (2015) AI in libraries: forward-looking and technical perspectives. As machines will read all books in the future, Bourg and Coleman ask critical questions about librarians' roles. To understand the underlying mechanics of AI applications in libraries, Corke's work on robotics and control provides a technical foundation. Information retrieval, a key function of library science, is directly linked to Croft's work on search engines.

3. THE ADVENT OF AI IN LIBRARIES

A suite of technologies known as Artificial Intelligence (AI) is capable of performing a number of tasks normally handled by humans. At its core, AI relies heavily on machine learning (ML), which involves algorithms analyzing data, learning from it, and making informed decisions based on that data. As well as natural language processing (NLP), which is used to analyze and generate human

language, robotics is also used to accomplish physical tasks. Artificial intelligence can handle and Analyse massive datasets rapidly and correctly, making it useful in libraries [6].

Early Adoption of AI in Libraries

Libraries began integrating AI [7] as a means to improve cataloguing, search capabilities, and user interactions. At first, AI algorithms were used to mechanize catalogue entries and categories and arrange library resources. An exemplary instance of early AI implementation was the use of online public access catalogues (OPACs). These tools were specifically developed to manage repetitious activities, so enabling librarians to focus on delivering direct assistance and addressing complicated requests. The systems used artificial intelligence algorithms to enhance search capabilities, hence facilitating users in locating resources more effortlessly. In addition, artificial intelligence (AI) was used to oversee the maintenance of library databases, guaranteeing effective administration and retrieval of an expanding array of digital materials [8].

Case Studies of AI Applications in Libraries

As AI technology advanced, so did its applications in libraries, which covered more sophisticated tasks and offered enhanced services as it developed.

1. **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants**: Several libraries have used chatbots driven by artificial intelligence to provide users 24/7 support. These bots, equipped with Natural Language Processing (NLP), possess the ability to comprehend and answer customer inquiries, provide information about library services, and assist users in navigating the catalogue. Research has shown that AI-powered chatbots, such as "Artie" at the University of Rhode Island, engage with users by responding to inquiries and assisting them in locating relevant information [9].
2. **AI in Cataloging and Data Management**: The library has used sophisticated AI algorithms to streamline the process of cataloguing, enabling more efficient classification and tagging of volumes compared to human techniques. The Library of Congress has used AI to organise and classify digital photographs in its vast collection, demonstrating the practical implementation of this technology [10].
3. **Personalized Recommendations**: AI may use algorithms similar to those used in online shopping to suggest books and resources to library customers based on their previous borrowing history and search behaviours. For instance, the Seattle Public Library suggests books by analysing the books that are often borrowed and taking into account the tastes of the users [11].
4. **AI in Resource Management and Analytics**: It is typical for libraries to use AI in order to optimise their resources and services based on user demand and developing trends. Libraries use AI-powered analytics to comprehend the requirements of their patrons, handle inventories, and arrange events [12].
5. **Language Translation and Accessibility Services:** AI-driven translation systems have enhanced the availability of library materials for those who are not native speakers, therefore overcoming linguistic obstacles. In addition, AI technologies such as voice recognition and text-to-speech converters have improved accessibility [13].

4. TRANSFORMATIVE ROLES OF AI IN LIBRARIES

1. **AI in Cataloging and Data Management:** The use of artificial intelligence into cataloguing and data management has significantly revolutionised libraries. Artificial intelligence techniques, including machine learning and natural language processing, have significantly enhanced the efficiency and accuracy of the cataloguing process. Thanks to this technology, vast quantities of data, including books, journals, and digital media, may be effortlessly managed. AI systems have the capability to automatically categorise and label new acquisitions by analysing their content, context, and use data. This automation not only speeds up the process but also reduces human error, ensuring that library databases are up-to-date and reliable. Historical and archival materials have been digitized using artificial intelligence (AI). The public can gain access to physical texts and images by converting them into digital formats using techniques like optical character recognition (OCR) and image recognition. Besides being essential for preservation, digitization also offers the additional benefit of making rare or delicate materials available without physical handling risks [14].
2. **AI in User Experience and Service Enhancement:** AI has a profound impact on library user experience and service enhancement. Library patrons can access 24/7 assistance from chatbots and virtual assistants powered by artificial intelligence, answering queries, providing information about library services, and navigating digital catalog [15]. Patrons are able to receive help outside of library hours, which improves satisfaction and engagement. Based on past borrowing history and individual preferences, AI-driven systems recommend books and resources to users. As with online retailers, libraries are using AI in their search systems to make search more intuitive and efficient. This customised strategy enhances the level of engagement and customization in libraries. Advanced search algorithms facilitate the retrieval of relevant content for users by comprehending natural language searches, even in the absence of precise titles or authors [16].
3. **AI-driven Analytics for Library Management:** AI-powered analytics in library management provide valuable insights that inform strategic decision-making. By using these analytics, you can monitor and evaluate user behaviours, resource utilisation, and borrowing trends, offering significant insights that may be used to effectively manage inventory and plan events. Libraries may use AI analytics to ascertain the most popular books and resources identify the areas of most foot traffic, and predict the peak hours of library activity. Consequently, this information allows for the allocation of resources, guaranteeing the constant availability of popular publications and appropriate personnel levels. Moreover, AI analytics may be used to forecast forthcoming patterns, enabling libraries to take proactive measures in managing their collections and services. AI can also be used to understand the community they serve. Libraries can ensure inclusivity and relevance by analysing demographic and usage data to tailor their services and collections [17].

5. EMERGING INNOVATIONS IN LIBRARY SERVICES

1. **AI in Personalized Recommendations and Search Optimization:** Personalized recommendations based on AI have revolutionized library services. A library uses AI algorithms to suggest relevant books and resources based on users' borrowing history, reading preferences, and search queries. Similar to streaming services, these recommendation systems offer tailored content, enhancing the user experience. In addition to personalized recommendations, AI is revolutionizing library search optimization. Using machine learning and natural language processing, advanced search algorithms understand user queries more nuanced. By identifying synonyms, context, and intent, users receive accurate, comprehensive search results. The library patron can discover resources even without specific search terms by simplifying the search process [18].
2. **Use of Chatbots and Virtual Assistants in Libraries:** The use of chatbots and virtual assistants in library services has grown with artificial intelligence. Library users can interact with these AI-powered bots 24/7, answering queries, providing information, and guiding them through library activities. The chatbot responds intelligently to users' questions in real-time, providing assistance. Virtual assistants and chatbots offer multiple benefits to libraries. As a result, patrons do not have to wait for library staff to answer their questions during business hours. Moreover, chatbots can handle routine inquiries, freeing library staff to focus on more complex tasks. Additionally, these AI-driven systems ensure accessibility, since users can communicate with them via text or voice, ensuring inclusivity [19].
3. **AI in Language Translation and Accessibility Services:** Translation and accessibility services in libraries have been enhanced by AI algorithms. AI-powered translation tools allow libraries to reach more diverse audiences by bridging language barriers. AI-driven accessibility services have transformed the way libraries cater to people with disabilities. Users can access books and materials in their preferred language, making library services more inclusive and culturally relevant. Powered by AI, text-to-speech and speech-to-text technologies make printed materials accessible in audio format. Text can be converted to spoken words or vice versa by these systems. By describing visual content with AI, visually impaired users can access information more meaningfully. Library services like language translation and accessibility are enriched by AI, aligning with diversity and inclusion principles. Knowledge and resources can be easily accessed by individuals of all backgrounds and abilities in libraries [20].

6. CHALLENGES AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns**: Incorporating artificial intelligence into libraries poses significant privacy and security challenges. Library collections and storage of large amounts of user data, such as borrowing histories, reading preferences, and search queries, power AI-driven services like personalized recommendations and search optimization. These data are valuable for enhancing user experiences, but they raise concerns about privacy. Libraries must ensure that user data is handled responsibly, implementing robust security measures to prevent breaches and unauthorized access. To safeguard user

information, libraries need clear data usage policies and consent mechanisms, ensuring patrons are in control of how their data is used. Additionally, libraries should ensure that data is encrypted and anonymized. Data-driven services and user privacy are ongoing challenges that require careful consideration and adherence to regulations such as GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) [21].

2. **Ethical Implications of AI in Public Spaces:** The presence of AI in public spaces, such as libraries, presents ethical considerations. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants may create the illusion of human interaction, blurring the line between human and machine. There are concerns about transparency and the need to inform users when they interact with AI systems rather than human librarians. AI can reinforce bias and discrimination if not carefully designed and trained. Library systems must ensure that their AI systems are bias-free and adhere to fairness, equity, and inclusion. Biased algorithms can inadvertently discriminate against certain user groups or perpetuate stereotypes. AI algorithms must be rigorously tested and monitored on an ongoing basis in order to achieve this.
3. **Balancing Technology and Human Touch in Libraries:** Despite AI's many benefits, libraries run the risk of over-relying on technology. Librarians offer guidance, recommendations, and a welcoming atmosphere in libraries, making them places of personal connection. It's a challenge to balance AI-driven services with human interaction. Rather than replacing their service with technology, librarians must be equipped to collaborate effectively with AI systems. Providing personalized and efficient services with AI requires ongoing training and professional development so librarians can maintain interpersonal connections patrons' value.

7. CONCLUSION

Throughout this research paper, we have examined the transformative role Artificial Intelligence (AI) has played in libraries, looking at its impact on cataloging, user experience, service enhancement, data privacy, ethics, and maintaining the delicate balance between technology and human touch in libraries. A few key points of the paper can be summarized as follows:

1. Artificial intelligence has had a major impact on the library sector in terms of automating cataloging procedures, improving the user experience by delivering personalized recommendations to users, as well as optimising search functions through the use of artificial intelligence technology.
2. In order to provide round-the-clock assistance, enhance user engagement, and ensure access to a range of information, chatbots and virtual assistants have become crucial.
3. AI has expanded the number of language translation services available in libraries, making libraries more accessible to people with disabilities, and has expanded the number of translation services available in libraries.
4. Data privacy and security concerns are among the challenges that we face, as are ethical implications in public spaces and the need to balance AI-driven technology with the need to interact with humans.

There are a number of future trends in libraries that will contribute to the digital transformation of libraries as AI continues to evolve and play a central role in the process. Some trends that libraries should look out for are as follows:

- **Advanced AI Algorithms**: Libraries are increasingly embracing powerful AI techniques, such as deep learning and neural networks, to provide more precise and personalised services to its users.
- **Enhanced Data Analytics**: With the advancement of AI-driven analytics, libraries will have the capacity to acquire more profound comprehension of user behaviour and preferences, leading to an improved ability to effectively manage their resources.
- **AI-driven Education**: Libraries will integrate AI into their educational programmes to provide tailored learning experiences and customise materials according to the specific requirements of each student.
- **AI Ethics and Bias Mitigation**: Libraries will prioritise ethical AI practises, guaranteeing that AI systems conform to principles of justice, transparency, and bias reduction.
- **AI for Preservation**: Artificial intelligence will be used to save and revive historical documents, guaranteeing their availability for future generations.

The library is not becoming outdated, but rather transforming into a vibrant and technologically advanced centre for community engagement and information dissemination. AI implementation improves library services, making them more attuned to user requirements and fostering inclusivity. Nevertheless, libraries must cautiously address the ethical and privacy dilemmas posed by AI. As librarians curate, guide, and ensure AI serves library patrons' interests, the human touch remains vital. As libraries embrace AI, they remain steadfast in their commitment to democratizing access to information, fostering lifelong learning, and promoting intellectual freedom. In the AI era, libraries are presented with new opportunities to fulfill their mission and adapt to their communities' changing needs, while preserving the essence of what makes libraries so valuable - the human connection.

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IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICES AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Abstract: *The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now being used to bring about a radical change in Library Service and Information Management. This research paper explores the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on library services and reader intelligence. The result is improved efficiency in content ordering and classification, as well as increased user satisfaction with the services provided by AI. It also raises many issues related to data privacy. It is observed in the discussion of this paper that there is a need for continuous training for library staff and the importance of ethical considerations in the use of AI. The use of AI in library services and information resources has a significant impact.*

Keyword: *Artificial Intelligence, Library Service, Information Management*

Introduction

Since ancient times, libraries have been continuously working as a central hub for collecting and storing information and knowledge, as well as for its dissemination and intellectual development. Similarly, the digital revolution has brought about a radical change in the functions and responsibilities of libraries. Nowadays, libraries are occupied with more than just a collection of books because they provide many ways to access information in various media and styles. On the other hand, information management is the process of collecting, classifying, protecting and retrieving information. In the field of libraries, it is the process of managing books, general and various materials while providing facilities to the readers. The inclusion of artificial intelligence ai enables automation and enhancement, thereby increasing efficiency.

It helps in the cataloguing process by automatically classifying and proposing categories based on their type. Libraries have the ability to reduce the time and energy of the staff and improve many other services and resources by providing services to the readers or innovating in new services. In addition, artificial intelligence ai analyses the interests of the readers and the materials they need

and recommends them to them for the complete access to the library information. These services can change the user experience for the better.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The imitation of human intelligence in robots that are programmed to think and perform activities is the imitation of human intelligence in algorithms and computer programs decision-making, and linguistics non-regulatory intelligence, if computers can solve real-world problems by learning from past experiences, they will be labelled "intelligent". As a result, AI systems can "think" and are more general.

Intelligence includes various mental qualities such as logic, reasoning, problem-solving, and planning. In the context of AI, intelligence can be defined as the ability of a system to calculate, reason, understand relationships and analogies, learn from past experience, extract knowledge from stored knowledge and memories, develop solutions, understand complex concepts, use natural language, and effectively use, classify, generalize, and adapt to new situations. In the mid-1950s, John McCarthy coined the term artificial intelligence, which he would define as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines." AI teaches machines to learn, behave, and think like humans.

Just as humans first learn to walk before automatically developing these abilities through experience, AI machines also learn from training data before optimizing themselves based on their own experiences. This is what sets AI apart from other technological devices and machines. However, these additional technologies can certainly be combined with AI to provide a better and more immersive experience for users. Robotics and AI can undoubtedly pave the way for humanoids and self-driving vehicles. Combining AI with the Internet of Things could also lead to cloud computing for data storage and remote access for AI tools. Automation and AI could also help in the development of voice-activated homes, among other things. This integration could help achieve the best of both worlds.

Library Services

Libraries act as information sources hence libraries are called information resource centre. Due to the innovation and advancement of technology, AI Artificial Intelligence AI is efficient, due to which its use has revolutionized library work as per the expectations of the readers. This is being benefited in library services. Library services are becoming very effective by using AI technology.

Using AI to classify library materials helps in obtaining complete information. Using AI, efficiency is increasing. Also, using AI, readers are pre-studying, and accordingly, recommendations are made to purchase library materials. To improve library services, chart bots are created for library services, which helps readers immediately. It becomes easier to create and provide services through AI. Using AI, library materials can be digitized, and printed books, historical documents, manuscripts, rare materials can be preserved, digitized, preserved and returned to the researcher. Using AI, AI-

based text-to-speech can be used to translate text into the language of the disabled, which can be converted into the desired language by the blind.

There are many benefits to using AI in libraries, including saving time and effort for library staff, and increasing accuracy in library classification, which eliminates human errors. AI stores information about each reader, and can provide information based on their interests or work, as well as previous experience, or consider it when ordering new materials. The use of AI has changed services and more and more materials are reaching the readers.

There are also some limitations to AI, including the fact that AI technology is not affordable for every library, as it is very expensive. The use of AI can lead to misuse of the information of readers without keeping it confidential. If AI is to be used in libraries, it will be necessary for librarians and library staff to undergo regular technology training.

Information Management

The work of information management has made great progress. The traditional method of cataloguing or information retrieval has changed significantly with the advent of the digital revolution. In this, databases and digital catalogues have replaced the old cards. The development is happening more rapidly due to the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Currently, artificial intelligence (AI) in combination with AI is playing an important role in simplifying the process of storing data and presenting facts. This allows for accurate and consistent information.

Libraries are helping to understand the needs of their readers as per their preferences and making the right choices regarding the purchase and distribution of reading materials. Along with this, the use of AI-driven content curation tools helps to increase the usefulness of the materials provided by the readers. This ensures relevance and appropriateness.

Such a comprehensive literature highlights the significant potential of AI in the field of information management and in order to develop libraries and meet the growing needs of their readers. In view of the continuous development in technology, it has become imperative for libraries to use AI to enhance their services and meet the growing needs of their readers. The use of AI-driven content curation technology increases the usefulness of the information provided to the readers and also simplifies the process of obtaining and providing literature services. The use of AI is developing the library readership in libraries. It has the ability to properly manage resources to meet the needs of the readers and to enhance the efficiency of library services. In addition, the use of AI technology allows libraries to maintain reference principles for their readers' individual needs and, above all, useful and relevant information in the era of digitization. These tools work to provide advice on the behaviour of readers and their ability to prioritize what they study for the right information retrieval process. In which the time and effort required by the readers to search for reading materials is reduced. In addition, AI-powered content curation technology helps libraries and readers understand the challenges and provide information about the storage of new reading materials based on data analysis to help with selection. In general, AI in libraries is the integration

of AI technology to enhance the reader-friendly experience, improve efficiency, and eliminate library reference theory and problems in the digital age.

Conclusion

The use of AI is transforming library services. With the use of AI, information is being easily accessed and library management has become more streamlined. In the future, libraries will not be information centre but will be advanced technology libraries, in which services will be provided by focusing on the interests and needs of readers.

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: IMPLEMENTING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract: *In an attempt to enhance user experiences, broaden their offerings, and boost operational efficiency, university libraries have been adopting new technologies more and more in recent years. Significant advancements like block-chain, augmented reality, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and the internet of things are transforming the field of library administration. These technologies offer significant opportunities for personalised services, immersive learning, and effective operations. Their implementation is hampered by a number of factors, including the need for specific knowledge, high expenses, and concerns about data privacy. This essay explores the benefits and drawbacks of integrating emerging technologies in university libraries, focussing on how they might revolutionise library services and the barriers that must be overcome for successful implementation. By examining the evolving role of these technologies, the essay demonstrates how libraries can continue to be at the forefront of technological advancements to meet the various needs of users while ensuring long-term sustainability.*

Keywords: *Emerging technologies, libraries, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Robotics, Voice search*

Introduction:

In 2024, libraries are increasingly implementing new technology to improve their services, user experiences, and overall efficiency. Through improved resource accessibility, streamlined processes, and the creation of more dynamic learning environments, these advancements are

altering how libraries function and interact with their users. Important technologies like blockchain, augmented reality (AR), machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence (AI), and the internet of things (IoT) are ushering in a new era of library management. Along with great opportunities for digital preservation, customisation, and immersive learning, these technologies also present a number of challenges. Issues including high implementation costs, data security concerns, and the need for specialised knowledge could all hinder adoption. The benefits and drawbacks of incorporating cutting-edge technologies into university libraries are discussed in this essay, with a focus on how these technologies have the potential to transform library services and potential roadblocks.

Review of Literature:

Previous study discusses the growing integration of mobile technology in library services, highlighting its impact on faculty and students. (Nepali & Tamang, 2022), highlights that in order to deliver user-centric services and remain relevant in the information science sector, librarians must adjust to evolving technologies. It emphasises how crucial use of technology and ongoing education are to keeping up with global trends and providing efficient services to library patrons. (Racheal, 2020), use of emerging technologies in university libraries, examining the evolving role of librarians and their attitudes towards technological advancements. Study addresses key themes: the status of technologies, librarians' attitudes, compatibility among professionals, and implementation barriers. (Bharati & Verma, 2021), examines the application of new technologies in libraries, focusing on their benefits and the challenges to full implementation, such as financial constraints and lack of skilled staff, highlights the rapid adoption of web technologies in libraries, but notes that issues like automation and resource limitations prevent their full integration. (Mittal, 2017), potential of emerging technologies, such as robotics and cloud computing, to enhance library services globally, technologies to improve user access, highlighting benefits like increased patronage and cost savings, while also acknowledging the challenges to widespread implementation. (BASIRAT, 2023), impact of emerging technologies on academic libraries, focusing on trends and implications for the future. It highlights the prevalence of technology adoption in Western libraries compared to India. (Gaikwad & Bilawar, 2023), highlights the transformative impact of new technological trends on library performance, including improvements in efficiency, user experience, and service offerings like digital resources and mobile apps. It recognises the advantages and difficulties of implementing modern technologies, highlighting the necessity of continual staff training to stay abreast of developments and improve library services. (Okwu, Okwu, & Oladokun, 2024), a study on the advantages and disadvantages of public libraries implementing technology, based on ethnographic work in three European libraries. It presents key findings, focusing on issues such as media literacy, infrastructure, staff resource constraints, and Considering the changing function of libraries in facilitating user activity. (Serholt, Eriksson, Dalsgaard, & Ducros, 2018), the idea of smart libraries, which use cutting-edge technology like blockchain, IoT, and AI to improve library services and satisfy changing patron demands. Libraries are becoming more effective and adaptable to the shifting needs of their patrons thanks to these technology. (Gul & Bano, 2019)

Emerging technologies for libraries:

Emerging technologies are continually reshaping libraries, several key innovations are poised to enhance library services and operations. These technologies are aimed at improving accessibility, user experience, and operational efficiency. Some notable emerging technologies for libraries:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): Libraries are increasingly using AI and ML for personalized recommendations, smart cataloging, chatbots for customer service, and data-driven insights. AI-driven search tools help users discover resources more efficiently by understanding their preferences and behavior.

2. Blockchain: Blockchain technology is being explored for secure digital rights management, ensuring the integrity of library data, and enabling transparent and verifiable systems for tracking the use of digital resources. It can also aid in managing transactions related to library memberships, borrowing, and content licensing.

3. Vietual (AR) and Augmented Reality (AR) : AR and VR are transforming library experiences by enabling virtual tours, immersive learning environments, and interactive information displays. They are also useful for digitizing rare or fragile collections and making them accessible to users in innovative ways.

4. Internet of Things (IoT): IoT is being implemented in libraries to create "smart" environments, where devices like smart shelves, beacons, and RFID systems improve book tracking, monitor space usage, and streamline the user experience. IoT-enabled systems can alert staff about maintenance issues or book availability.

5. Cloud Computing: Cloud technologies enable libraries to store vast amounts of data and provide on-demand access to resources, such as e-books and digital archives, from anywhere. They also help reduce infrastructure costs by allowing libraries to scale their services more easily.

6. 5G Connectivity: The rollout of 5G networks is expected to significantly enhance libraries' digital services by providing faster internet speeds and reducing latency. This enables smoother access to high-definition videos, VR applications, and cloud-based resources.

7. Data Analytics: Libraries are using data analytics to gather insights about user behavior, resource usage, and program effectiveness. These insights can inform decision-making, improve service offerings, and verify the effective utilisation of resources.

8. Robotics: Libraries are investigating use of robots for tasks like sorting books, assisting with shelf management, and even guiding visitors. Robotic systems can help automate mundane tasks and free up staff to focus on more complex customer service duties.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies: With the increasing volume of digital content, libraries are adopting advanced digital preservation tools that make use of machine learning and AI, and big data to ensure long-term storage and accessibility of digital collections.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants: The use of voice-activated search systems and like Amazon Alexa and other smart assistants or Google Assistant in libraries allows users to search for resources, check availability, and even access educational content using voice commands.

11. Gamification: Libraries are incorporating gamification techniques into their services to engage users, especially younger generations. This can include earning rewards for reading books, completing research challenges, or participating in library events.

12. Edge Computing: Edge computing lets libraries process data locally on devices instead of in the cloud, reducing latency and improving performance for real-time applications like virtual tours, live events, and interactive content.

As libraries embrace these technologies, they continue to evolve into more dynamic and user-centred spaces, enhancing both physical and digital resources access and services. These technologies will play essential role in meeting the diverse needs of library users.

Technologies applied to various areas within library operations:

The technologies mentioned can be applied to various areas within library operations to enhance services, improve user experiences, and optimize efficiency. Here's how each of the technologies can be useful in different areas of library functions:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Cataloging and Resource Discovery: AI and ML can enhance cataloging systems by automating categorization and offering personalized recommendations based on user behavior. This improves search tools by providing smarter, more efficient ways to discover resources.

Customer Service: AI-driven chatbots can answer common user queries, assist with finding resources, and help manage library operations, reducing the workload on human staff.

2. Blockchain:

Digital Rights Management (DRM): Blockchain ensures secure management of digital content rights, helping libraries handle digital assets like e-books, journals, and multimedia content by tracking usage, licensing, and permissions.

Membership and Transaction Management: Blockchain can securely handle membership registration, borrowing transactions, and fines, lowering fraud and maintaining transparency.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Immersive Learning and User Engagement: Libraries can use AR/VR for immersive educational experiences, virtual tours, and interactive displays to enhance learning, particularly in specialized fields like history, art, or science.

Digitization of Rare Collections: AR and VR can allow rare or fragile physical items to be digitized, giving users virtual access to them without physical risks to the collections.

4. Internet of Things (IoT):

Smart Shelves and Inventory Management: IoT devices like smart shelves, RFID tags, and beacons can help libraries track books and other resources, ensuring accurate inventory management and efficient book retrieval.

Space and Usage Monitoring: IoT systems can monitor space usage, room availability, and alert staff to maintenance issues like broken equipment or full trash bins, optimizing the library's physical environment.

5. Cloud Computing:

Remote Access to Resources: Cloud technologies allow libraries to store and share digital resources like e-books, journals, and archival materials, providing users access from anywhere, anytime.

Scalability and Flexibility: Libraries can scale their storage and computing capacities according to demand, without requiring a significant initial investment in physical infrastructure.

6. 5G Connectivity:

Enhanced Digital Services: The speed and low latency of 5G networks enable libraries to offer smoother access to cloud-based resources, HD video content, and immersive applications like VR with minimal buffering.

Remote Access and Collaboration: 5G improves the ability to collaborate remotely, stream educational content, and run real-time applications more effectively.

7. Data Analytics:

User Behavior and Resource Optimization: Data analytics allows libraries to track user preferences, resource usage patterns, and program effectiveness, which can inform decisions on resource allocation, event planning, and service enhancements.

Service Improvement: Libraries can use insights from data analytics to to keep improving their products, ensuring they meet user needs and improve operational efficiency.

8. Robotics:

Automating Routine Tasks: Robots can be used for tasks like sorting books, managing shelf organization, and guiding visitors, freeing up staff time for more complex services.

Customer Assistance: Robots can also assist users in navigating the library, helping with wayfinding or providing answers to common inquiries.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Long-Term Storage and Accessibility: Libraries are adopting AI and big data tools for the digital preservation of collections, ensuring that digital resources remain accessible and protected over time, regardless of technological advancements.

Data Integrity: These technologies help libraries maintain the integrity of digital content, preventing data corruption and loss.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Accessibility and Convenience: Voice-activated systems like Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant can improve accessibility by allowing users, especially those with disabilities, to search for books, access digital resources, and check availability hands-free.

Improved Resource Discovery: These assistants can guide users through the library's catalog, helping them find resources quickly and efficiently.

11. Gamification:

Engaging Users: Libraries can integrate gamification to encourage reading, participation in research challenges, or attending events. Users might earn points or rewards for engaging with content, fostering a sense of accomplishment and fun.

Youth Engagement: Gamification can especially appeal to younger users, helping them interact with the library's resources in a way that feels interactive and enjoyable.

12. Edge Computing:

Real-Time Processing: Local data processing is made possible via edge

Computing, which reduces latency, making real-time applications like virtual tours, Interactive displays, or live events more responsive and efficient.

Optimized Content Delivery: Libraries can offer faster content delivery for high-demand applications, improving user experience by reducing wait times for resources.

Cloud computing, AI, blockchain, AR/VR, IoT, and other cutting-edge technologies can enhance library operations in a variety of ways, from boosting operational effectiveness to enhancing user experience through customised services. Libraries may adapt to the evolving needs of their users and offer more dynamic, reasonably priced, and easily accessible services by using these technologies.

Challenges:

Implementing emerging technologies in libraries comes with several challenges, despite their potential benefits:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Challenge: The integration of AI and ML can be costly and resource-intensive, requiring skilled personnel to manage and maintain these systems. Libraries may face challenges in ensuring data privacy and managing biased algorithms, which can affect the accuracy and fairness of personalized recommendations.

2. Blockchain:

Challenge: Implementing blockchain in libraries for data management and digital rights involves significant technical complexity and costs. It can be challenging to scale and integrate with current library systems, and using such a novel and unfamiliar technology may encounter resistance.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Challenge: The high cost of AR and VR equipment, coupled with the need for continuous updates and maintenance, can pose financial barriers. Additionally, creating high-quality, engaging content for AR and VR experiences requires specialized skills and considerable resources.

4. Internet of Things (IoT):

Challenge: Deploying IoT in libraries requires substantial investments in hardware (e.g., sensors, smart shelves) and ongoing maintenance. Data security and privacy concerns also arise, especially in managing the vast amount of data generated by IoT devices.

5. Cloud Computing:

Challenge: While cloud computing offers scalability, it also raises concerns about data security and privacy, particularly for sensitive student or library data. Libraries need reliable internet infrastructure, which may not be available in all regions, and the ongoing cost of cloud storage can become burdensome.

6. 5G Connectivity:

Challenge: Not all areas have access to 5G infrastructure, despite the fact that 5G promises better speeds. Additionally, it can be costly and time-consuming to upgrade current systems and make sure they are compatible with new technologies.

7. Data Analytics:

Challenge: Libraries may face difficulties in collecting and analyzing data effectively due to the need for specialized tools and expertise. Additionally, privacy concerns regarding the collection of user data must be carefully managed to ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards.

8. Robotics:

Challenge: While robotics can automate certain tasks, the initial cost of robotic systems is high, and libraries may face difficulties in training staff to manage and maintain the robots. There is also a risk of job displacement for library staff, leading to resistance from employees.

9. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Challenge: The implementation of digital preservation tools requires ongoing investment in infrastructure and staff training. Moreover, preserving digital content in the face of evolving technology standards and formats can pose challenges to long-term data storage.

10. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Challenge: Although voice search enhances accessibility, implementing it effectively requires integrating various systems and ensuring user privacy. Libraries may also face challenges in developing voice-driven search functionalities that are user-friendly and capable of handling complex queries.

11. Gamification:

Challenge: Gamifying library services requires significant resources to develop engaging and educational content. Libraries may face difficulties in measuring the impact of gamification on user engagement, and there is a risk of alienating certain user groups who may not be familiar with or interested in gamification.

12. Edge Computing:

Challenge: Implementing edge computing demands significant infrastructure upgrades and may require libraries to have a higher level of technical expertise. Additionally, managing the decentralized data processing across multiple devices can lead to integration and security challenges.

Even though these new technologies have the potential to greatly improve university libraries, their successful acceptance and long-term viability depend on resolving the ethical, technical, and financial obstacles that stand in their way.

Opportunities:

Implementing emerging technologies in libraries offers numerous opportunities that can transform library services and enhance user experiences:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML):

Opportunity: By facilitating more effective resource discovery, offering tailored content recommendations, and improving customer support through chatbots driven by AI, AI and ML can greatly enhance the user experience. This makes it possible for libraries to better meet the requirements and preferences of each individual user.

2. Blockchain:

Opportunity: Blockchain ensures secure, transparent, and immutable records, offering enhanced digital rights management, secure transactions, and the tracking of digital resources. This can reduce fraud and improve the trust and transparency of library services, particularly for membership management and content licensing.

3. Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR):

Opportunity: AR and VR can create immersive learning experiences, virtual library tours, and interactive displays, enriching the educational experience for students. These technologies also help preserve rare or fragile collections, making them accessible to users without physical limitations.

3. Internet of Things (IoT):

Opportunity: IoT can create "smart libraries" where real-time data from smart devices improves resource management and enhances the user experience. For instance, IoT can streamline inventory tracking, ensure book availability, monitor space usage, and reduce operational inefficiencies.

4. Cloud Computing:

Opportunity: Large volumes of data may be managed and stored with the scalability and flexibility that cloud computing provides. It makes library services more affordable and accessible by giving consumers remote access to digital resources and removing the need for costly equipment.

5. 5G Connectivity:

Opportunity: The high-speed internet offered by 5G will enable faster access to cloud-based resources, HD videos, and VR content, improving the quality and speed of library services. It also enhances real-time communication and collaboration tools for remote users and faculty.

6. Data Analytics:

Opportunity: Data analytics empowers libraries to track user behavior, resource usage, and service performance. This data can inform decision-making, optimize resource allocation, and improve service offerings, ultimately enhancing user satisfaction and library operations.

7. Robotics:

Opportunity: Routine operations like inventory control, book sorting, and visitor guidance can be automated by robotics, freeing up library employees to work on more intricate, valuable tasks. Workflows can be streamlined and operational efficiency increased.

8. Digital Preservation Technologies:

Opportunity: Advanced preservation technologies ensure the long-term accessibility of digital content. By utilizing AI and big data, libraries can efficiently manage large collections and safeguard valuable resources for future generations, contributing to the sustainability of digital archives.

9. Voice Search and Smart Assistants:

Opportunity: Voice-activated systems allow users to access library services hands-free, enhancing the ease of resource seeking and increasing accessibility for persons with disabilities. Smart assistants can assist users in finding materials, checking availability, or accessing educational content.

10. Gamification:

Opportunity: Incorporating gamification into library services can increase user engagement, especially among younger generations. Gamified learning experiences, such as earning rewards for completing reading challenges or participating in research activities, can motivate users and foster a sense of community.

11. Edge Computing:

Opportunity: Edge computing reduces latency by processing data locally, enabling faster access to real-time applications like virtual tours, live events, and interactive content. This enhances the performance and responsiveness of library systems, especially for immersive or real-time experiences.

There are many chances to improve university libraries' usability, effectiveness, and accessibility with these new technology. By embracing these innovations, libraries can stay at the forefront of technological advancements, better serve their communities, and improve overall operational performance.

Key Findings:

1. Technologies Transforming Libraries:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): AI and ML enhance personalized user services, automate tasks, and improve resource discovery.

Blockchain: This technology offers secure digital rights management, transparency in digital transactions, and better data integrity.

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR): AR and VR create immersive learning experiences, virtual tours, and preservation of rare collections.

Internet of Things (IoT): IoT enables smart libraries with real-time data on resource management, enhancing the user experience.

Cloud Computing: Cloud systems provide flexible, cost-effective storage and remote access to resources.

5G Connectivity: 5G enables faster access to digital resources, improving user experience, particularly for cloud-based and VR applications.

Data Analytics: Libraries can analyze user behavior and resource usage, optimizing service offerings and decision-making.

Robotics: Robotics can automate tasks like book sorting and guide visitors, improving operational efficiency.

Digital Preservation: Advanced preservation tools ensure the long-term accessibility of digital resources.

Voice Search and Smart Assistants: These technologies provide hands-free search capabilities, improving accessibility.

Gamification: Engaging users, particularly younger generations, through rewards and challenges.

Edge Computing: Reduces latency by processing data locally, ensuring faster access to applications like virtual tours.

2. Challenges of Implementation:

Cost and Technical Complexity: Many technologies require significant investments in infrastructure, specialized skills, and ongoing maintenance (e.g., AR/VR, robotics).

Data Security and Privacy: Concerns about user data and the security of digital systems are critical, especially in technologies like IoT, AI, and cloud computing.

Staffing and Training: Libraries need skilled personnel to implement and maintain new technologies, and staff must be trained to adapt to these innovations.

Scalability and Integration: Some technologies (e.g., Blockchain, 5G) face integration challenges with existing library systems.

Resistance to Change: Employees or other stakeholders may oppose the adoption of new technology, particularly if they are concerned about job displacement or new systems.

3. Opportunities for Libraries:

In a continuously changing digital landscape, these technologies provide tremendous potential to improve user experiences, increase operational efficiency, and maintain relevance.

Improved User Experience: Personalized services through AI, immersive learning via AR/VR, and hands-free interaction with smart assistants can enrich user experiences.

Operational Efficiency: Robotics, IoT, and cloud computing can streamline library operations, reducing costs and manual labor.

Sustainability: Digital preservation technologies ensure the longevity of library resources, while data analytics helps libraries optimize their operations.

Innovation in Learning: Technologies like VR and gamification can engage users in new and dynamic ways, fostering community and enhancing learning outcomes.

Conclusion:

The article's conclusion states that although new technologies have a lot of potential to change university libraries, overcoming challenges like cost, security, and staffing issues is essential for successful implementation. By addressing these obstacles, libraries can harness these innovations to provide enhanced services, remain relevant, and improve both physical and digital library environments.

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jk"Vªh; fMftVy xFkky; ¼NDL½ gk Hkkjrkrhy ,d egÙoi.k miØe vkg] tk Hkkjrkrhy ekfgrh o Kkulp;ukph ,d ekBh vkf.k llxr ç.kkyh fuek.k dj.;kBh dk;jr vkg- ;k çdYikp e[; mfí"V Hkkjrkrhy fofo/k 'k{kf.kd] l'kk/kukRed] lkLd`frk, आणि वैज्ञानिक संस्थांकडून विविध डिजिटल संसाधने एकत्र करणे आणि त्यांना ऑनलाइन प्लॅटफॉर्मवर उपलब्ध करणे आहे- NDL pk gr Eg.kt fo|kFk;kuk] f'k{kdkuk] l'kk/kdkuk vkf.k lolkekU; ykdkuk ,dkp fBdk.kh fofo/k ekfgrh lkrkpk lgt ço'k çnku dj.k] T;keG ekfgrh feGo.k vf/kd lki vkf.k dk;{ke gkby-

NDL pk vk.k[kh ,d egRokpk iy Eg.kt R;kP;k 0;kid fMftVy lxgkP;k ek/;ekru jk"Vªh; vkf.k vkrjjk"Vªh; Lrjkoj l'kk/ku o f'k{k.kke/; ;kxnku n.k- NDL e/; ,d.T २०० हून अधिक भारतीय विद्यापीठे आणि १५००० हून अधिक शाळा vkf.k egkfo|ky;kpk leko'k vkg] t R;kr oxoxG;k 'kkL=K] y[kd] vkf.k l'kk/kdklkBh mi;kxh vlyY;k 'kk/kfuc/k] lnHk xFk] ,frgkfld nLr,ot] fp=] E;f>;e lkexh bR;knhph fMftVy lxg.k {kerk çnku djrkr- ;k çdYikP;k enrhu Hkkjrkrhy विविध शैक्षणिक व वैज्ञानिक माहिती एकाच ऑनलाइन प्लॅटफॉर्मवर संग्रहित केली जाते, ज्यामुळे ज्ञानाचा प्रसार आणि संशोधनाची गुणवत्ता l/kkjrk ;r-

NDL e/;s **AI** vkf.k **ML** pk okij

1- LekV 'kk/k ç.kkyh ¼Smart Search Systems½:NDL e/; d`f=e cf)eÙkk oki:u LekV lp flLVhEl fodflr dyh tkr vkgr- ;k ç.kkyhu okpdkP;k 'kk/k fd0gk ekfgrhP;k ekx.khP;k vk/kkjkoj vf/kd vpd vkf.k oxku ekfgrh feGo.k 'kD; gkr vkg-

AI vk/kkfjr upjy yXot çklflx ¼NLP½ vkf.k LekV vYxkfjnEl oki:u okpdkuk R;kP;k 'kk/kkP;k 'kCnkP;k lnHkkr mi;ä ekfgrh n'koyh tkr- g fo'k"kr% eyHkr ekfgrh 'kk/k vkf.k lxghr fMftVy nLr,otke/; çHkkoh Bjr-

2- ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण (Automated Document Classification½:NDL e/; nLr,otkp Lo;pfyr oxhdj.k dj.;klkBh e'khu yfuxpk okij dyk tkrk- ML vYxkfjnEl oki:u nLr,otkp oxhdj.k dy tkr T;keG nLr,otkP;k 'kk/k çfØ;r ox vkf.k vpdrk ok<ork ;r- ;keG 'kk/k oG deh gkrk vkf.k vf/kd çHkkoh MVk 0;oLFkkiu lk/krk ;r-

3- fMftVy nLr,ot 0;oLFkkiu ¼Digital Document Management½:AI vkf.k ML vk/kkfjr nLr,ot 0;oLFkkiu ç.kkyh NDL e/; egÙoi.k Hkfedk ctkor vkgr- g ç.kkyh fMftVy llk/kukp vf/kd l0;ofLFkr 0;oLFkkiu dj.;kl enr djrkr- OCR ¼Optical Character Recognition½ vkf.k AI pk okij d:u Nk;kfp=] Ldu dyyh iLrd] y[k o brj nLr,ot fMftVy Lo:ikr lxfgr dy tkrkr-

4- okpd f'kQkjl ç.kkyh ¼User Recommendation Systems½:NDL e/; e'khu yfuxpk okij okpd f'kQkjl ç.kkyhe/; dyk tkrk] T;keG okpdkuk R;kP;k okpukP;k i)rhoj vk/kkfjr mi;ä 'kk/kfuc/k] 'kk/k vkf.k brj fMftVy llk/ku f'kQkjl dyh tkrkr- ML p vYxkfjnEl okpdkP;k ekxhy okpu o vkn'kkP;k vk/kkjkoj f'kQkjlh djr vkgr-

5- MVk fo'y"k.k vkf.k VMl ¼Data Analytics and Trend½: NDL e/; AI vkf.k ML pk okij MVk fo'y"k.kklkBh dj.;kr ;rk- MVk VMl vkf.k okpdkp oru fo'yf"kr d:u vf/kd çHkkoh] mi;ä vkf.k 0;fäxr lok fnY;k tkrkr-

NDL e/;ा **AI** vkf.k **ML** pk okij: foLrr fo'y"k.k

LekV 'kk/k ç.kkyh ¼Smart Search Systems½:

jk"Vh; fMftVy xFkky; ¼NDL½ e/; कृf=e cf)eÙkk ¼AI½ pk okij d:u LekV lp flLVhEl fodflr dyh tkr vkgr- ;k ç.kkyhe/; upjy yXot çklflx ¼NLP½ vkf.k LekV vYxkfjnEl pk okij dyk tkrk] T;keG okpdkP;k 'kk/kk'kh lcf/kr vf/kd vpd vkf.k llxr ekfgrh feGork ;r- NLP r=Kku okpdkP;k 'kk/ku 'kCnkrhy lnHk] 0;kdj.k vkf.k fofo/k Hkkf"kd iyoj vk/kkfjr llxr ekfgrh çlkfjr djr vkg- ;keG okpdkuk 'kk/kkP;k 'kCnkP;k lnHkkr 'kk/k ykx.;kph çfØ;k l/kkjr] fo'k"kr eyHkr ekfgrh 'kk/krkuk vkf.k lxghr fMftVy nLr,otke/; 'kk/k ?kr vlrkuk-

ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण (Automated Document Classification½:

e'khu yfux ¼ML½ vYxkfjnElpk okij d:u NDL e/; nLr,otkp Lo;pfyr oxhdj.k dy tkr- ;k çfØ;k vrxr] ML vYxkfjnEl fofo/k fMftVy nLr,otkp fo'y"k.k d:u R;kuk lcf/kr J.;k fdok oxkr oxhkr djrkr- ;keG 'kk/k çfØ;rhy ox vkf.k vpdrk ok<ork ;r- mnkgj.kkFk] ,dnkp oxhkr dyy nLr,ot okpdkuk vf/kd oG okpo.;kl enr djrkr vkf.k 'kk/k çfØ;yk vf/kd ox feGorkr- ;keG MVk 0;oLFkkiu çfØ;r l/kkj.kkgh gkr] dkj.k nLr,otkph leUo;i.k llxrh jk[kyh tkr-

fMftVy nLr,ot 0;oLFkkiu ¼Digital Document Management½:

NDL e/; AI vkf.k ML vk/kkfjr nLr,ot 0;oLFkkiu ç.kkyh egÙokph Hkfedk ctkor vkgr- OCR ¼Optical Character Recognition½ vkf.k AI r=Kkukpk okij d:u nLr,otkp :ikrj.k vf/kd çHkkohi.k dy tkr vkg- Ldu dyY;k Nk;kfp=kp fMftVy Lo:ikr :ikrj.k] y[k vkf.k brj nLr,ot r vf/kd l0;ofLFkri.k lxfgr dj.k 'kD; gkr vkg- R;keG nLr,otkp 0;oLFkkiu vkf.k lxg.k çfØ;kgh vf/kd dk;{ke >kyh vkg-

okpd f'kQkjl ç.kkyh ¼User Recommendation Systems½:

NDL e/; e'khu yfux pk okij okpd f'kQkjl ç.kkyhe/; ekBîk çek.kkoj dyk tkr vkg- okpukP;k vkn'kkoj vk/kkfjr] ML vYxkfjnEl okpdkP;k ekxhy okpukpk vH;kl djrkr] vkf.k R;kulkj lcf/kr 'kk/kfuc/k] 'kk/k fdok brj fMftVy llk/ku f'kQkjl djrkr- okpdkP;k okpu i)rhp fo'y"k.k d:u] o;fäकृर f'kQkjlh fnY;k tkrkr] T;keG R;kpk okpu vuHko vf/kd l/kkfjr gkrk- ;k f'kQkjlh flLVhe okpukP;k bVjLVl vkf.k fuoMhoj vk/kkfjr llxr vkf.k mi;ä ekfgrh lporkr-

MVk fo'y"k.k vkf.k VMl ¼Data Analytics and Trends½:

NDL e/; AI vkf.k ML pk okij MVk fo'y"k.kklkBh ekBîk çek.kkoj dyk tkr vkg- MVk VMl vkf.k okpdkp oru fo'y"k.k d:u] NDL lLFku vf/kd çHkkoh] mi;ä vkf.k 0;fäxr lok çnku dj.;kpk mfí"V Bjoy vkg- okpdkP;k ekx.khpk vH;kl vkf.k okpukp VMl y{kkr ?kr] NDL okpdkuk vf/kd dLVekbTM vkf.k o;fäकृर ekfgrh n.;kP;k दृ"Vhu l/kkj.kk djr vkg- ;keG çR;d okpdkP;k fof'k"V xjtk vkf.k bPNkulkj ekfgrh fnyh tkr] T;keG lLFkpk dk;çn'ku vf/kd çHkkoh Bjrk-

jk"Vh; fMftVy xzFkky; ¼**NDL**½ vkf.k R;krhy d`f=e cf)eÙkk ¼**AI**½ vkf.k e'khu yfuZx ¼**ML**½ pk okij : Qk;n vkf.k vMp.kh

Qk;n:

1- LekV 'kk/k vkf.k okijdrk vuHko l/kkj.kk:

NDL e/; AI vkf.k ML pk okij LekV 'kk/k ç.kkyh fodflr dj.;klkBh dyk tkrk- ;keG okpdkuk R;kP;k 'kk/kkP;k 'kCnkP;k lnHkkr mi;ä vkf.k vpd ekfgrh feGork ;r- upjy yXot çklflx ¼NLP½ pk okij okpdkP;k 'kk/kkyk vf/kd llxr vkf.k çHkkoh cuork] T;keG ekfgrh feGo.;kph çfØ;k lyHk vkf.k tyn gkr-

2- ऑटोमेटेड दस्तऐवज वर्गीकरण:

ML vYxkfjnElpk okij NDL e/; nLr,otkp Lo;pfyr oxhdj.k dj.;klkBh dyk tkrk- ;keG nLr,otkP;k 'kk/k çfØ;r ox vkf.k vpdrk ok<ork ;r] rlp lxfgr MVk vf/kd l0;ofLFkr cuoyk tkrk- ;keG xFkky;krhy MVkcl vf/kd dk;{ke gkrk-

3- o;fäकृr f'kQkjlh vkf.k lYyk:

NDL e/; ML P;k enrhu okpd f'kQkjl ç.kkyh fodflr dyh tkr vkg- okpdkP;k ekxhy okpukP;k vk/kkjkoj lcf/kr 'kk/kfuc/k] y[k vkf.k brj llk/kukph f'kQkjl dyh tkr- ;keG okpdkuk R;kph vkoM vkf.k xjtkulkj o;fäकृr ekfgrh feGork ;r-

4- MVk fo'y"k.k vkf.k VMl:

AI vkf.k ML P;k enrhu NDL e/; MVk fo'y"k.k lk/krk ;r- okpdkP;k orukp vkf.k ekx.khp fo'y"k.k d:u] vf/kd çHkkoh vkf.k mi;ä lkexh okpdklkBh r;kj dyh tkr- ;keG xFkky;kph dk;{kerk vkf.k lok l/kkjr-

5- çHkkoh nLr,ot 0;oLFkkiu:

OCR ¼Optical Character Recognition½ vkf.k AI pk okij d:u NDL e/; Nk;kfp=] Ldu dyyh iLrd vkf.k brj nLr,ot fMftVy Lo:ikr lxfgr dyh tkrkr- ;keG fMftVy nLr,otkp 0;oLFkkiu vf/kd çHkkoh vkf.k l0;ofLFkr gkr-

vMp.kh:

1- r=Kkukp mPp çkjfHkd [kp:

AI vkf.k ML vk/kkfjr ç.kkyh LFkkfir dj.;klkBh mPp çkjfHkd [kp ;rk- यामध्ये सॉफ्टवेअर डेव्हलपमेंट, हार्डवेअर उपकरणे आणि r=Kkukp v|;kor dj.;kpk [kp lekfo"V vkg] T;keG dkgh xFkky;klkBh gk ,d ekBk vkOgku B: 'kdrk-

2- MVk xkiuh;rk vkf.k lj{kk /kkd:

AI vkf.k ML r=KkukP;k okijkeG MVk lj{kk vkf.k xkiuh;rp /kkd mnHko 'kdrkr- xFkky;ke/; lxfgr vlyyk MVk vf/kd lonu'khy curk vkf.k R;kP;k ljf{krrlkBh tkLr dkGth ?kryh ikfgt- xkiuh;rk mYy?ku vkf.k MVk pkjh P;k /kkj;kpk fopkj dyk tkrk-

3- ekuoh gLr{ki deh gk.k:

AI vkf.k ML r=KkukP;k vR;f/kd okijkeG dkgh oGl ekuoh gLr{kikph xjt deh gkÅ 'kdr- dkgh ykdkuk e'khuP;k cuoyY;k fu.k;koj fo'okl uly fdok R;kuk vf/kd ikjikfjd i)rh iln vl 'kdrkr] T;keG ekuo&dfær lok ph xjt deh gkÅ 'kdr-

4- MVk x.koÙkk vkf.k vpdrk:

AI vkf.k ML flLVElP;k çHkkoh dk;{kerlkBh vko';d vkg dh MVk vpd vkf.k lEi.k vlkok- tj MVk pdhpk fdok vi.k vly] rj R;kp fo'y"k.k pdhp gkÅ 'kdr vkf.k okpdkuk vi;'k gkÅ 'kdr-

5- r=KkukP;k Lohdkjkph vMp.k:

dkgh xFkky;ke/; r=KkukP;k Lohdkjkph vMp.k vl 'kdr] fo'k"krh ikjikfjd i)rhuk çk/kkU; n.kkj;ke/;- depkjh çf'k{k.k vkf.k r=KkukP;k vuç;kxkoj fo'okl ;koj lk'kdrk vl 'kdr] T;keG uo r=Kku ykx dj.;kr vMp.kh ;Å 'kdrkr-

fu"d"k:

jk"Vh; fMftVy xFkky; ¼NDL½ e/; कृf=e cf)eÙkk ¼AI½ vkf.k e'khu yfux ¼ML½ pk okij xFkky; lok vkf.k ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu l/kkj.;kP;k दृ"Vhu vR;r egÙoi.k Bjrk- ák r=KkukP;k okijkeG okpukph çfØ;k vf/kd oxoku] vpd vkf.k çHkkoh gkby- AI vkf.k ML okpukph lyHkrk] ekfgrhp oxhdj.k] vkf.k okijdr;kph ilrh y{kkr ?kÅu lnfHkr lkexh vf/kd dk;{keru miyC/k djrkr-

rFkkfi] AI vkf.k ML P;k çHkkoh okijklkBh vko';d vlyY;k ik;kHkr lfo/kkph vkf.k lj{kk mik;kph veyctko.kh egÙokph vkg- MVk ljf{kr Bo.;klkBh vkf.k vpdrph xjVh n.;klkBh ;kX; mik;;ktuk dj.k vko';d vkg- यामध्ये, सॉफ्टवेअर vixM] MVkcl lj{kk] vkf.k MVk çk;0glhoj y{k n.k vko';d Bjy-

oreku dkGkr] Hkkjrh; xFkky;klkBh AI vkf.k ML pk okij g KkukP;k çokgkr l/kkj.kk dj.kkj ,d egÙokp lk/ku B: 'kdr- tj ;kpk okij çHkkohi.k dyk xyk] rj ;keG xFkky; lokpk foLrkj gkby] mi;kxdr;kpk vuHko l/kkjy vkf.k Hkkjrkr ekfgrhP;k ikgkp.khe/; Økfrdkjh cny ?kMork ;rhy-

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Mk- vkuan ekyokj
¼l'kk/kd fo|kFkh½]
,l- ,u- ekj egkfo|ky;] relj

Mk- /kuat; xHk.k
xFkiky] leFk egkfo|ky;] yk[kuh-

xk"kokjk %

dk.kR;kgh xFkky;ke/; %d`f=e cf)eÙkk% ¼vkfVfQf'k;y bVfyt Uy½ p vfre /;s; lx.kd ç.kkyh r;kj dj.k g vlko;kl vkg- r dkr dj.;kl] vfkZu; dj.;kl vkf.k ekuoh cf)eÙkyk ekx Vkd.;kl leFk vkg- xFkikyinkP;k 0;olk;koj ;kpk egÙoi.k ifj.kke gkÅ 'kdrk-vfydMP;k dkGkr] xFkky; r=Kku vkfVfQf'k;y bVfyt Uy P;k mi;kxke/; ,d LQkV ikgr vkg- rYyhu f'k{k.kkaklkBh vkHkkl h okLro] iLrd okpu vkf.k 'kYQ&jhfMx ;= vkf.k lnHk lokl kBh rTK ç.kkyh gh dkgh mnkgj.k vkgr- df=e c/nheRrk ¼vkfVfQf'k;y bVfyt Uy½ ;k {k=ku toGik l lo {k=ke/; l'kkukP;k çxrh lkBh uohu l/kh m?kMY;k vkgr- 0;olk;kP;k çR;d iye/; d`f=e cf)eÙkk r=Kku mifLFkr vlY;keG Hkfo"; mTToy fnlr vkg- d`f=e cf)eÙkP;k okijku xFkky; ekfgrh l lk/kukph rjrn vkf.k okij rlp xFkky;kph mfi"V vkf.k r mfi"V lk/; dj.;kl kBh [ki enr dyh vkg- iLrd çdk'kukik lu iLrd forj.kki;r xFkky;ke/; d`f=e cf)eÙkp vud mi;kx vkgr- R;keG xFkikykuh R;kP;k Hkfedr leid jkg.;kl kBh dYidru fopkj djko;kl ikfgt- d`f=e cf)eÙkP;k okijku xFkky;kl kBh vud uohu पर्याय उघडले आहेत, ज्यात इलेक्ट्रॉनिक आणि भौतिक संसाधने जोडण्याची क्षमता आणि दृ";fQrhP;k lgk;;ku er oLr vkf.k dykd`rh tkM.;kph {kerk lekfo"V vkg- y[kke/; vud d`f=e cf)eÙkk ?kVd vkf.k xFkky; R;kp dk; vkf.k lokl kBh oki: 'kdrkr] v'kk lokpk vrHkko dyyk vkg-

dhoM % कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता साधने] ग्रंथालय सेवेतील कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता] ग्रंथालय सेवेतील कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (Artificial Intelligence Tools, Artificial Intelligence in Library Operation, Artificial Intelligence in Library Services)

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कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता हे एक फिलटर्स सारखे कार्य करते जे मानवी बुद्धिमत्ता प्रमाणे विचार करण्याची आणि निर्णय घेण्याची क्षमता असलेल्या संगणक प्रणाली विकसित करण्याशी संबंधित आहे. (जॉन मॅककार्थी, स्टॅनफोर्ड विद्यापीठ, 2023) कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) ही संगणक विज्ञानाची एक शाखा आहे जी मानवी बुद्धिमत्तेची नक्कल करणाऱ्या बुद्धिमान यंत्रे आणि संगणक प्रोग्राम तयार करण्याशी संबंधित आहे. (मार्विन मिन्स्की, एमआयटी, 1956) कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता म्हणजे मानवी बुद्धिमत्तेची नक्कल करणाऱ्या संगणक प्रणाली विकसित करण्याचा अभ्यास. (एलेन रिच, टेक्सास विद्यापीठ, 1983

çfØ;k Eg.kt कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता ग्रंथालयांमध्ये चॅटबॉट समाकलित केल्याने वापरकर्त्यांचा सहभाग वाढवण्यास मदत होते. हे चॅटबॉट्स वापरकर्त्यांना मानवी प्रतिनिधी किंवा कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता बॉट मध्ये सहभागी होता येते.

vf/kdkf/kd of/kr dj.;klkBh okijdR;kp 0;ogkj] vkoM&fuoM vkf.k dy rikl.;klkBh ekBîkk MVk fo'y"k.kkpk okij d: 'kdrkr-

4-4 ulfxd Hkk"kk ifØ;k ¼upjy yXot çklflx½ %

g कृf=e cf)eÙkk ¼vkfVfQf'k;y bVfytUl½ ¼,vk;½ p ,d {k= vkg t ekuoh Hkk"kp vFk'kkL= vkf.k R;kP;k ulfxd Lo#ikr vFk letu ?k.;kpk ç;Ru djr T;ke/; ulfxd Hkk"kk ifØ;pk ¼upjy yXot çklflx½ ¼,u,yih½ leko'k gkrk- çkFkfed mfí"V etdjklg egÙoi.k ekfgrh dk<.k vkf.k çklr vr"Vh oki:u MVk ueuk fodflr dj.k g vkg- ,u,yih ph dkgh e[; dk; vkgr- T;ke/; etdj oxhdj.k vkf.k [kuu ¼MVk DyklhfQd'ku vM ek;uhx½ Hkkouk fo'y"k.k] etdjkp fo'y"k.k] 'kCn vuØe] mPpkj vkG[k.k vkf.k fuferh] ;=k}kj Hkk"kkrj vkf.k lokn ç.kkyh ;kpk leko'k gkrk- vki.k xFkky;ke/; ulfxd Hkk"kk çfØ;k ¼,u,yih½ lekdfyr dY;ku xFkky; mRikndrk vkf.k okijdrk vuHko ekBÓkk çek.kkr l/kk: 'kdrk- rlp xFkky;kph 'kk/k dk; l0;ofLFkr d:u lj{kdkuk vf/kd çkekf.kd vkf.k vR;k/kfud pkd'kh lknj dj.;kl l{ke djr- ;k0;frjä ,u,yih xFkky;ke/khy Hkk"kklkBh Hkk"kkrj lok çnku dj.;kr enr d: 'kdr] T;keG 0;kid ç{kdklkBh l lk/kukph lyHkrk ok< 'kdr-

4-5 ueuk vkG[k%

Ueyj vkG[k gk MVk fo'y"k.kkpk dृ"Vhdku vkg] tk MVke/khy fu;ferrk rlp dy Lo;pfyri.k 'kk/k.;klkBh कृf=e cf)eÙkk dk;lph ¼vYxkfjne½ okijrk- MVk vud idkjpk vl 'kdrk] T;ke/; etdj] çfrek] /ouh vkf.k brj 'kk/k.;k;kX; ckchpk leko'k vkg- ueuk vkG[k dk;lph vkG[kY;k xyY;k ljpupk ær vkf.k vpdi.k 'kk/k ?kÅ 'kdr- xFkky;ke/; कृf=e cf)eÙkP;k ,d=hdj.kke/; xFkky; dk;{kerP;k vkf.k ,d.k okijdr;kP;k vuHkokP;k vl[; iye/; y{k.kh; l/kkj.kk dj.;kph {kerk vkg- ueuk vkG[k.;kP;k ?kVdke/; MVk xkGk dj.k] çkFkfed çfØ;k dj.k] of'k"Vî dk<.k] ueuk fuoM.k vkf.k çf'k{k.k vkf.k eY;ekiu ;kpk leko'k gkrk-

4-6 etdj MVk ek;fux%

etdj [kuu ¼'kk/k½ gk ekBîk çek.kkoj vljfpr rlp voxhकृr etdj MVke/ku ekY;oku vkf.k vFki.k ekfgrh 'kk/k.k] iuiklr dj.k vkf.k dk<.;klkBh i)r'khj dृ"Vhdku vkg- oxhdj.k] dhoM 'kk/k vkf.k fo"k; ueu vkf.k leg ;klkj[;k vud mí'kklkBh xFkky; loke/; etdj [kuu ekBîkk çek.kkoj okijy tkr- g ,flyd'ku xFkky;kuk ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu] ekfgrh iuiklrh vkf.k fu.k; ?k.;ke/; R;kph dk;{kerk l/kkj.;kl enr djrkr ¼vj'kn] ,e] 2020½-

5- xFkikyin rÙoke/; कृf=e cf)eÙkk

Mk- jxukFku ;kph ikp rÙo gk xFkikyinkpk eyHkr ik;k vkg- xFkky;krhy xFkky; ekfgrh l lk/ku vkf.k lokp forj.k ;k ikp e[; eY;k}kj of'k"Vîhकृr vkg ¼vtdk;] 2022½- कृf=e cf)eÙkk çR;d rÙok'kh dl ljf[kr gkr r [kkyh o.ku dy vkg-

5-1 iLrd okij.;klkBh vkgr %

xFkky;kP;k ekfgrh l lk/kukP;k okijkl lo çfØ;k vkf.k fØ;kdykik}kj çkRlkgu fny tkr- कृf=e cf)eÙkk r=Kku xFk vkf.k brj ekfgrh l lk/kukpk okij lyHkrk ok<ou vf/kd lyHk djrkr- vkrk

cgrd iLrd fMftVy Lo:ikr miyC/k vlY;ku] R;kP;k ok<yY;k ço'k{kereG okpd R;kpk okij ioh i{kk vf/kd d: 'kdrkr-

5-2 çR;sd okpdklkBh xsFk %

fof'k"V çdkjph xFkky; vfLrRokr vlugh] xFkky; okijdr;kP;k fofo/k J.khuk çfrfcfcr djrkr- Eg.ku] fofo/k xjtk i.k dj.;klkBh xFkky; ekfgrh llk/ku feGforkr- çR;d 0;ähdM ,d fof'k"V iLrd fdok ekfgrhp llk/ku miyC/k vlr] t R;kP;k oreku ekfgrhph vko';drk i.k djr- xFkky; lj{kdkuk iLrd feG.k egÙokp vkg- f'kQkjl ç.kkyhlkj[;k cf)eku ç.kkyhp vfLrRo gh {kerk l{ke djr- ldyu fodkl xFkikykuk liknuklkBh llk/ku lpo.;k0;frjä] r okijdR;kyk R;kP;k ekfgrhP;k xjtk i.k dj.kkjh lokÙke miyC/k ekfgrh n[khy lpo 'kdr-

5-3 çR;sd xsFkklkBh okpd %

çR;d xFkkpk Lor%pk fof'k"V vlk okpd vlrk- dll;koj iLrd fdok brj ekfgrh llk/ku okij.k fdok lkM.k v;kX; vkg- ;k llk/kukpk xFkky;ke/; okij dj.k vko';d vkg- कृf=e cf)eÙkk v'kh ,d ;=.kk LFkkiu d:u okijdr vkf.k iLrd ;kP;krhy ijLijlokn lyHk djr] t doG ykdkuk iLrdkdM vkdf"kr djr ukgh rj r iLrd okijdR;ki;r ikgkpor-

5-4 okpdkpk oG okpkok %

;'kkpk lokPp fcn xkB.k gk xFkky;ke/; कृf=e cf)eÙkk ykx dj.;kpk çkFkfed mí'k vkg- okijdR;kph vf/kdkf/kd ok< gkou r deh foyc lgu djrkr- ,d cf)eku ç.kkyh dk;{keru xFkky; okijdr;kP;k vko';drkp Li"Vhdj.k nr vkf.k R;kP;k leL;kuk Rofjr çfrlkn nr- ;k0;frjä] ,d vR;k/kfud dk;lph ½vYxkfjne½ okijdR;kP;k l/;kP;k fLFkrhiklu xFkky;ke/khy ekfgrh llk/kukP;k LFkkuki;r lokr dk;{ke ekx vkG[k.;kl l{ke djr- g cf)eku r=Kku okijdr vkf.k iLrdkph fBdk.k 'kk/k.;kr l{ke vkg vkf.k R;kP;k ijLijloknkph lk; dj.;klkBh fn'kkfun'k çnku djr-

5-5 xsFkky; gh of/k".k lsLFkk vkg %

vfydMP;k ngk o"kkr xFkky;kp Lo:i cnyy vkg- ;kp dkj.k vl dh] xFkky; gh ,d tGou ?k.kkjh lLFkk vkg vkf.k fru d/khgh dBkj dृ"Vhdku ckGx u;- xFkikyinkpk fl)kr vkf.k 0;ogkjkr dkgh çek.kkr fodkl >kY;kp vk<Gr- xFkky; vkf.k ekfgrh dæke/; कृf=e cf)eÙkph veyctko.kh dY;ku xFkky; okijdR;klkBh foLrkj vkf.k R;kuk ;kX; lok nrk ;r-

6- xsFkky; lsok forjhr dj.;klkBh कृf=e cf)eÙkph vkKkoyh

'k{kf.kd xFkky;kuh fMftVy ;xkr R;kph Hkfedk iUgk u0;ku 'kk/ku dk<.k vkf.k letu ?k.k vko';d vkg- t.kd#u r çnku djr vlyY;k lokP;k x.koÙkr vf/kdkf/kd l/kkj.kk gkou कृf=e cf)eÙkP;k 'kD;rkpk vf/kd pkxyk Qk;nk gko 'kdrk- कृf=e cf)eÙkk gh ekfgrh okij.;klkBh vkf.k mRकृ"V ifj.kke feGfo.;klkBh ,d vR;r Qk;n'kh vkf.k dk;{ke dृ"Vhdku çnku dj.kkjh vkKkoyh vkg- xFkky; R;kP;k lokP;k x.koÙkp l;kX; eY;kdu dj.;klkBh कृf=e cf)eÙklg çxr r=Kkukpk okij dj.;klkBh Lor%yk LFkku nr vkgr-

कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा ग्रंथालय क्षेत्रातील वाढता वापर

6-1 प्रस्तावना:

आजचे डिजिटल युग हे माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाच्या क्रांतीचे युग आहे. या युगात माहितीचे व्यवस्थापन करणे हे ग्रंथालयांसमोरील एक मोठे आव्हान आहे. पारंपरिक ग्रंथालय सेवा आता पुरेशा ठरत नाहीत. वाचकांच्या बदलत्या गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयांना नवीन तंत्रज्ञानाचा अवलंब करावा लागत आहे. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) हे या दिशेने उचलले जाणारे एक महत्त्वाचे पाऊल आहे.

6-2 ग्रंथालय सेवा:

ग्रंथालय सेवा देताना ग्रंथालयाच्या उद्दिष्टांनुसार वाचकांच्या गरजा लक्षात घेऊन त्यांना माहिती उपलब्ध करून देणे हे ग्रंथालयाचे प्रमुख कार्य आहे. ग्रंथालयाच्या संसाधनांचा वापर वाढवणे, वाचकांचे समाधान करणे आणि ग्रंथालयाची प्रतिमा उंचावणे हे ग्रंथालय सेवेचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. ग्रंथालय सेवा देताना वाचकांच्या गरजा ओळखणे, त्यानुसार सेवा देणे आणि सेवेचे मूल्यमापन करणे या गोष्टी महत्त्वाच्या आहेत.

6-3 ऑनलाइन संदर्भ सहाय्य (ऑनलाईन रेफरन्स असिस्टUI&vkvkj,½ %

xFkky;ke/; fofo/k çdkjP;k r=Kkukpk okij d:u fuEu vkf.k e/;e Lrjkojhy pkd'kh lkBh lLFkP;k lnHk xFkiyk}kj çnku dyY;k leFku loke/; ok< dj.k] g ;k ç.kkyhp mfí"V vkg- g fuoMhP;k {k=klg lslTt vkg] t vuko';d 'kdk nj djr- g ,drj enr ç.kkyh fdok fofo/k MVkcll vkf.k lhMh&jke lnHk lk/kuklkBh okijdrk lokrd ¼bVjQl½ Eg.ku dke d: 'kdr-

6-4 पॉइंटर %

Kku&vk/kkfjr ç.kkyh g ;k çdkjP;k ç.kkyhp nlj uko vkg] ijr r lx.kd&lefFkr L=krlkj[k dk; djr- ifj.kkeh] okijdr;kuk lnHk lkexhdM funf'kr dy tkr-

7- xFkky; dk;ke/;s कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा ग्रंथालय

7-1 कॅटलॉगिंग:

सर्वात जुनी ग्रंथालय कलस म्हणून, कॅटलॉगिंग ही एक सुप्रसिद्ध पद्धत आहे. वर्णनात्मक कॅटलॉगिंग प्रक्रिया एएसीआर आधारित मानली जात असल्याने, तज्ञ प्रणालींच्या वापराद्वारे स्वयंचलित कॅटलॉगिंगसाठी सध्याचे ç;Ru ;k fof'k"V i)rhoj dfær vkgr- कॅटलॉगिंगमध्ये कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता çfØ;kpk leko'k nku oxoxGÓkk çdkj i.k dyk tkÅ 'kdrk-

7-1-1 लोकरंद %

loknd ¼bVjQl½ tk ckf)d ç;Rukuk e/;LFk vkf.k leFku ç.kkyh ;k njE;ku foHkkftr djrk rlp ekuo vkf.k e'khu ;kP;krhy lokn lyHk djrk-

7-1-2 इलेक्ट्रॉनिक प्रकाशन प्रणाली %

विस्तृत कॅटलॉगिंग कार्यक्षमतेसह इलेक्ट्रॉनिक प्रका'ku i.kkyhlg v[kMi.k llxr vlyyketdj ऑनलाइन तयार केल्यामुळे स्वयंचलित प्रक्रियेस परवानगी देते. कौशल्य–आधारित प्रणाली आणि कॅटलॉगिंग çfØ;njE;ku e/;LFkkdMu dk.kR;kgh ckf)d gLr{kikph vko';drk nj djr-

7-2 oxhdj.k%

rK ç.kkyhlkBh vk.k[kh ,d vkOgkukRed {k= Eg.kt oxhdj.k- oLr vkf.k oxke/khy lc/k okjokj xk/kGkr Vkd.kkj vlrkr vkf.k dk.kR;kgh dBkj vkf.k tyn fu;ekf'kok; oxhdj.k Øekd vkf.k

fo"k; 'kh"kd fu/kkfjr dj.;klkBh f'kQkjlh miyC/k vlrkr- oxØekd vkf.k fo"k; 'kh"kd okViklkBh i.kkyh r;kj dj.;koj l'kk/ku Hkj nr vkg-

7-3 lkiknu%

lxg foHkkxklkBh lkfgR; fuoM.;kph vkf.k feGo.;kph çfØ;k gk xFkky;kpk ,d egÙokpk Hkkx vkg vkf.k ;k ç;Rukr xFkiky rlp ekfgrh vf/kdkjh egÙokph Hkfedk ctkorkr- xFkky; okijdr b&lxg.k fodklkr egÙokph Hkfedk ctkorkr vkf.k ;k çfØ;njE;ku R;kph enr vkf.k lpuk ?k.k vR;r vko';d vkg- ekukxkQ fuoM lYykxkj gk xFkky;'kkL=kP;k 0;olk;kr xFkky; lxgkP;k fodklke/; oxku ok<.kkÚ;k r=Kkukpk ,d ukfoU;i.k okij vkg- ueuk dyy dk; gh i)r'kh çfØ;k vkg] T;k}kj fo"k; xFkdkj ekukxkQcíy fof'k"V ri'khy fuoMrk- Kku lxg.kkr loleko'kd 0;klrh vl.k vko';d vkg] rj lokrd ¼bVjQl½ okijdrk&vudy vlkok] xFkky;kyk midj.kkekQr vko';d ekfgrh lgtru ikIr dj.;kl l{ke djr ¼cuth] ,e] ,l] 2022½-

7-4 vuØef.kdk%

vuØef.kdk çdk'kuklkBh rK ç.kkyh r;kj dj.;kr vkyh vkg T;ke/; çfrcf/kr 'kCnlxg lKk fuoM.k vkf.k okVi dj.k] t ekf[kd o.kukçek.k leku ldYiukRed vFk lkekf;d djrkr] fu;rdkfyd y[kkP;k vuØef.kdlkBh ldYiuk ifjHkkf"kr dj.k vkf.k R;kp ekf[kd o.kuke/; Hkk"kkrj dj.k lekfo"V vkg- vuØef.kdph llxrrk vkf.k x.koÙkk l/kkj.k g çfØ;P;k e[; Hkkxkuk Lo;pfyr dj.;kp y{; vkg- dk;lph lcf/kr b"V vVh fu/kkfjr dj.;klkBh vuØe r;kj dj.kkÚ;ku çnku dyyk MVk oki:u Lor¼p ;kX; mifoHkkx fu;ä dj.;kl l{ke vkgr- vueku dk<.;kl vkf.k urj ;kX; कृrh dj.;kl gh ç.kkyh l{ke vkg- ßeM bMDlÞ gh ,d ueuk vuØef.kdk i.kkyh vkg] th xFkky; vuØefudk dk;klkBh ykx dyh tkr- xFkky; okijdR;kidh Qä dkgh VDd ykd Kku&vk/kkfjr ç.kkyhpk mi;kx djrkr- okpd lglk ;k r=Kkukpk okij djr ukghr- dkj.k g r=Kku R;kP;klkBh ijl ukgh-

7-5 lxg.k fodkl%

çdk'ku miyC/k djrkuk foØR;kP;k Hkrdkrhy ;'kLoh 0;ogkjkp vf/kdkf/kd fo'y"k.k d:u R;kuk vkG[k.;klkBh कृf=e cf)eÙkk ç.kkyh fodflr dyh tkÅ 'kdr- ifj”kn dk;okgh] ijn'kh Hkk"kk fdok jk"Vke/khy fu;rdkfyd rlp tuy çdk'ku vkf.k fof'k"V rkf=d vgoky ;klkj[kh xjekud ekfgrh lkexh feGfo.;klkBh g r=Kku vf/kd Qk;n'kh vly- f'kok;] l'kk/kukrugh vl fnlu vky vkg dh] fuoM çfØ;r enr dj.;klkBh xFkikyinkP;k {k=kr df=e cf)eÙkk ¼vkfVfQf'k;y bVfytUl½ ç.kkyh r;kj dj.;kr vkyh vkg-

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Redefining Library Spaces

EMBEDDED LIBRARIES: TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES INTO INNOVATION HUBS

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Abstract- *In today's rapidly evolving world, libraries are facing the challenge of staying relevant in an era increasingly dominated by digital technology and innovation. Once seen primarily as spaces for books and quiet study, libraries are now being recognized as crucial hubs for community engagement, innovation, and knowledge dissemination. This paper explores the concept of "embedded libraries"—a model where libraries are integrated within various sectors of society, from educational institutions to tech startups, healthcare centers, and public service spaces. By embedding libraries within diverse contexts, they have the potential to foster creativity, support digital literacy, and drive economic and social innovation. This paper examines the benefits, challenges, and future opportunities of transforming libraries into dynamic innovation hubs that bridge the digital divide and contribute to the knowledge economy.*

Keywords: *Embedded libraries, innovation hubs, library evolution, digital literacy, knowledge economy, community engagement, collaborative spaces, makerspaces, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship, information access, interdisciplinary collaboration, library transformation, social impact, technology-driven libraries, library sustainability, economic development, access to information, public libraries, health innovation, digital divide.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been sanctuaries of knowledge, offering access to books, archives, and a quiet space for study. However, as technology reshapes nearly every aspect of life, the role of libraries must also evolve. Libraries are increasingly being seen as more than just repositories of information; they are emerging as key players in fostering innovation, creativity, and collaboration within communities. The idea of "embedded libraries" refers to integrating libraries into non-traditional spaces, extending their role far beyond the physical building and making them accessible in more practical, community-oriented ways.

The shift from static, traditional library spaces to dynamic innovation hubs is being driven by various factors, including the demand for digital literacy, the rise of maker culture, and the increasing importance of collaborative problem-solving in the modern economy. This paper seeks to explore how embedded libraries can leverage technology, collaboration, and inclusive design to meet the needs of contemporary society and become powerful agents of social and economic transformation.

Objective

The objective of this paper is to explore the concept of embedded libraries and examine how libraries, when integrated into diverse sectors such as education, healthcare, business, and community spaces, can transform into dynamic innovation hubs. The paper aims to evaluate the potential of embedded libraries to foster creativity, support digital literacy, bridge the digital divide, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and contribute to social and economic development. Additionally, the study seeks to assess the challenges and opportunities in reimagining libraries as key players in the modern knowledge economy.

Hypothesis

Embedded libraries, when strategically integrated into various community and organizational settings, enhance access to information, promote innovation, and empower individuals through digital literacy, resulting in more equitable socio-economic outcomes and stronger community engagement. Moreover, libraries that adopt this embedded model will serve as critical catalysts for local economic development and interdisciplinary collaboration, contributing to a more inclusive and sustainable knowledge-driven society.

The Evolution of Libraries: From Silent Repositories to Knowledge Hubs

Traditional Libraries: A Historical Overview

Historically, libraries have been central to academic and intellectual pursuits. They have served as storage spaces for books, manuscripts, and archives, and have functioned primarily as quiet, solitary spaces for reading and research. Libraries traditionally catered to academics, students, and

researchers, with a focus on printed materials and individual learning. This model, however, is increasingly seen as outdated as the digital age has radically transformed how people access information and interact with knowledge.

The Digital Revolution and Changing Expectations

The widespread use of the internet, mobile technologies, and digital media has fundamentally changed the way people access information. The ease with which information can be retrieved online has reduced the need for traditional library services, while also creating new challenges. Libraries must now adapt to an environment where digital resources are often the first point of contact for most information seekers. This shift has led to a rethinking of the role of libraries within the broader information ecosystem.

Libraries have begun to offer not just access to information, but opportunities to interact with and create new knowledge. Services now range from providing digital tools, offering training in digital literacy, and supporting community-based innovation efforts, to functioning as collaborative spaces for social entrepreneurship and technological experimentation.

Embedded Libraries: Redefining the Role of Libraries in Society

An embedded library is one that goes beyond the traditional building-based model. It is seamlessly integrated into a variety of settings—academic, corporate, community, healthcare, and governmental. This new model aims to create deeper and more meaningful engagement with diverse user groups, leveraging the library's unique strengths in information access, curation, and knowledge-sharing.

Libraries as Collaborative Innovation Spaces

In the context of innovation, libraries are being embedded within collaborative ecosystems—co-working spaces, tech incubators, and maker labs. By positioning libraries within these spaces, they become central to fostering creativity, knowledge exchange, and multidisciplinary problem-solving.

For example, a university library embedded within a science and technology incubator can provide students and entrepreneurs with access to research databases, specialized texts, and expertise in information management while also facilitating networking and collaboration among different stakeholders. This co-location of library resources within innovative spaces nurtures a culture of creativity and innovation.

Libraries in Healthcare: Bridging Knowledge Gaps

In healthcare settings, embedded libraries can serve as bridges between clinical knowledge and patient care. Digital resources such as evidence-based research, medical journals, and interactive platforms can be accessed by healthcare professionals directly at the point of care. Libraries within hospitals or healthcare institutions can also support patient education by offering resources on health literacy and personal wellness.

Furthermore, libraries embedded in healthcare environments can support health innovation by facilitating collaboration between researchers, medical professionals, and technology developers. In this way, libraries are not merely passive information providers; they are active contributors to the improvement of public health outcomes.

Libraries and Digital Literacy: Empowering Communities

Embedded libraries are also particularly well-suited to addressing the digital divide in underserved communities. By partnering with community centers, social organizations, and even local businesses, libraries can offer digital literacy programs, workshops on coding, and access to computers and the internet. These services are critical for empowering individuals in economically disadvantaged areas and ensuring equitable access to the knowledge economy.

The Role of Libraries in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

Embedded libraries also play a critical role in supporting local entrepreneurship and economic development. Libraries can provide access to market research, business databases, and intellectual property resources that are otherwise expensive or difficult for small business owners to access. They can also act as incubators for startups by offering meeting spaces, access to mentors, and collaborative tools.

For instance, public libraries with embedded entrepreneurial programs can offer workshops on business planning, marketing, and funding strategies. These programs help individuals with ideas and skills but limited resources take the first steps toward creating new businesses and contributing to local economic growth.

Benefits of Embedded Libraries

1. Increased Access to Information

By embedding libraries in various community spaces, the public gains better access to information and resources that might otherwise be inaccessible due to geographical, financial, or educational barriers. This democratization of knowledge fosters greater participation in the knowledge economy.

2. Community Engagement and Empowerment

Libraries embedded within communities become more deeply integrated into the fabric of society. They provide critical resources and services that are tailored to the unique needs of the people they serve. This can result in stronger community cohesion, improved social outcomes, and increased civic engagement.

3. Enhanced Digital Literacy and Innovation Capacity

With a focus on digital literacy, libraries embedded in schools, universities, and public spaces can equip individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in a digital world. This not only enhances personal empowerment but also boosts a community's ability to innovate and compete in the global economy.

4. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

By embedding libraries within diverse sectors, from tech hubs to healthcare institutions, new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration arise. Researchers, entrepreneurs, and professionals from various fields can work together, sharing knowledge and solving complex problems that require a holistic, multi-faceted approach.

5. Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

Embedded libraries are more likely to be sustainable because they are integrated into systems that provide ongoing funding and resources. Whether through collaborations with local businesses, universities, or government agencies, these libraries can achieve long-term impact by aligning their goals with the needs of the communities they serve.

Challenges and Considerations

While the concept of embedded libraries presents exciting possibilities, there are several challenges to overcome:

1. Resource Allocation

Integrating libraries into diverse sectors may require significant investment in technology, staff training, and infrastructure. Ensuring that libraries have the necessary resources to effectively support innovation hubs can be challenging, especially in underfunded or resource-constrained environments.

2. Maintaining Relevance

As libraries move into new spaces, there is a risk that their traditional roles could be diluted. It is essential for libraries to balance their core mission of providing information access with their evolving role in fostering innovation. Without careful planning, there is a risk that libraries may lose sight of their foundational purposes.

3. Inclusivity and Access

In order to be truly transformative, embedded libraries must ensure that they are accessible to all community members, particularly those who are underserved. This requires thoughtful consideration of accessibility issues, including language barriers, physical disabilities, and internet access.

4. Privacy and Security Concerns

With the increasing amount of data being shared and collected within embedded library spaces, issues related to privacy and data security become more critical. Libraries must ensure that users' personal information and intellectual property are protected, particularly in spaces where collaborative innovation takes place.

Conclusion

The transformation of libraries into embedded innovation hubs represents a powerful shift in how knowledge is created, shared, and applied in society. By becoming more integrated into diverse sectors—education, healthcare, business, and beyond—libraries have the potential to drive innovation, support digital literacy, and contribute to the social and economic empowerment of communities. However, for embedded libraries to realize their full potential, careful consideration must be given to resource allocation, inclusivity, and privacy concerns. As libraries continue to evolve, they can serve as key catalysts in the development of a more equitable and innovative society.

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GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract:*As institutions across the world work for sustainability, the idea of Green Libraries has risen to popularity. Libraries, as knowledge centers, play a vital part in developing eco-friendly strategies for minimizing their environmental impact. Green technology in libraries includes energy-efficient systems, renewable energy sources, intelligent lighting, sustainable construction, digital resources, and paperless services. The implementation of these technologies improves operating efficiency, lowers costs, and aligns libraries with worldwide sustainability objectives. Libraries that use green technologies can become examples of sustainability while still providing significant services to users. Green libraries additionally assist to raise community awareness and educate people about environmental responsibility, serving as models for sustainability in the public sector. Libraries may drastically decrease their carbon footprint through the adoption of smart building designs, environmentally friendly materials, and innovative waste management systems. Green library initiatives*

not only help to conserve natural resources, but they also improve the user experience by providing healthier indoor settings and modern, energy-efficient services. This article investigates the different green technologies that modern libraries can embrace, their benefits, the problems associated with their implementation, and the possibilities for future advances in the sector. Libraries that use green technologies can become examples of sustainability while still providing significant services to users.

Keywords:*Green Library, Sustainable Practices, Renewable Energy, Digitalization, Eco-friendly Libraries*

Introduction:

Concerns about environmental degradation and global warming have shifted the way institutions function, including libraries. Libraries have traditionally been spaces with large physical collections and significant energy use, but as people become more aware of the need of sustainability, they are adopting green technologies. (Ray, 2023) To reduce their environmental impact, green libraries prioritize renewable-efficient solutions, the use of renewable energy sources, trash reduction, and the promotion of digital services.

A wide range of activities are included in the category of green technology in libraries, ranging from the setup of solar panels and intelligent lighting systems to the digitalization of paperless services. Eco-friendly building materials and sustainable library architecture also contribute to the objective of lowering carbon footprints while preserving operational effectiveness. In addition to supporting global sustainability goals, these projects make indoor spaces healthier for employees and users.

The objective of this paper is to examine how green technology fit into present libraries, what kinds of sustainable practices they can use, and the difficulties they provide. By realizing the potential of green library projects, organizations can effectively serve their communities while taking proactive measures toward a more ecologically conscious future.

There are some main sections or path available in libraries where Green Initiatives or Green Technologies can be done through following methods.

1. Infrastructure with Low Energy Use

Energy-efficient construction in libraries is critical to decreasing energy use and developing sustainability. Libraries are increasingly using smart lighting solutions like LED bulbs, sensors for motion, and solar power systems to save energy. Automated HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) systems provide effective temperature control by altering settings based on occupancy levels, resulting in lower energy use. Furthermore, the use of insulated windows, green roofs, and energy-efficient building materials reduces heat loss and increases thermal efficiency. These techniques greatly reduce operational expenses while providing a more comfortable and sustainable library environment. Libraries may successfully assist with global sustainability

initiatives by implementing energy-efficient architecture and maintaining good service delivery standards.

2. Renewable Energy Sources.

Many libraries are turning to sources of clean energy to build sustainable, eco-friendly surroundings. Solar panels have become a popular solution, allowing libraries to use solar power to generate electricity, reducing dependency on traditional energy networks and lowering operating expenses. Wind energy is another efficient way to generate electricity in locations with good wind conditions (Hauke, Charney, & Sahavirrta, 2018). Wind turbines can help libraries lower their carbon footprint and encourage sustainability. Furthermore, geothermal heating and cooling systems are increasingly being used to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels. These systems employ the earth's natural temperature to regulate indoor environment, providing a green alternative to traditional heating and cooling methods.

3. Conservation of Water Strategies.

Water conservation measures are an essential aspect of green technology in libraries, contributing to sustainability and reducing environmental impact. Libraries can implement various strategies to minimize water usage, starting with the installation of low-flow faucets, toilets, and urinals to reduce water wastage. Rainwater harvesting systems can be set up to collect and store rainwater, which can then be used for irrigation, landscaping, or even flushing toilets. In addition, libraries can adopt water-efficient landscaping practices, such as xeriscaping, which involves using drought-resistant plants that require less water. The use of water-efficient cleaning methods and equipment can also significantly reduce water consumption in library maintenance. By implementing these water conservation measures, libraries not only cut operational costs but also demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability. Educating library users about the importance of water conservation further enhances the library's role as a community leader in promoting green practices.

4. Digitization and paperless services.

Digitalization and paperless services are important components of green technology in libraries, as they considerably reduce paper use and promote environmental sustainability. Libraries reduce their reliance on paper-based records and documents by using digital systems for categorization, lending, and resource access. Digital catalogs and e-books minimize the demand for printed products, thereby conserving forests and reducing trash. Furthermore, providing online services such as digital reference assistance, virtual library tours, and e-resources allows users to access information without requiring physical materials, contributing to a paperless environment. The transition to digital communication, such as emails or digital newsletters, also reduces paper consumption. Libraries can manage data using energy-efficient servers and cloud storage, which reduces the environmental effect of keeping physical archives. Libraries that embrace digital

technologies and paperless services not only improve user comfort, but also play an important role in promoting sustainability and lowering their environmental imprint.

5. Sustainable Library Design

Modern libraries are increasingly adopting sustainable architecture to reduce environmental impact and enhance user experience. Eco-friendly materials, such as recycled or locally sourced products, are used in construction to minimize waste and energy consumption. Natural lighting systems reduce the need for artificial lighting, conserving energy and creating a brighter, more inviting space. Green buildings often include proper ventilation and waste management systems, improving indoor air quality and promoting a healthier environment. Additionally, biophilic design elements, like indoor plants and natural wood finishes, not only beautify the space but also foster a connection with nature, supporting sustainability and well-being.

6. **Waste Management & Recycling Systems**

Libraries are establishing excellent trash management and recycling systems to encourage sustainability. Recycling separation systems enable to separate paper, electronics, and other materials for recycling, minimizing landfill trash. Book donation and repurposing projects help to reduce book waste while also offering crucial resources to impoverished communities. Furthermore, libraries with cafeterias or garden areas are implementing composting procedures to manage organic waste, converting it into nutrient-rich compost rather of sending it to landfills. These activities not only promote environmental sustainability, but also encourage involvement in the community and social responsibility in the library setting.

❖ **Challenges in Applying Green Technologies**

While the adoption of green technology in libraries offers numerous environmental benefits, it is not without its challenges (Anwar & Wei, 2022). There are some challenges or hurdles are as follows.

- High initial investment costs prevent many libraries from adopting green technologies.
- The lack of technical skills in operating renewable energy systems creates obstacles.
- Reaction to change within library staff and consumers might hinder the adoption of digital services.
- Limited government funding and policy support prevent large-scale implementation of green ideas.

❖ **Advantages of Green Technology in Libraries**

Green technologies in libraries help reduce energy consumption and operational costs. They also contribute to environmental sustainability and create healthier spaces for users.

- They improve resource efficiency through promoting digital resources, decreasing paper consumption, and introducing recycling efforts, all of which assist in environmental sustainability.
- Libraries improve services through digitization and smart technology, such as automated circulation, e-books, and AI-driven cataloging, resulting in more effective resource management. Additionally, sensor-based lighting and climate control technologies help to conserve energy.
- Green libraries encourage user participation by creating eco-friendly facilities that include natural lighting, green spaces, and ergonomic architecture. These venues promote involvement in sustainability initiatives, workshops, and digital literacy programs, thereby improving awareness of environmental responsibility.
- Green libraries conserve resources while also creating dynamic, technology-driven learning spaces that benefit both users and the world.

Conclusion:

The implementation of green technologies in libraries is critical for long-term sustainability and operational efficiency. Libraries may drastically reduce their environmental effect by incorporating energy-efficient technology, solar power, conservation of water practices, and digitalization. Despite the hurdles, strategic planning, policy support, and technological developments can help libraries move to more environmentally friendly practices. As the demand for sustainable practices develops, libraries must continue to innovate and provide role models for environmentally friendly behavior.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARIES: AN IOT-BASED FRAMEWORK AND REVIEW

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Abstract : *The Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a transformative technology across various domains, and library science is no exception. This review paper explores the integration, implications, and potential of IoT technologies in modern library environments, examining how interconnected smart devices are revolutionizing traditional library management, user experience, and information services.*

Keywords: *Internet of things (IoT), cybersecurity, catboat, Artificial Intelligence, RFID.*

Introduction

The Internet of Things represents a paradigm shift in technological infrastructure, characterized by interconnected devices that communicate and exchange data autonomously. The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items embedded with sensors, software, and connectivity, allowing them to collect and exchange data. The IoT has transformed various industries, including healthcare, transportation, and education. In library contexts, IoT offers unprecedented opportunities to enhance operational efficiency, user engagement, and resource management through intelligent, networked systems. Libraries, as institutions that provide access to information and knowledge, are also exploring the potential of IoT to improve their services and operations.

What is Internet of Things (IoT)?

"The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a vast network of physical devices, vehicles, appliances, and other items embedded with sensors, software, and network connectivity, enabling them to collect and exchange data".

Historical background of Internet of Things

The Internet of Things (IoT) has its roots in the 1980s, with early concepts of "smart" devices and the "smart home" emerging. The rise of the World Wide Web and personal computers in the 1990s laid the groundwork for the interconnected world we see today. Wireless technologies like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, combined with the proliferation of smartphones, enabled the connection of devices to the internet in the 2000s, ushering in the era of smart appliances and the first glimpses of a truly connected world.

The period from 2010 to 2025 represents the transformative era of IoT, characterized by rapid mainstream adoption, advanced technological integration, and widespread implementation across multiple sectors. Key milestones include the deployment of 5G networks, artificial intelligence integration, advanced predictive analytics, and the emergence of smart city concepts. By 2020, over 20 billion connected devices existed globally, with projections suggesting 75 billion IoT devices by 2025. This evolution has been driven by continuous technological innovation, decreasing device costs, enhanced connectivity, and the promise of data-driven decision-making. From industrial automation and healthcare monitoring to smart homes and urban infrastructure management, IoT has transformed how devices communicate, collect data, and interact, creating intelligent,

interconnected ecosystems that optimize efficiency and enable unprecedented levels of technological collaboration.

Current Trends in IoT in Libraries:

- **RFID and Smart Shelving:** Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is widely used in libraries to track and manage book collections, reducing the time spent on inventory management and improving the overall user experience.
- **Smart Library Buildings:** IoT sensors and devices are being used to monitor and control library buildings, including temperature, lighting, and security systems, to create a comfortable and energy-efficient environment.
- **Digital Signage and Wayfinding:** IoT-enabled digital signage and wayfinding systems are being used to provide users with real-time information about library events, services, and resources.
- **Makerspaces and IoT-based Services:** Libraries are creating makerspaces and offering IoT-based services, such as 3D printing, robotics, and coding classes, to promote innovation and digital literacy.
- **Data Analytics and Collection Management:** IoT sensors and devices are being used to collect data on library usage, user behavior, and collection management, helping libraries to make informed decisions and improve their services.

Opportunities of IoT in Libraries:

- **Enhanced User Experience:** IoT technologies can provide users with a more personalized and interactive experience, including personalized recommendations, real-time updates, and improved navigation.
- **Improved Operational Efficiency:** IoT can help libraries to automate routine tasks, reduce energy consumption, and improve the overall efficiency of their operations.
- **Increased Accessibility:** IoT technologies can help libraries to provide services to users with disabilities, including audio descriptions, tactile signage, and accessible digital resources.
- **New Service Models:** IoT can enable libraries to offer new services, such as IoT-based lending, makerspaces, and digital media labs, to meet the evolving needs of their communities.
- **Community Engagement:** IoT can help libraries to engage with their communities, including hosting events, providing training and workshops, and promoting digital literacy.

Challenges of IoT in Libraries:

- **Infrastructure and Funding:** Implementing IoT technologies requires significant investment in infrastructure, including hardware, software, and networking.
- **Data Security and Privacy:** IoT devices and sensors can collect sensitive user data, raising concerns about data security and privacy.

- **Technical Support and Maintenance:** IoT devices and systems require regular maintenance and technical support, which can be time-consuming and costly.
- **User Adoption and Training:** Libraries need to provide training and support to users to ensure they can effectively use IoT technologies and services.
- **Sustainability and Environmental Impact:** IoT devices and systems can have a significant environmental impact, including energy consumption and e-waste generation.

Complexities of IoT Implementation

- **Data Protection Protocols:** Imagine your library's computers and sensors collecting information about what books people borrow, how long they stay, and even their reading habits. This data needs to be kept safe from hackers and unauthorized access.
- **User Consent Mechanisms:** People need to know exactly what data the library is collecting about them and how it's being used. They should be able to say "yes" or "no" to this.
- **Transparent Data Usage Policies:** Libraries need to be open about how they use the data they collect. They should explain what they do with it, who they share it with, and how they keep it secure.
- **Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities:** Just like any computer system, libraries' IoT devices can be vulnerable to hackers who might try to steal information or disrupt services.
- **Implementation Costs:**Setting up IoT systems in a library can be expensive. It involves buying new equipment, installing software, and training staff.
- **Continuous Technological Upgrades:** Technology is constantly changing, and libraries need to keep their IoT systems up-to-date to avoid security risks and ensure they're working properly.
- **Training Personnel for New Technological Ecosystems:**Libraries need to train staff to use and manage new IoT systems. This can be a big task, especially if staff are not familiar with technology.

Future of IoT on Libraries Perspectives

Artificial Intelligence-Driven Personalized Services

- **Personalized Recommendations**: AI can analyze user data (browsing history, borrowing patterns, reading preferences) to recommend relevant books, articles, and other resources. This goes beyond simple keyword searches, offering truly tailored suggestions.
- **Automated Content Curation**: AI can curate collections based on specific needs, like "bestsellers for young adults" or "research papers on climate change." This saves librarians time and helps users find exactly what they're looking for.
- **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants**: AI-powered chatbots can answer user questions, provide assistance with finding resources, and even guide users through library services. This enhances accessibility and convenience.

- **Personalized Learning Experiences**: AI can tailor learning paths for students, recommending relevant materials and providing personalized feedback on assignments. This can be particularly valuable for online learning environments.

Seamless Mobile and Physical Library Experience Integration

- **Unified Access**: Users can access library resources (books, databases, digital collections) through a single platform, whether on their mobile devices or at the library itself. This eliminates the need to switch between different systems.
- **Location-Based Services**: Libraries can use IoT sensors to track user location within the building. This allows for personalized recommendations, alerts about upcoming events, and even interactive maps that highlight specific resources.
- **Smart Checkouts**: Self-service kiosks with integrated AI can automate checkout and return processes, reducing wait times and improving efficiency.
- **Interactive Displays**: Digital displays throughout the library can provide information about upcoming events, book recommendations, and even interactive learning experiences.

Advanced Predictive Maintenance of Library Infrastructure

- **Sensor Networks**: IoT sensors can monitor the condition of library equipment (HVAC systems, lighting, security cameras) in real-time. This allows for early detection of potential issues, preventing costly repairs and downtime.
- **Predictive Analytics**: AI algorithms can analyze sensor data to predict future maintenance needs. This allows for proactive maintenance scheduling, reducing the risk of equipment failure and ensuring smooth library operations.
- **Energy Optimization**: IoT sensors can monitor energy consumption patterns and identify areas for improvement. This can lead to significant energy savings and reduced operating costs.
- **Safety and Security**: IoT sensors can detect unusual activity or potential security threats, alerting staff and enabling faster response times.

Global Knowledge Network Interconnectivity

- **Open Access Resources**: Libraries can connect to global knowledge networks, providing access to a vast array of digital resources (research databases, online journals, open-source materials) that would otherwise be inaccessible.
- **International Collaboration**: Libraries can collaborate with other institutions around the world, sharing resources, expertise, and research data. This fosters global knowledge exchange and promotes international understanding.
- **Global Research Networks**: Libraries can connect to global research networks, facilitating access to cutting-edge research and fostering innovation.
- **Virtual Collaboration Spaces**: Libraries can create virtual spaces for researchers and scholars to collaborate on projects, share ideas, and build networks.

Conclusion

The Internet of Things (IoT) has the potential to transform the way libraries operate and interact with their communities. While there are challenges to be addressed, the opportunities of IoT in libraries are significant, including enhanced user experience, improved operational efficiency, and increased accessibility. As libraries continue to explore and implement IoT technologies, it is essential to prioritize user needs, data security, and sustainability to ensure that IoT technologies are used to benefit both libraries and their communities. The Internet of Things represents a profound technological revolution in library science, promising enhanced operational efficiency, improved user experiences, and more intelligent resource management. Successful implementation requires strategic planning, continuous technological adaptation, and a user-centric approach.

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GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract:*As global concerns about environmental sustainability grow, libraries are increasingly adopting green technologies to reduce their ecological footprint. This paper explores the role of green technologies in libraries,*

focusing on energy-efficient infrastructure, sustainable resource management, and digital solutions. It highlights successful implementations of these technologies in libraries worldwide and offers recommendations for libraries seeking to embrace eco-friendly practices. The paper argues that libraries, as community hubs of knowledge and innovation, have a unique opportunity to lead by example in the global movement toward environmental sustainability.

Keywords: *Green Technologies, Sustainable Resource Management, Digital Solutions, Green Technologies Challenges*

Introduction

Libraries have always been at the forefront of knowledge preservation, education, and dissemination. As institutions dedicated to serving their communities, libraries have continually adapted to meet societal needs, from embracing digital transformation to providing inclusive spaces for learning and collaboration. Today, as the world grapples with climate change, environmental degradation, and resource scarcity, libraries are uniquely positioned to contribute to global sustainability efforts.

In addition to their traditional roles, libraries now face a pivotal opportunity to champion environmental stewardship. By integrating green technologies and sustainable practices, libraries can minimize their ecological footprint, enhance resource efficiency, and inspire their communities to adopt eco-friendly behaviours. These efforts align with broader sustainability goals, such as those outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

This paper explores libraries' multifaceted role in promoting sustainability by adopting green technologies. It examines such initiatives' environmental, social, and economic benefits and highlights practical strategies libraries can employ to lead by example. By fostering a culture of sustainability, libraries can transform into hubs of green innovation, demonstrating how institutions can balance their operational needs with environmental responsibility.

Objectives

This paper aims to:

1. Examine the various green technologies being adopted by libraries.
2. Highlight challenges in implementing Green Technologies in libraries.
3. Provide recommendations for libraries seeking to adopt eco-friendly practices.

Methodology

The research is based on a comprehensive review of existing literature, case studies, and reports on green technologies in libraries. Data was collected from academic journals, industry

reports, and library websites. The analysis focuses on three main areas: energy-efficient infrastructure, sustainable resource management, and digital solutions.

The Importance of Green Technologies in Libraries

Green technologies play a vital role in helping libraries align their operations with sustainability goals. As institutions often serve as central hubs within their communities, libraries have the opportunity and responsibility to lead by example in adopting environmentally responsible practices. Implementing green technologies in libraries serves multiple purposes, including reducing environmental impact, enhancing operational efficiency, and inspiring eco-conscious behaviour among patrons. Key objectives of incorporating green technologies include:

Reducing Energy Consumption

Energy efficiency is a cornerstone of sustainability, and libraries can significantly lower their energy usage through various initiatives:

- Efficient Lighting Systems: Transitioning to LED lighting or integrating motion-sensor technology can dramatically cut electricity use while maintaining well-lit and inviting spaces.
- HVAC Optimization: Advanced heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, such as those using smart thermostats or zoned heating and cooling, ensure energy is used only where and when needed.
- Natural Lighting and Insulation: Utilizing architectural designs that maximize natural light while minimizing heat loss or gain reduces reliance on artificial lighting and temperature control systems.

Minimizing Resource Consumption

Green technologies also focus on reducing the use of other resources:

- Water Efficiency: Installing low-flow faucets, toilets, and rainwater harvesting systems minimizes water consumption.
- Digitalization: Offering e-books, digital archives, and online resources reduces the need for printed materials, saving paper and other resources associated with physical book production.

Reducing Carbon Emissions

Libraries can significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions by embracing renewable energy sources like solar panels or wind energy. Carbon-neutral or net-zero energy library buildings set powerful examples for their communities.

Creating Sustainable Spaces

Green building certifications like LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) encourage libraries to adopt sustainable architectural and operational practices. Green roofs, energy-efficient windows, and locally sourced building materials reduce environmental impact, improve indoor air quality, and create healthier spaces for staff and visitors.

Fostering Community Awareness

Libraries that incorporate green technologies also serve as platforms for education and advocacy. These institutions can host workshops, exhibitions, and interactive programs to inform patrons about sustainable practices and the importance of adopting green technologies at home and in the workplace.

By integrating these technologies and practices, libraries become models of environmental stewardship. They demonstrate that sustainability and functionality coexist, inspiring their communities toward a more sustainable future.

Key Areas of Green Technology Implementation

Energy-Efficient Infrastructure

Adopting energy-efficient infrastructure can significantly lower libraries' energy consumption and operating costs. These measures reduce environmental impact and create more comfortable and inviting spaces for patrons. One of the most impactful steps in achieving energy efficiency is transitioning to modern lighting solutions, such as LED lighting.

LED lighting

- LED Lighting:Light-emitting diode (LED) lighting is a transformative technology that offers substantial benefits over traditional lighting systems, including incandescent and fluorescent bulbs.
- Reduced Electricity Usage: LEDs are highly energy-efficient, using up to 80% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and approximately 50% less than fluorescent lights. This reduction in energy usage contributes to lower greenhouse gas emissions when powered by non-renewable energy sources.
- Longevity: LEDs have a much longer lifespan, often 25,000 to 50,000 hours, compared to incandescent bulbs, which typically last 1,000 hours or fluorescent lights, which last about 10,000 hours. This reduces the frequency of replacements, saving time and resources.

- Low Heat Output: Unlike traditional bulbs that release most of their energy as heat, LEDs produce minimal heat, reducing the load on air conditioning systems and contributing to overall energy efficiency.
- Customizable Lighting Solutions: LEDs can be paired with dimmers, timers, and motion sensors to enhance energy savings further. For example, lighting in rarely used areas, such as archives or storage rooms, can automatically switch off when unnecessary.
- Improved Light Quality: LEDs provide consistent, high-quality lighting that can be adjusted for brightness and colour temperature, creating an optimal reading and working environment for library patrons and staff.

Implementation in Libraries

The adoption of LED lighting in libraries goes beyond energy savings. It aligns with broader sustainability goals by lowering operational costs, reducing maintenance needs, and improving the user experience. Libraries can implement LED lighting in various ways:

- Retrofitting existing fixtures with LED-compatible components.
- Designing new library buildings with LED lighting integrated into the architectural plan.
- Installing innovative lighting systems that adapt to natural daylight, occupancy levels, and specific zones to maximize energy efficiency.
- By prioritizing energy-efficient infrastructure like LED lighting, libraries can beacon of sustainability in their communities, demonstrating the practicality and benefits of green technologies.
- Intelligent HVAC Systems: Adjust heating and cooling based on occupancy and environmental conditions.
- Solar Panels: Generate renewable energy to power library operations.

Sustainable Resource Management

Sustainable resource management is crucial to libraries' efforts to minimize environmental impact. By adopting strategies that reduce waste and promote resource efficiency, libraries can contribute significantly to broader sustainability goals. One key aspect of this approach is reducing paper consumption through digital alternatives.

Paper Reduction

- The shift from paper-based materials to digital solutions offers substantial environmental and operational benefits. Encouraging digital documents and e-books over printed materials is a practical and impactful way for libraries to embrace sustainability.
- Environmental Benefits: Paper production consumes many natural resources, including water, energy, and trees. Transitioning to digital formats reduces the demand for paper,

thereby preserving forests, lowering energy usage, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions associated with paper manufacturing and transportation.

- Cost Savings: Digital resources reduce printing expenses, purchasing physical books, and maintaining storage spaces for printed materials. These savings can be reallocated to other library services or sustainability initiatives.
- Accessibility and Convenience: E-books, online journals, and digital archives are often more accessible than physical materials. They allow users to access resources remotely, reducing the need for travel and further contributing to reducing carbon footprints.
- Reducing Waste: Encouraging digital resources minimizes the amount of paper waste generated by discarded or outdated materials. Libraries can also adopt print-on-demand systems to limit unnecessary printing.

Implementation in Libraries

To successfully promote paper reduction, libraries can adopt the following strategies:

- Expanding Digital Collections: Invest in comprehensive digital libraries that include e-books, audiobooks, online periodicals, and academic resources. Collaborate with publishers to provide patrons access to a broad range of materials.
- Digital Communication and Services: Transition administrative processes, such as notifications, receipts, and event promotions, to digital platforms. Communicate with patrons using email, apps, and social media.
- Promoting Digital Literacy: Offer workshops and tutorials to help users become comfortable with e-readers, digital platforms, and online research tools. This ensures that patrons of all ages and skill levels can benefit from digital resources.
- Eco-Friendly Printing Policies: Libraries can adopt policies that encourage double-sided printing, recycled paper usage, and pay-per-print systems to minimize unnecessary printing in situations where printing is unavoidable.

Advocacy and Education

- Libraries can also advocate for sustainable resource management by educating their communities about the environmental impact of paper use and the benefits of digital alternatives. Hosting sustainability-themed events, such as paperless challenge weeks or workshops on digital tools, can engage patrons and inspire eco-friendly habits.
- By reducing paper usage and embracing digital solutions, libraries enhance their operational efficiency and set a positive example for their communities, fostering a culture of sustainability.
- Recycling Programs: Providing designated areas for recycling paper, plastics, and electronics.

- Green Certifications: Libraries can pursue LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certifications to validate their sustainability efforts.

Digital Solutions

Adopting digital solutions is revolutionizing library operations, offering sustainable alternatives to traditional practices while expanding accessibility and efficiency. One of the most impactful digital solutions is the establishment of virtual libraries, which play a critical role in reducing physical storage needs and associated energy costs.

E-Resources and Digital Libraries

The transition from physical to digital resources is one of the most significant ways libraries are reducing their environmental impact. E-books, online journals, and digital databases not only reduce paper waste but also enhance user accessibility. The New York Public Library offers an extensive collection of e-books and digital resources, significantly reducing the need for physical copies and the associated environmental costs.

Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is another digital solution that libraries adopt to reduce their ecological footprint. By moving data storage and processing to the cloud, libraries can reduce the need for energy-intensive on-site servers. The University of Michigan Library migrated its data to a cloud-based system, resulting in a 30% reduction in energy consumption.

Virtual Libraries

Virtual libraries are digital repositories that provide access to a wide range of resources, including e-books, academic journals, multimedia content, and archival materials. By transitioning to virtual platforms, libraries can significantly reduce their environmental footprint and enhance their service offerings.

- **Energy Efficiency:** Traditional libraries require substantial energy for lighting, climate control, and maintenance of physical storage spaces, particularly for extensive collections. Virtual libraries eliminate or significantly reduce the need for these energy-intensive systems, as resources are stored and accessed online.
- **Space Optimization:** With digital repositories, libraries can repurpose physical storage areas into more dynamic and multifunctional spaces, such as study zones, community meeting rooms, or maker spaces. This increases the library's utility while reducing its physical expansion requirements.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** Virtual libraries make resources available anytime and anywhere, breaking down geographical barriers and enabling remote access for patrons. This is

particularly beneficial for individuals in underserved or rural areas who may not have easy access to a physical library.

- **Cost Reduction:** While the initial investment in digital infrastructure may be significant, the long-term savings on maintenance, utilities, and physical collection management often outweigh these costs.

Implementation Strategies

To establish and maintain effective virtual libraries, institutions can adopt the following strategies:

- **Building Robust Digital Collections:** Partner with publishers, academic institutions, and other libraries to curate a comprehensive range of digital resources, including open-access materials.
- **Investing in Digital Infrastructure:** Implement reliable and secure digital platforms that provide seamless user experiences, including search functionality, mobile compatibility, and integration with existing library systems.
- **Promoting Digital Literacy:** Offer training sessions, tutorials, and support to help patrons navigate digital platforms effectively. Ensure that accessibility features, such as screen readers and adjustable text sizes, are available for all users.
- **Cloud Storage Solutions:** Cloud-based services store and manage digital collections, reducing the need for on-site data centres and their associated energy demands.

Community and Environmental Impact

Virtual libraries not only benefit library operations but also have a broader positive impact on communities and the environment:

- **Encouraging Sustainable Practices:** By promoting digital resources, libraries help reduce the demand for paper-based materials, transportation of physical items, and waste from outdated or damaged books.
- **Expanding Knowledge Access:** Virtual libraries ensure that users from diverse backgrounds have equitable access to educational and informational resources, supporting lifelong learning and social inclusion.
- **Demonstrating Leadership in Sustainability:** Libraries that adopt virtual solutions showcase how institutions can embrace technology to align with sustainability goals, inspiring other organizations to follow suit.

- **Remote Access Services:** Allow users to access resources from home, reducing travel-related emissions.
- **Automated Systems:** Self-checkout and return systems streamline operations and reduce paper waste.

By leveraging virtual libraries and other digital solutions, libraries enhance their service delivery and make significant strides toward sustainability, demonstrating the power of innovation in building a greener future.

Challenges in Implementing Green Technologies

Implementing green technologies in libraries while offering numerous benefits, from cost savings to enhanced community engagement, presents unique challenges:

Financial Constraints:

Budget Limitations: Libraries often operate on tight budgets. The high upfront costs of green technologies, such as solar panel installations, energy-efficient HVAC systems, or rainwater harvesting infrastructure, can be prohibitive. Justifying these expenditures against competing needs, like book acquisitions and staffing, can be difficult.

Return on Investment: While green technologies offer long-term cost savings, demonstrating a clear and timely return on investment can be challenging. Libraries may struggle to quantify the financial benefits, especially when considering reduced energy consumption and lower maintenance costs.

Funding Sources: Securing grants or other funding for green technology projects can be competitive. Libraries may lack the expertise or resources to navigate complex grant applications and reporting requirements.

Infrastructure and Space Limitations:

Building Age and Design: Many library buildings are older and not designed to accommodate green technologies. Retrofitting existing structures for solar panels, improved insulation, or rainwater harvesting systems can be complex and expensive.

Space Constraints: Libraries may lack available space for installing renewable energy systems, such as solar panels on the roof or ground-mounted wind turbines. Finding suitable locations for recycling bins, composting systems, and other green initiatives can also be challenging.

Integration with Existing Systems: Integrating new green technologies with existing building systems, such as HVAC, lighting, and plumbing, can be technically complex and require specialized expertise.

Technological and Operational Challenges:

Technology Selection: Choosing the most appropriate and cost-effective green technologies for a specific library context can be difficult. Factors like building size, climate, and local regulations must be considered.

Maintenance and Expertise: Maintaining green technologies requires specialized knowledge and skills. Libraries may need to invest in training staff or hiring external contractors for maintenance and repairs.

Data Monitoring and Evaluation: Tracking the performance and impact of green technologies requires robust data monitoring and evaluation systems. Libraries may lack the resources or expertise to implement these systems effectively.

User Engagement and Education:

Staff Training: Library staff need to be trained in the operation and maintenance of green technologies and in promoting sustainable practices among library users.

Public Awareness: Raising public awareness about the library's green initiatives and encouraging user participation in sustainable practices can be challenging. Effective communication strategies are needed to engage the community.

Behavioural Change: Encouraging library users to adopt sustainable behaviours, such as reducing energy consumption, recycling, and composting, requires sustained effort and creative programming.

Policy and Regulatory Barriers:

Local Regulations: Zoning regulations, building codes, and other local regulations may restrict the installation of certain green technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines.

Permitting Processes: Obtaining the necessary permits for green technology projects can be time-consuming and complex. Libraries may lack the resources to navigate these bureaucratic hurdles.

Lack of Incentives: Insufficient financial incentives, such as tax breaks or rebates, can make green technologies less attractive for libraries with limited budgets.

Long-Term Planning and Sustainability:

Sustainability Plans: Developing comprehensive sustainability plans that integrate green technologies into the library's overall operations and strategic goals is crucial.

Life-Cycle Costs: For long-term financial planning, the life-cycle costs of green technologies, including installation, maintenance, and eventual replacement, must be considered.

Community Partnerships: Collaborating with local organizations, businesses, and government agencies can provide access to expertise, funding, and other resources for green technology projects.

Recommendations for Libraries To effectively adopt green technologies, libraries should:

- **Conduct Sustainability Audits:** Sustainability is an ongoing process that requires continuous improvement and adaptation. Libraries should regularly assess the effectiveness of their green technologies and seek out new opportunities for improvement. This could involve conducting energy audits, seeking feedback from the community, and staying informed about the latest advancements in green technology.
- **Seek Funding Opportunities:** Securing funding is often a significant challenge for libraries adopting green technologies. Libraries should actively seek grants and funding opportunities for sustainability projects. Government programs, private foundations, and environmental organizations often offer grants for such initiatives.
- **Engage the Community:** Engaging the community is crucial for the successful implementation of green technologies. Libraries should involve the community in sustainability initiatives through educational programs, workshops, and volunteer opportunities. This raises awareness and fosters a sense of collective responsibility for environmental sustainability.
- **Collaborate with Experts:** Libraries should collaborate with local governments, environmental organizations, and other institutions to share resources and best practices for implementing green technologies. Partnerships can also provide access to funding and expertise that may not be available otherwise.

Conclusion: knowledge and community engagement, libraries are well-positioned to lead by example and inspire broader societal change.

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GREEN TECHNOLOGIES IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

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Abstract: *The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is an emerging trend aimed at promoting sustainability, reducing energy consumption, and fostering environmental responsibility. This paper explores the adoption of green initiatives such as energy-efficient lighting, solar power, eco-friendly infrastructure, digitalization, and waste management in libraries across India. By analyzing case studies and best practices, the study highlights the challenges and benefits associated with implementing green technologies in library management. The research also examines policy frameworks and institutional efforts supporting sustainable library practices. The findings suggest that green libraries can significantly contribute to environmental conservation while enhancing operational efficiency and user experience. The paper concludes with recommendations for the broader adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries to align with global sustainability goals.*

Keywords:*Green Libraries, Sustainable Practices, Renewable Energy, Digitalization, Eco-friendly Initiatives*

Introduction:

Libraries are essential institutions for knowledge dissemination, research, and lifelong learning. However, with global concerns over climate change, energy consumption, and environmental degradation, the need for sustainable practices has become more pressing. The green library movement, which promotes eco-friendly infrastructure, energy-efficient operations, and digital innovations, has gained momentum worldwide. In India, libraries are gradually embracing green technologies to align with national and global sustainability goals.

Several institutions are transitioning towards energy-efficient lighting systems, renewable energy sources, digital repositories, water conservation measures, waste management strategies, and sustainable building materials. These advancements contribute to environmental conservation and enhance the cost-effectiveness of library operations in the long run. Green libraries can also serve as educational models, raising awareness about sustainability among students, researchers, and the general public.

The implementation of green technologies in Indian libraries aligns with various national policies and international frameworks promoting sustainability. Initiatives such as the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) advocate for the adoption of sustainable practices across different sectors, including education and public services.

However, the widespread adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries faces several challenges, including high initial costs, lack of awareness, resistance to change, insufficient policy enforcement, and technical barriers. Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative approach involving government support, institutional commitment, stakeholder engagement, and innovative financial models. This research paper aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of green technologies in Indian libraries, examining their current adoption, associated challenges, and potential strategies for improvement.

Objectives of the Research

1) To explore the adoption, challenges, and benefits of green technologies in Indian libraries To analyze the concept and significance of green libraries
2) To examine the current status of green technology adoption in Indian libraries
3) To identify the key challenges faced by libraries in implementing green technologies
4) To evaluate the benefits of integrating green technologies in libraries
5) To explore successful case studies of green libraries in India and globally

Literature Review:

The concept of green libraries has gained significant attention in India over the past decade, with researchers exploring various aspects of sustainability in library management. Khan and Rao (2019) provided an overview of the green library movement, emphasizing its evolution and expanding reach in India. Around the same time, Mahawariya (2019) discussed the transformation of modern libraries into green libraries, highlighting the role of librarians and sustainable practices in ensuring their relevance. Similarly, Bangar (2019) examined trends and developments in Indian green libraries, stressing the need for librarians to stay updated on environmental sustainability. Moving forward, Mondal (2021) explored the global and Indian initiatives in green library development, underscoring their role in promoting environmental responsibility. In the same year, Gaffar et al. (2021) analyzed green library construction in India, focusing on eco-friendly site selection, material use, and waste management strategies. More recently, Panda and Mondal (2023) proposed a framework for implementing sustainability in Indian libraries, advocating for the adoption of green design and technology. These studies collectively highlight the increasing recognition of green technologies in Indian libraries, addressing both opportunities and challenges in their adoption while emphasizing the role of policy support and institutional commitment in fostering sustainable library practices.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-methods approach to analyze green technologies in Indian libraries, using both qualitative and quantitative techniques. It uses surveys, interviews, case studies, literature review, and purposive sampling to assess awareness, adoption levels, and challenges. The findings are based on self-reported data and regional variations in sustainability adoption.

Green Technologies in Indian Libraries:

The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is a growing trend aimed at promoting sustainability, reducing environmental impact, and enhancing energy efficiency. Key green practices include solar energy systems, energy-efficient lighting, rainwater harvesting, green

building design, digital resources, waste management and recycling, eco-friendly furniture and materials, awareness and education programs, smart technologies, and green landscaping.

Solar energy systems are being installed in many Indian libraries to harness renewable energy, reducing dependence on non-renewable sources and lowering electricity costs. Energy-efficient lighting is being replaced with LED lights, and motion sensors and automatic lighting systems are being used to ensure lights are only on when needed. Rainwater harvesting systems are being implemented to conserve water in water-scarce regions of India.

Green building design is being incorporated into new library constructions, with some libraries aiming for certifications from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). Digital resources and e-libraries are being promoted to reduce paper usage and minimize the need for physical storage. Waste management and recycling are also being promoted, with some libraries composting organic waste generated on their premises.

Eco-friendly furniture and materials are being used, with non-toxic paints and adhesives being used to maintain indoor air quality. Awareness and education programs are organized to encourage community involvement in environmental conservation. Smart energy management systems are being installed to monitor and optimize energy usage, and green roofs and vertical gardens are being explored to improve insulation and air quality.

However, challenges in implementing green technologies include funding constraints, lack of awareness among library staff and users, and infrastructure limitations. Examples of green libraries in India include IIT Bombay Central Library, TERI Library, and Anna University Library. By integrating green practices, libraries can contribute to environmental conservation while serving as role models for their communities.

Energy-Efficient Infrastructure:

Indian libraries are increasingly adopting green technologies to reduce their electricity consumption and carbon footprint. One of the most significant green technologies is the shift from traditional incandescent and fluorescent lighting to LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting, which consumes up to 75% less energy than traditional bulbs. This technology also has a longer lifespan, reducing the frequency of replacements and minimizing waste. The use of motion sensors and automated lighting systems ensures that lights are only on when needed, further optimizing energy use.

Solar panels are being used by academic and public libraries to harness renewable energy. Solar panels convert sunlight into electricity, providing a clean and sustainable energy solution. This is particularly beneficial in India, which receives abundant sunlight for most of the year. Libraries in academic institutions and public sectors are installing solar panels on their rooftops to generate electricity for their daily operations. This not only reduces electricity bills but also contributes to a reduction in the carbon footprint of these institutions.

Smart HVAC systems are being implemented to optimize energy use. These systems use advanced sensors and automation to adjust temperature and ventilation based on real-time occupancy and environmental conditions, ensuring that energy is not wasted. By integrating smart HVAC systems, libraries can achieve a balance between comfort and energy efficiency, leading to substantial energy savings over time.

Digitalization and paperless services are also a major trend in the modernization of libraries. By adopting e-books, e-journals, and digital repositories, libraries can significantly reduce their reliance on printed materials, saving paper and reducing the environmental impact associated with printing and transportation. Many libraries in India are now offering extensive digital collections, allowing users to access a wide range of materials online without the need for physical copies.

Online cataloging and automated Library Management Systems (LMS) are transforming the way libraries operate, making them more efficient and less resource-intensive. RFID technology is being increasingly adopted by libraries to automate various processes, reducing the need for manual scanning and data entry. RFID systems enhance the user experience by speeding up transactions and reducing waiting times, while also improving the accuracy and efficiency of library operations.

Green computing is also being used by libraries to reduce their energy consumption. Energy-efficient servers and cloud computing solutions can significantly reduce the energy consumption associated with these activities. E-waste management and recycling programs ensure that old computers, servers, and other electronic equipment are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Some libraries are also partnering with e-waste recycling companies to ensure that their electronic waste is processed safely and sustainably.

Thin-client computing is another green technology being adopted by libraries to reduce their hardware power consumption. Thin clients are lightweight computers that rely on a central server to perform most of their processing tasks, offering a more energy-efficient alternative for library computing needs.

Eco-friendly library spaces are being developed by many libraries, using sustainable materials and energy-efficient designs. Green buildings are designed to minimize their environmental impact by using renewable, recyclable, and non-toxic materials, proper insulation, natural lighting, and efficient heating and cooling systems. Some libraries are seeking certification from organizations such as the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) to demonstrate their commitment to sustainability.

Waste management and rainwater harvesting systems are crucial for sustainable library operations. Libraries are implementing waste segregation systems to separate recyclable materials from non-recyclable waste, reducing landfill waste and allowing for the recovery of valuable materials. Some libraries are also setting up composting systems to manage organic waste. Rainwater harvesting is another practice adopted by libraries to conserve water. Rainwater collected from rooftops and surfaces is stored and used for irrigation, cleaning, and flushing toilets, reducing the demand for municipal water supplies. The integration of green technologies in Indian libraries is a multifaceted approach that includes energy-efficient infrastructure, digitalization, green computing, and eco-friendly spaces. These practices can significantly reduce environmental impact, promote sustainability, and serve as role models for communities. Despite challenges like funding constraints and lack of awareness, the growing emphasis on sustainability and government support are driving the adoption of green technologies in libraries across India.

Challenges in Implementing Green Technologies:

The adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries faces several challenges, including high initial investment costs for solar energy and green building materials, lack of awareness and technical expertise among library staff, resistance to change from traditional paper-based methods to digital platforms, and limited government policies and financial incentives.

High initial investment costs for solar panels, energy-efficient HVAC systems, and green building materials can be prohibitive for many libraries, especially those in rural or underfunded areas. Allocating funds for green technologies may not always be feasible without external support or grants.

Lack of awareness and technical expertise among library staff is another significant barrier. Many professionals may not be familiar with the latest green technologies or best practices for sustainability, leading to improper implementation and maintenance of green systems. Training programs and workshops are essential to equip library staff with the necessary skills and knowledge, but organizing such sessions can be challenging due to time constraints and limited resources.

Resistance to change from traditional paper-based methods to digital platforms can be met with effective communication, user education, and demonstrating the benefits of digital resources. Limited government policies and financial incentives for green library initiatives can also hinder widespread implementation. Government support in the form of grants, subsidies, and tax incentives can play a crucial role in encouraging libraries to adopt sustainable practices.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, including financial support, training programs, user education, and policy interventions. By tackling these barriers, Indian libraries can move towards a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future, serving as role models for their communities and contributing to global sustainability goals.

Conclusion:

Indian libraries are embracing green technologies to promote sustainability, environmental conservation, and energy efficiency. These practices include solar energy, energy-efficient lighting, digitalization, green building designs, and waste management systems. These initiatives reduce the environmental footprint of libraries and foster a culture of sustainability among users. They are also addressing local environmental challenges through initiatives like solar panel installations, rainwater harvesting, and digital resource shifts. The use of eco-friendly materials in construction, indoor plants for air quality, and smart technologies for energy optimization are also part of the holistic approach to sustainability. However, the adoption of greener libraries faces challenges such as high initial costs, lack of awareness, resistance to change, and limited government support. To overcome these obstacles, collaboration between government bodies, library associations, and educational institutions is needed. Financial incentives, training programs for staff, and awareness campaigns for users can help overcome these obstacles. The adoption of green technologies in Indian libraries is a transformative movement that aligns with broader environmental sustainability and resource conservation goals. As more libraries adopt these technologies, they will contribute to a greener future and inspire communities to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.

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APPLICATION OF GREEN TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract*: An important and new practice that aims to improve sustainability and lessen environmental effects is the use of green technology in libraries. This study examines the several ways that libraries can use green technology to fulfil their environmental obligations while still offering their communities vital services. Energy-efficient building designs, the use of renewable energy sources, sustainable library materials, and the promotion of digital resources like e-books and e-journals all assist in minimising the use of paper are examples of green technology in libraries. Libraries are also using smart waste management, water conservation, and energy management technologies. Sustainability in library operations is further enhanced by the use of recycling programs and green IT technology.*

Key Words*: Green Technologies, Sustainable Libraries, Environmental Impact, Renewable Energy, Digital Resources, Energy Efficiency, Green IT Infrastructure, Waste Management, Eco-friendly Practices, Library Sustainability, Environmental Education.*

Introduction:

The word "green" is increasingly being used to refer to procedures, goods, services, and technology that somehow include environmental preservation and care. The term "green" may be used to indicate that technology is sustainable and ecologically friendly. Green technology is a constantly developing collection of tools and materials, ranging from non-toxic cleaning agents to energy-generating processes it focuses on reducing environmental impact and promoting sustainability (Cardoso & Machado, n.d.) Green technology includes a wide range of manufacturing and consumption technologies. Green technology adoption and usage include the application of environmental technologies for cleanup and restoration, pollution prevention and control, and monitoring and evaluation (Soni, 2015). Green technology (GT) is environmental remediation technology that lessens the harm that items and technologies for people's convenience due to the environment (Aithal & Aithal, n.d.).

Objectives of the Study:

1. To identify the concepts, benefits, and challenges of a green/sustainable library.
2. To document several trials carried out toward a sustainable library.
3. To suggest techniques for a green/ sustainable library.

Review of Literature

(Daimari, n.d.) discussed the design and development of green technology in libraries, focusing on the Central Library of Central Institute of Technology Kokrajhar. It emphasizes the shift from traditional to digital libraries and the role of libraries in sharing knowledge. The concept of green technology in libraries is explored, highlighting methods and materials for environmental sustainability. The document also delves into the proposed design and development of the Central Library into a green library, outlining specific criteria and initiatives for achieving this goal. Additionally, it references the global trend of green libraries and the implementation of green technology in libraries in India.

(Biswas, n.d.)described Green Information Communication Technology (GICT) is significant in transforming libraries into green libraries as it focuses on reducing environmental degradation, minimizing greenhouse gas emissions, and conserving natural resources. By implementing GICT, libraries can enhance their operational efficiency while adhering to sustainable practices, thus aligning with the green ethos. Additionally, GICT supports the development of policies and practices that promote economic viability and social responsibility within library operations.

Malhan observed that libraries can contribute to environmental sustainability by adopting green technologies, implementing sustainable practices in their operations, and serving as educational centres for environmental awareness. They can reduce their carbon footprint through digitization, responsible purchasing, and minimizing waste in administrative processes. Additionally, libraries can promote green information literacy and engage in community outreach to foster a culture of sustainability.

(Mondal, n.d.)observed NIT, Silchar has initiated greening efforts for its library, making it the first of its kind in the North East Region of India. The new library building under construction is designed according to the LEED certification system, serving as a potential role model for developing green libraries in the Barak Valley. These initiatives emphasize sustainability and environmental awareness in library design and operation.

As centres for learning, community engagement, and information dissemination, libraries are uniquely positioned to lead by example in adopting green practices. Digital libraries and green computing have the potential to revolutionise conventional libraries.

Below are some ways in which green technology can applied in libraries:

1. **Energy-Efficient Building Design**

(Aithal & Aithal, n.d.) introduces the concept of "net zero energy," presents some historical milestones in the concept of sustainability by reviewing the relevant literature, and highlights some case studies to strengthen the viewpoints on moving towards a sustainable future with net zero energy buildings. Many net zero energy buildings are being built all around the globe, as well as in US towns, college campuses, and private structures. Librarians are urged to continue using the net zero energy idea for the next library renovation by designing net-zero energy library buildings that generate renewable energy to match the consumed energy demand, ensuring a budget-friendly and energy-sustainable future.

a) Sustainable Architecture: Energy efficiency should be a top priority in the construction or renovation of libraries. To cut down on energy usage, this involves installing natural ventilation systems, energy-efficient lighting (LED), and insulated windows. To drastically lower their carbon impact, libraries should also install solar panels to provide sustainable energy.

B) Green Roofing: Green roofs, sometimes called "vegetated roofs" or "living roofs," are ballasted roofs made of vegetation (plants), a waterproofing membrane, and a growth medium (soil) on top of a conventional roof. Covering library roofs with "green roofs" will improve the sustainability of

The LEED Platinum Austin Central Library emphasizes daylighting

the building by lowering the heat island effect, increasing insulation, and creating room for plants to flourish. (Grullón – Penkova et al., 2020)suggested that to achieve the best results and to advance the development of tropical green roof adaptations, the list of species that are available for green roof design should be evaluated according to local conditions rather than lists of species that have been previously chosen for temperate climates.

2. Renewable Energy Sources

Solar Power: The sun is a limitless supply of energy that can meet all of humanity's requirements. The sun's energy may either be utilised directly or transformed into electricity. Photovoltaic (PV) cells or concentrated solar power (CSP) technologies are two direct and indirect methods of producing electricity from solar radiation (Hayat et al., 2019). It is an essential instrument for reducing pollution and producing a very dependable electrical and electronic power backup is solar energy. Batteries that can store energy and power electrical devices like computers, TVs, radios, laptops, iPads, tablets, and refrigerators may be installed in solar-powered libraries. Because of its environmentally benign nature and the advancements in technology, solar energy has a bright future.

3. Energy-Efficient Lighting and Temperature Control

Students' visual perception, emotional assessment, and cognitive efficiency depend on the quality of the indoor lighting environment in the library's reading room. Light has an impact on students' physiological and psychological well-being. In addition to affecting visual efficacy, causing visual

discomfort, visual fatigue, and other visual issues through visual effects, an unsuitable light environment can also have non-visual effects that affect the human body's circadian rhythm, alertness, cognitive behaviour, and emotion. These non-visual effects vary depending on the light's intensity, spectrum, duration, time of day, and other factors.

LED Lighting: Libraries are replacing traditional incandescent lights with LED lights, which consume less power and have a longer lifespan. These lights also produce less heat, making it easier to control the building's temperature. When compared to regular LED illumination, (Cajochen et al., 2019)discovered that full-spectrum LED lighting improved mood, visual comfort, alertness throughout the day, and sleep quality in healthy adults. They also reported feeling happy in the morning and evening.

Smart Temperature Systems: The administration and operational effectiveness of libraries may be greatly improved by integrating smart temperature solutions. According to the literature, smart temperature sensors provide accurate and effective temperature control, which is essential for preserving the best possible circumstances for library patrons as well as the preservation of books and other items. These sensors are perfect for library settings where maintaining a steady climate is crucial since they make use of cutting-edge technology like MEMS, digital signal processing, and wireless networking to provide real-time data monitoring and remote access (Aytac & Tran, 2022) . Libraries are employing smart thermostats and energy-efficient HVAC systems to reduce heating and cooling costs. These systems are often programmable and can adjust the temperature based on real-time occupancy, ensuring that energy is used efficiently.

4. Sustainable Library Materials

Being environmentally conscious is increasingly important. With a focus on maximizing resource use, energy conservation, and waste reduction, this research investigated the use of sustainable practices in academic libraries. The findings show how environmentally friendly libraries are now thanks to smart measures such as digitization, energy-efficient lighting, and green building codes. In addition to reducing the amount of paper used and saving space, digitization makes things easier. Adding sustainable procurement policies ensures that resources are collected in a better way, which helps in achieving larger environmental goals. The study also highlights the importance of stakeholder involvement in developing a sustainability mindset in the academic sector. While trying to implement these sustainable practices, challenges include budget constraints, resistance to change, and the need for constant monitoring and review. However, the long-term benefits such as reduced costs, improved image, and compliance with regulations demonstrate the importance of sustainability in university library management (MULM) (K, 2014).

Recycling of Materials: Libraries can use recycled paper for publications, notices, and other printed materials. Additionally, libraries can use eco-friendly inks and environmentally conscious printing methods to reduce their ecological footprint.

Sustainable Furniture: Library furniture can be sourced from sustainable materials such as reclaimed wood or recyclable or biodegradable materials, which helps minimize the library's environmental impact.

5. E-Resources and Digital Services

Promotion of E-books and E-journals: By transitioning from physical books to e-books and e-journals, libraries can reduce paper waste and minimize energy consumption associated with printing. Digital materials are more easily accessible and allow users to access vast amounts of information without the environmental cost of physical production and transportation.

Online Databases and Catalogues (Liu et al., 2023)(Tatli's) study found that the deployment of paperless technology in universities is welcomed. It is also conceivable to argue that the university's stakeholders' support, the fact that paperless technologies are simple to use/require little effort, and the fact that paperless technologies improve employee performance promote the adoption of paperless technologies.The implementation of online catalogues (OPACs) and digital repositories allows libraries to maintain their collections digitally, eliminating the need for physical storage and reducing paper use.

6. Green IT Infrastructure

Energy-Efficient Computers: Computer systems' energy consumption has significantly increased as a result of the rising demand for computing resources. This presents problems with power management, operating expenses, and system dependability in addition to environmental effects. By dynamically modifying system settings and resource use to decrease energy usage while satisfying performance requirements, energy consumption optimization algorithms may be crucial in tackling these issues. Libraries can adopt energy-efficient computing systems and servers that consume less energy. It can also adopt cloud computing solutions to reduce the need for physical infrastructure and reduce energy consumption.

Recycling E-Waste: With an annual growth rate of 3% to 5%, electronic garbage, or "e-waste," is one of the solid waste streams that is expanding rather quickly. E-waste disassembly, sorting, and recycling must happen in areas that meet strict safety regulations (Liu et al., 2023). Library administration must take responsibility for e-waste recycling, ensuring that outdated electronic equipment (computers, printers, etc.) is disposed of properly and recycled.

7. Water Conservation

Water-Saving Fixtures: The installation of low-flow toilets and water-saving faucets to reduce water consumption in restrooms.

Rainwater Harvesting: libraries can explore rainwater harvesting systems, which collect rainwater for use in irrigation or non-potable purposes, thereby conserving freshwater resources.

8. Green Library Certification

Almost every country has green building regulations, sustainability organizations, and certification programs. Valid certifications demonstrate the environmental efficiency of green buildings. Many libraries around the world are seeking certification for their green building initiatives, such as LEED

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, which recognizes buildings that meet high standards of sustainability and energy efficiency.

9. Recycling Programs and Waste Management

Waste Segregation: Libraries are encouraging recycling by setting up waste segregation bins for paper, plastic, and other recyclable materials. This ensures that waste is managed effectively and reduces landfill use.

Book Donation and Reuse Programs: Libraries often hold book donation drives and book swaps, encouraging the reuse of books rather than disposal. This also helps libraries reduce their expenditure on new books and supports sustainability.

10. Community Education on Sustainability

Workshops and Programs: Libraries serve as community hubs for education on environmental sustainability. Many libraries organize workshops, lectures, and seminars on environmental topics such as green technology, climate change, and sustainable living to spread awareness.

Library Awareness: Libraries often create special exhibits or collections on environmental issues, offering resources for students and the community to learn more about sustainable practices.

11. Smart Waste Management Solutions

Libraries are using technology to monitor and manage waste. Smart waste bins can track how full they are, helping library staff optimize waste collection schedules and ensure proper disposal.

Conclusion:

Libraries can embrace green technologies to enhance their sustainability while continuing to fulfil their mission of providing knowledge and resources. From energy-efficient buildings to promoting digital resources and waste management, the integration of green technologies in libraries not only reduces their environmental impact but also sets an example for the community to follow. As libraries continue to evolve in the digital age, their role in leading sustainability efforts becomes increasingly important.

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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Abstract –*Innovative library services represent a transformative approach to redefining traditional library functions, integrating advanced technologies, user-centric practices, and community-focused initiatives. These services aim to meet the evolving demands of modern users by providing digital access to resources, collaborative spaces, makerspaces for creativity, personalized learning opportunities. By incorporating tools and applications like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), AI-Powered Book Recommendation tool, Chatbots and Virtual Assistants and adaptive learning platforms, libraries enhance user engagement and accessibility and community engagement programs, sustainability efforts, and inclusive services, libraries further reinforce their role as inclusive vast knowledge hubs. Through these innovations, libraries not only support education system and research scholars but also foster creativity, well-being, and lifelong learning, ensuring their continued relevance in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.This paper highlights the importance of information and communication technologies (ICT) in education as well as use of e-resources with digital technology to be used for library users in the Digital India. Also focused on various innovative services for next-generation users in India and focused heavily on the integration of digital technologies, offering online access to resources, developing digital literacy skills, utilizing platforms like social media, and incorporating interactive learning tools to cater to the tech-savvy younger generation, often highlighting the need for libraries to transform into "smart libraries" with user-friendly interfaces and personalized services library users.*

Keywords –*Innovative Library Services, Digital India, Digital Technology, Smart Technology Integration with Sustainability, Eco-Friendly Initiatives, Digital and Virtual Experiences, Pop-Up Libraries*

Introduction –

A word "Library" itself refers to a metaphorical collection of knowledge, experiences, or imagery that a writer draws upon to create their work. Library holds a vast array of books, providing a rich source of information and inspiration; it can represent a wellspring of ideas, details and references that the writer can access to enrich their narrative or character development.

Digital India is an initiative of the Government of India, by which all government services will be provide to citizens through online mode with using digital technology. In this context, Libraries are also getting ready for giving services to their user through use of digital technology with various innovative library services. This services will helps library users i.e. students, teachers, higher educators, researchers for getting information required by them.

It is the modern period of progress in almost every aspect of human development. Now a days, the function of educational libraries has changed dramatically. Libraries are transforming into dynamic hubs for technology, learning, creativity, and community connection. Innovative services for next generation library users are centered to embracing technology, personalization and fostering creativity and collaboration. These services are beyond traditional lending, aim to enhance user experience, dynamic, user-focused and designed to meet the exact needs of users in a digital and interconnected world with lifelong learning support and foster community engagement. Next-generation libraries in the 21st century is evolving rapidly, driven by technological advancements, changing user needs, and a broader understanding of libraries as community hubs, not just places for borrowing books.

Objectives of the Study –

1) To identify the present library services.
2) To study the importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in e-resources with digital technology to be used for library users in the Digital India.
3) To cogitation the need for libraries to transform into "smart libraries" with user-friendly interfaces and personalized services for next gen library users.
4) Analysis the innovative library services to be used for next generation user of library.

Need of the Study –

A study on 'Innovative Library Services for Next Generation Users' is essential to keep libraries aligned with the needs of modern society. It helps library professionals understand emerging trends, technological advancements, and evolving user expectations. As the world moves into the digital era, libraries must adapt and innovate to meet the diverse needs of the next generation of users, provide valuable services, and remain at the forefront of community, education, and knowledge-sharing. This ensures that libraries continue to serve as vibrant, relevant, and indispensable resources in an increasingly digital world.

Data collection method –

This research paper is based on secondary data, which has been obtained from the internet, publications, journals, official websites, books, and related studies. The goal is to learn more about the subject concept, its implementation, and its educational impact.

Present Library Services given to users by library –

Traditional library services are designed to support users in accessing information, fostering learning, and promoting a community space for various needs. Some of the key services typically offered by library are as under -

1. Book Lending - Libraries currently allow users to borrow physical books for a specified period. This is one of the oldest and most fundamental services provided by libraries.
2. Reference Services - Librarians assist users in finding information for research, homework, or personal interest as reference services. This includes answering questions, guiding users to relevant resources, and helping with information searches.
3. Interlibrary Loans – Sometimes library doesn't have a specific resource, that time they can borrow it from other libraries. This expands the range of materials available to users beyond their library's collection.
4. Cataloging and Access to Library Books, Journals & Other Publication - Libraries maintain physical and digital catalogs to help users find books, journals, and other materials easily. Cataloging also involves classifying items for easy retrieval.
5. Children's Services - Many of libraries have dedicated areas for children with age-appropriate books, games, and activities, as well as storytelling sessions or reading programs to encourage early literacy.
6. Audiovisual Materials - In addition to printed books, libraries often provide access to movies, music, audiobooks, and other multimedia resources.
7. Study Spaces - Libraries offer quiet areas for individual study or group work. These spaces are designed to help students, researchers, teachers or anyone in need of a focused environment for study.
8. Community Programs and Events - Libraries host educational programs, workshops, author talks, book clubs, book talks, and community events to engage users and foster lifelong learning.
9. Assistance with Special Needs – Some libraries provide services for patrons with disabilities, such as large print books, braille materials, or audio versions of books, along with accessible spaces.
10. Public Access to Computers/ Internet - Libraries often provide free access to computers and the internet for their users who may not have these resources at home. This service is very helpful to students, researchers, job searching persons.

Importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in e-resources with digital technology -

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) plays a vital role in transforming libraries into dynamic hubs of knowledge in the digital age, especially in the context of Digital India. The integration of e-resources and digital technology in libraries provides a profusion of benefits, enabling libraries to better serve their users and keep pace with rapidly changing information access needs.

Universal Access of Information as Digital Content - ICT enables libraries to provide users with **remote access** to e-resources, such as e-books, journals, databases, and more. This is particularly valuable in **rural** and **remote areas**, where access to physical libraries may be limited. Digital platforms allow users to access information anytime and from anywhere, ensuring **equitable access** for all.ICT allows libraries to offer a variety of digital content (audio, video, e-books, etc.), making it easier for users to access different types of resources, particularly in formats that suit their preferences or needs.

Enhanced Search and Retrieval Systems – ICT enables libraries to maintain **digital catalogs**, making it easier for users to search and retrieve information from an **online database**. **Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS)**, powered by ICT, improve the efficiency of library operations, reducing human errors and improving speed. **Metadata tagging** and **advanced search algorithms** allow users to find relevant resources faster, enhancing the user experience and improving access to knowledge**.**

1. **Cost Efficiency and Sustainability -** Instead of maintaining large physical collections of books and material, libraries can provide access to **e-resources** that are often more affordable in the long time. Digital books, journals, and databases can be **updated** automatically, reducing the need for physical space and very less manual efforts. It reduces paper consumption and contributing to a **greener** and **more sustainable** library system.
2. **Digital Literacy and Skills Development –** Libraries, through ICT, can help users develop digital literacy, enabling them to effectively use e-resources and navigate the internet. This is especially important in the context of **Digital India**, where digital skills are a key part of everyday life and work.Libraries can offer **ICT training** programs to help users understand how to use digital platforms, access government services, and engage with online resources safely and effectively
3. **Support for Research and Education –** Libraries can use ICT to provide access to international journals, research papers, and databases that are essential for academic research. This is crucial for supporting students, researchers, and educators in India, helping them stay connected to global academic trends and resources. Libraries can offer **online courses**, **webinars**, and **virtual classrooms**, which complement formal education and provide an avenue for lifelong learning and skills development.
4. **Integration with Government Initiatives -** ICT in libraries aligns with the goals of **Digital India**, particularly the aim of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledgeful economy. Libraries play a crucial role in the **digitization** of information and the **dissemination of government schemes** and services through e-resources. Libraries

can act as access points for **e-Governance** and **Digital India initiatives**, providing citizens with access to government schemes, policies, and official records online process.

5. **Security and Data Management -** ICT enables libraries to implement **secure access** protocols and **data encryption** to protect user data and ensure privacy. Digital platforms ensure that user's personal information is kept safe while they access e-resources. Libraries can use ICT to digitally archive and preserve materials for future generations, ensuring the **long-term availability** of knowledge and resources.

Innovative Library Services for the next generation users -

Innovative library services for the next generation are not just about embracing technology but creating a dynamic, inclusive, and interactive environment where users have access to a variety of resources, learning opportunities, and spaces that match their diverse needs and interests. Libraries must evolve into multi-functional hubs that provide not only books but also digital resources, collaborative environments, and innovative tools for both personal and academic growth. Such services need to address the evolving needs of digital natives who are highly tech-savvy, accustomed to instant access, and increasingly looking for personalized, interactive, and immersive experiences. To remain relevant and effective in serving these to users, libraries must transform into dynamic, adaptable spaces offering both physical and digital resources.

1. **Digital Resource Access with E-books, Audiobooks and Online Journals -** Offering an expansive collection of **digital books**, **audiobooks**, and **e-journals** allows users to access resources anytime, anywhere. With increasing mobile device use, library apps or partnerships with services like **Libby**, **OverDrive**, and **Hoopla** can help users borrow digital content with ease.
2. **Cloud-Based Library Services -** Cloud platforms can facilitate the storage, sharing, and access of library resources on-demand. This includes hosting e-resources, making it easier for users to access materials across various devices, and integrating with digital learning environments.
3. **Interactive and Immersive Experiences with use of VR & AR -** Using **Virtual Reality (VR)** and **Augmented Reality (AR)** technologies to create **immersive learning experiences,** such as virtual tours, interactive history lessons, or simulation-based education which helps engage users and creates more interactive ways to explore subjects.
4. **Arranging Interactive Exhibits -** Libraries can use **touchscreens, projection mapping**, and other interactive tools to create exhibits that let users learn in a more hands-on, exploratory manner.
5. **Personalized and Adaptive Library Services -**Libraries can offer **tailored learning journeys** where users can follow digital courses, tutorials, or resources that align with their individual interests, study goals, or career needs.
6. **Mobile and App-Based Services -** Dedicated apps can allow users to browse catalogues, borrow and return materials, access digital resources, and receive personalized notifications and recommendations. With mobile apps, library users can **self-checkout** books and other

resources through their smartphones, reducing wait times and making the library experience more convenient.

7. **Maker Spaces and Innovation Hubs -** Libraries can provide **makerspaces** where users can access **3D printers**, **laser cutters**, and other digital fabrication tools. These spaces can be used for creating prototypes, art, or even experimenting with design concepts.
8. **Coding and Robotics Labs -** Libraries can introduce users to technology by offering resources and workshops related to **coding**, **robotics**, and **electronic engineering**. These spaces foster creativity, innovation, and critical thinking in STEM fields.
9. **Collaboration and Community Engagement -** Libraries can offer designated spaces for individuals or groups to work on projects, host meetings, or collaborate on academic or professional initiatives. These spaces can be equipped with **high-speed internet**, **conference tools**, and other collaborative technologies. Libraries can also provide equip **study rooms** and meeting spaces with smart technologies such as **video conferencing**, **interactive whiteboards**, and **audio-visual equipment** to facilitate collaboration, remote learning, and presentations.
10. **Online Learning and Research Support -** Libraries can partner with online platforms like **Coursera**, **edX**, or **Udemy** to provide users with access to **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)**. Additionally, libraries can offer virtual **tutoring services**, research consultations, and help with **online course navigation**.
11. **Research Assistance and Data Analytics -** Libraries can offer **virtual research support** by providing users access to online databases, assisting with data analytics tools, and offering workshops on conducting high-level research using digital resources.
12. **Smart Library Infrastructure -** Libraries can implement **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)** and **Smart Tags** technology to streamline the circulation process and improve inventory management, making it easier for users to check out books, access materials, and track library resources.
13. **Sustainability and Eco-Friendly Green Libraries Buildings -** Libraries can adopt **sustainable architecture**, using energy-efficient systems, renewable materials, and green spaces. Incorporating sustainability into library design not only reduces environmental impact but also serves as an educational resource for users. By embracing **digital archiving** and minimizing the use of paper, libraries can reduce waste and promote the **green** aspects of digital resource management.

Some other suggestions and key ways for providing innovative services to library users of next generation through Smart Libraries -

1. **Use of latest technology for –**
    - Automated & contactless services as smart book return systems with RFID,
    - Digital lockers for reserved books,
    - Use of virtual & augmented reality for assisting the navigation to locate books,
    - Virtual tours of library and immersive learning experiences,
    - 24/7 virtual library assistance with use of AI Chatbots,

- Instant answers to common queries with use of AI Chatbots,
- Soundproof pods and collaborative digital workstations,
- Quick access to resources with using QR Code and NFC technology.

2. **Libraries may provide –**
   - AI-driven suggestions based on books borrowing history and preferences,
   - Customizable reading lists and alerts for new arrivals through mobile apps as pop-up notification,
   - User-Friendly Interfaces as self-service kiosks and
   - Digital catalogues with easy navigation for assess the book in bookshelf.
3. **Use of Integrated Digital Resources as -**
   - Access to e-books, audiobooks, and digital journals,
   - Cloud-based storage for academic resources,
   - Smart lighting and climate control for user comfort,
   - Data-driven collection management and user engagement insights.

Conclusion –

Libraries in India by year 2030 are expected to undergo a significant transformation, integrating advanced technologies, expanding digital access, and becoming more user-centric and further no longer be just repositories of books but become the dynamic, technology-driven knowledge centers fostering innovation, research, and lifelong learning.

These Future Libraries will become as Modern / Smart Libraries and provide innovative library services which are essential for meeting the evolving needs of next-generation users in an increasingly digital and interconnected world. By integrating cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and data-driven personalization, libraries can enhance user experience, improve accessibility, and foster lifelong learning. Additionally, the incorporation of maker spaces, digital repositories, and interactive learning platforms ensures that libraries remain relevant and dynamic hubs of knowledge.

To successfully implement these innovations, libraries must focus on continuous adaptation, user engagement, and strategic collaborations with technology providers and educational institutions. While challenges such as digital literacy gaps and funding constraints exist, proactive planning and stakeholder support can help overcome these barriers.

Ultimately, the future of library services lies in their ability to embrace innovation while maintaining their core mission of providing equitable access to information. By doing so, libraries will continue to be invaluable resources for education, research, and community development in the digital age.

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IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARIES IN OUR LIFE

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Abstract- *Library is a place where all students, Teachers and people often visit to read books. It creates several gatherings of books of variable types to please the reader. The library is the in-person spring of information. It is simply accessible place for students and raiders. Every school and college has a library with numerous books. Besides that, it is economical for the students. This article will deliver an essay on library for students and children studying in schools and colleges. In educational system libraries are the heart and soul of the education system. The library usually provide knowledge and has many other benefits to mankind. The Library is a space wherein different book varieties can be studied independently. Libraries has variety of types which are used by a common man. There are private Libraries, public Libraries and also some government owned. Libraries are beneficial especially for those poor student who cannot afford books. In Hinduism the Schools and libraries are the two temples for the worship of the Goddess Saraswati.*

Key Words: *Library Science, Books, Importance*

Introduction

Library is a place where all students, Teachers and people often visit to read books. It creates several gatherings of books of variable types to please the reader. The library is the in-person spring of information. It is simply accessible place for students and raiders. Every school and college has a library with numerous books. Besides that, it is economical for the students. This article will deliver an essay on library for students and children studying in schools and colleges. In educational system libraries are the heart and soul of the education system.

Importance of Libraries

All Libraries play a vital role in providing knowledge to a man to live the day today life. The knowledge we gain from libraries leads us from the darkness to the light of Wisdom and intelligence. Knowledge and education are essential for mental strength of all human being like they need balanced diets for their physical strength, Learning in libraries leads the human from lust and temptation. Reading in Libraries helps the students in achieving their goals of life. Libraries are the great source of information the historical events. We get all knowledge about the happening of past through book which lies usually in the libraries. The blunders done in past by the human or kings could be avoided in future, once learned from the history books. The regular readings in the libraries helps in developing concentration power in the readers. Reading in libraries provide us all possible solutions to academic difficulties. Reading References books from the libraries helps students in increasing their scores in academics. The Magazines, newspapers and other articles found in the libraries also provide abundant knowledge to students and teachers.

Conclusion

This article will deliver an essay on library for students and children studying in schools and colleges. In educational system libraries are the heart and soul of the education system. The library usually provide knowledge and has many other benefits to mankind. The Library is a space wherein different book varieties can be studied independently. Libraries has variety of types which are used by a common man. There are private Libraries, public Libraries and also some government owned. Libraries are beneficial especially for those poor student who cannot afford books. In Hinduism the Schools and libraries are the two temples for the worship of the Goddess Saraswati.

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LIBRARIES IN THE IOT (INTERNET OF THINGS) ERA: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

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Abstract: *The Internet of Things (IoT) is the Pervasive era that exists the realm of technology, The Possibility of Connecting numerous devices within the library with Human- Human ,Aspect - Human , Things - Human Interferences is viable thru these Embedded Technology ,an try has been Made to offer an reason behind what is 'Internet of Factors", The Technology and its Growth. This Article Provides a Comprehensive review of Existing literature on Internet of Things Application in Libraries by Examining Scholarly Papers on IoT Implementation this study aims to demonstrate the technology's Potential to improve Library operations and services with in academic environment.*

Keywords: *Internet of Things (IoT), Smart Library, RFID, IoT Librarians, IoT Library.*

Introduction:

Al Believes that the Library is an important part of all educational programs but the library currently needs to implement new management systems to change the current system by introducing new technology.

Internet of things (IoT) is global technology that connects people, deices , and library equipment through technologies that do not require any human interaction. Staff are increasingly using the internet of Things streamline their operations and improve user experience. Increasingly leveraging IoT to enhances Their Operations and Improve User experiences.

Intelligent Library Management System, Including Automated inventory tracking , Self – Checkout systems and Intelligent Shelf Management Streamline library Processes and Optimize Resource Utilization the Concepts of IoT Applicable to library Housekeeping Activities .Radio – Frequency identification(RFID) ,WSN, wi - fi, Cloud Computing ,mobile application Wearable body sensors paved the way for new trend in the library serve.

What is Internet of things?

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a community of physical objects which is probably connected to the internet and may altermate records with distinct devices IoT devices are embedded with sensors and software that permit them to talk with every unique and with the cloud.As Per Tech target " the Internet of Things is a Scenario in Which Objects , animals or People are Provided with the ability to transmit data over the internet without need for unique identifiers and human – human , human-Computer interaction . The Internet of Things (IoT) emerged with the integration of wireless technology Micro – Electro – Mechanical System (MEMS) and the use of IP addresses for data transfer with or without human intervention. The Internet of Things, commonly known as IoT, refers to physical devices around the world connected o the internet, collecting and exchanging data.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To find out the Basics of the internet of things and its Systems.
2. To pick out the special names and enablers of the IoT
3. To find out the Several Possibilities of IoT applications in the library.
4. To identify other Capability areas of IoT implementation for Libraries and their Risks.
5. To identify the future applications of IoT which is beneficial inside the place of the Library

Problem Statement:

Integrating of things (IoT) applications into modern libraries and services has the potential to transform the way libraries operate however, there are some challenges in implementing and using IOT technology in Libraries

What are the current trends and applications of the Internet of Things in Modern Libraries and Services?
How can Libraries integrate IoT applications to improve their Services and operations?
What are the benefits and challenges of using IoT technology in libraries?

Review of Related Literature:

(Qin, 2018) seeks to show the potential scope and use of forms of Internet of Things technology in library services, clarifying the main purpose of the article. This Study also Indicates that internet of

Things technology cloud potentially be employed in library services and various activities similar to its utilization in the commercial sector. Moreover, he mentioned that internet of things technology has the potential to offer benefits in numerous library operations

Kumar (2016) analyzed the IoT Technology in the Library Service and Management Butters (2008) Mentioned on February 2008 that none of the Australian academic Libraries used the RFID System, Reason why he introduces the benefits of a RFID system for Libraries and Proposes several element that cloud help to make clear the absence of the RFID Technology's Penetration into Australian academic Library area.

Chang (2016)outlined on imitative development of the application for Libraries at the Western Michigan University .he Considered that the Libraries needed to observe their Environment and to apply the smart IoT Application Which includes the physical smart devices such as the sensor nodes cloud system and controllers the library monitoring and management are other topics that were discussed by srinivasn and vanithamani (2023) they designed an alters' system module related to the library book renewal, return and Library dues by using the RFID and GSM mobile Technology

Emerging Technology and Innovation Internet of Things and its Application in Libraries:

The integration of Internet of Things (IoT) Technology into Libraries is making it Possible to Crete interactive and connoted environments. Embedded Devices with Sensors Communicate through Multimedia Systems, Providing Convenience, Efficiency and Service to Library Users This "assistive Technology; Ensure easy Access and Recognition. it Uses Technology Such as RFID for automated processes such as Product Identification and Security Machine – to – Machine Communication and Self – Service Checkout. Users can Access the Reading Materials they are looking for with the help of special applications .the Internet of things Detects Data and transmits it to users Via the Internet, Wi- Fi or Bluetooth. These New Technologies are Transforming the Library Experience, Making it more comfortable, efficient and Effective.

Impact on Libraries:

Indeed in spite of the fact that IoT is still in its earliest stages it incorporates a gigantic potential for libraries will be able to include more values expansion to their administrations and offer wealthy library encounter for supporters IoT is all around interfacing objects each other online as they are interestingly identifiable custodians are as of now recognizable with in libraries owing to the utilize of RFID which does the comparable thing of collaboration with machines ,labels and update library administration framework with sections of book issued to a client ,but in case of Iot ,as it wren the contra set is, it is the web connection with a things or objects and IoT can be a a favoring in mask to overcome a few of the lasting library issues such as misplacement of objects and their utilization . it can indeed offer assistance in reinforcing the ties between the books and pursuers there by realizing Dr.S.R Rangnathan's Moment law of Library sciences " Every reader his or her Book "since most of the benefactors in show days have smarts phones, employing a portable app

libraries can empower them to get and library assist virtual library card it has the extraordinary potential for libraries to advertise their administrations.

Internet of Things Application in Libraries:

1. Data of Social media used in Librarians
2. E - Platforms like E – Resources subscriptions used by the User
3. Devices used by the users like laptops, tablets, Smart phones, scanners, Printers etc.
4. Library gate can be enable it high end sensors and are providers IoT
5. Cataloguing and OPAC are the potential IoT's for the Librarians
6. Fire detection and Prevention devices are also positional IoT's Librarians
7. Virtual and Digital Libraries are based on IoT's

Advantages of the Internet of Things in Libraries:

1. Some of the advantages of the Emerging Technology and Innovation Internet of Things are discussed it's saves a lot of time and minimizes human efforts.
2. Information is easily accessible, even if we are far aways from our actual location and it is updated frequently in real – time.
3. Internet of thingsdevices connect an d communication with one another perform a variety of tasks without the need for human intervention.
4. Smarter control of libraries viasmartphones and enhances security and offers personal protection.

Conclusions:

In conclusion, the application of IoT in libraries and data centers has revolutionized the way these teach work and serve their benefactors .IoT innovation has enabled libraries to improve their proficiency , availability and by and large client experience by implementing IoT gadgets such as shrewd racks ,RFID labels and sensors libraries automate different forms ,counting stock administration ,book following and security IoT gadgets ,Supporters can effortlessly find books and other assets through intuitively digital maps or portable applications this streamli8nes the looking prepare and dispenses with the frustration to discover particular things in expansive collections the discover particular things has great potential for libraries and if implemented on a large scale will provide the desired benefits and if implemented on a large scale will provide the desired benefits and add value tolibraries and services; however ,this is still in the development phase and libraries need to understand these new technologies and wait for the opportunity for the opportunity for the technology to mature for widespread acceptances ,adoption and effective use in

libraries the results can be widely used in libraries to provide modern library services using IoT inspiration.

Recommendations:

For Libraries and information Professionals, the future of the internet of Things is full of Exiting Possibilities, with implications for Teaching and advancement. Using Internet of Things (IoT) Technology, Libraries can become smarter, more Connected Spaces. Smart Sensors Placed Throughout the library environment will monitor occupancy, temperature, lighting and noise levels to optimize environment Control and Increase energy efficiency. Libraries can use the data collected to Provide personalized recommendations ,customized notifications and customized services based on the user's preferences, interests and usage history ,location – based recommendations in the library and information about relevant events or resources are just a few of the greater things this technology can do .

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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***Abstract**: Today's library users, predominantly digital natives, seek more than just access to books; they desire interactive, personalized, and technology-driven experiences. This article explores the essential innovative services that modern libraries must adopt to cater to the needs of next-generation users. These services encompass digital transformation, data-driven customization, virtual learning environments, smart libraries, and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technologies. Additionally, the article delves into the significance of user-centered design, community engagement, and the development of maker spaces within libraries. By examining global trends and successful case studies, the article outlines the roadmap for libraries to continue serving as dynamic hubs of learning and innovation in the digital age.*

Libraries have evolved from traditional repositories of books to dynamic knowledge hubs that integrate technology, user-centric services, and digital transformation. The next generation of library users, primarily digital natives, demand seamless access to information, personalized experiences, and interactive learning environments. This paper explores innovative library services such as artificial intelligence-driven recommendations, virtual and augmented reality applications, smart libraries. By adopting these advancements, libraries can stay relevant, enhance user engagement, and bridge the digital divide. Libraries have long been at the heart of knowledge dissemination, but the rapid advancements in technology and shifting user expectations necessitate continuous innovation. The next generation of users, including students, researchers, and lifelong learners, seek more than just books; they expect smart, interactive, and personalized experiences. Traditional library services must evolve to incorporate digital tools, adaptive learning platforms, and AI-powered assistance to remain relevant in the digital age. This paper examines various innovative services that modern libraries can implement to cater to these evolving needs, ensuring inclusivity, accessibility, and engagement.

***Keywords:**Library services, digital transformation, smart libraries, AI in libraries, virtual learning, community engagement, maker spaces, user-centered design, next-generation users, personalized services*

Introduction:

Libraries have historically served as essential repositories of knowledge, offering access to information through books, journals, and other media. However, as the world rapidly evolves into a digital and information age, the expectations of library users have significantly transformed. The advent of technology has introduced a new generation of users with unique needs and preferences. This generation is predominantly composed of digital natives—individuals who have grown up with the internet, mobile devices, and an ever-connected world. As a result, traditional library services are no longer sufficient. To stay relevant, libraries must undergo a significant transformation in the services they offer, particularly in the areas of technology, accessibility, and engagement.

The role of libraries in modern society extends beyond simply lending books or providing reading spaces. They have the potential to be centers of innovation, learning, and community engagement. Libraries must embrace cutting-edge technologies, such as AI, ML, big data, and immersive virtual learning platforms, to provide tailored experiences that cater to the needs of their next-generation users. This shift requires libraries to rethink their infrastructure, services, and approach to user engagement. Moreover, the integration of interactive, digital, and collaborative services can enhance the library's role as a central point for lifelong learning and intellectual growth.

The focus of this article is to explore the range of innovative library services that cater to next-generation users, the challenges libraries face in adopting these services, and the strategies they can employ to successfully implement and sustain them. We will investigate emerging trends in library services, such as the introduction of smart libraries, the integration of AI and data analytics for personalized experiences, the creation of maker spaces, and the use of virtual environments to expand the library's reach beyond its physical location. By examining the needs of next-generation users and the strategies for meeting them, this article offers a roadmap for the future of library services.

Evolution of Library Services:

Libraries have always been adaptable, evolving with societal shifts and technological advancements. In ancient times, libraries such as the Library of Alexandria were primarily physical repositories for scrolls and manuscripts. In the 20th century, libraries became more democratized, offering public access to books and periodicals. With the rise of the digital age, the traditional concept of libraries underwent significant changes as digital databases, e-books, and online journals became more prevalent. Today, libraries are not just confined to physical spaces; they are increasingly expanding into the digital realm, providing remote access to vast collections of digital media.

The next generation of library users, however, demands more than mere access to digital resources. These users, accustomed to the convenience and immediacy of digital technology, expect personalized, seamless, and interactive experiences. In response, libraries must offer services that

go beyond traditional book lending and research assistance, integrating new forms of engagement, such as collaborative workspaces, maker spaces, and immersive virtual learning platforms.

To remain relevant, libraries must also cater to the diverse needs of their communities. This includes offering inclusive and accessible services for all users, regardless of age, background, or ability. Libraries must rethink how they provide resources, facilitate learning, and engage with their users in meaningful ways. The integration of technology, user-centered design, and community engagement will be key to ensuring the continued success of libraries in the 21st century.

Technological Innovations in Library Services:

1. Smart Libraries:

The concept of smart libraries refers to the integration of technology into the physical and operational infrastructure of libraries to improve efficiency, accessibility, and user engagement. Smart libraries leverage technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), automation, and data analytics to offer enhanced services. For instance, IoT-enabled systems can streamline library operations, such as book borrowing, inventory management, and facility usage monitoring. Automated systems, such as self-checkout kiosks and robotic book retrieval systems, can reduce wait times and improve user convenience.

Additionally, smart libraries can offer personalized experiences based on user preferences and behavior. Data analytics can help libraries understand user needs, allowing them to curate personalized recommendations for books, articles, and other resources. This level of customization is essential for next-generation users, who are accustomed to personalized experiences in other areas of their digital lives, such as social media and e-commerce platforms.

2. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:

AI and ML are playing a transformative role in library services by enabling more personalized and efficient interactions between users and library systems. AI-powered chat bots, for example, can assist users in finding resources, answering queries, and providing research support. These chat bots can be available 24/7, offering immediate assistance even when library staff are unavailable.

ML algorithms can also be used to analyze user data and predict future needs, allowing libraries to anticipate demand for certain resources and services. For example, libraries can use ML to recommend books or articles based on a user's previous reading habits, much like how streaming platforms suggest content to their users. By offering personalized recommendations and services, libraries can enhance user satisfaction and engagement.

AI-driven search engines and discovery tools are another area of innovation. Traditional library catalogs often rely on keyword searches, which can be limiting. AI-powered systems can enhance search capabilities by understanding the context and intent behind user queries, providing more accurate and relevant results.

3. Virtual Learning and Remote Access:

The increasing demand for remote access to library resources has been a major driver of innovation in library services. Virtual learning platforms, online databases, and e-books have made

it possible for users to access library resources from anywhere in the world. Libraries are now offering virtual classrooms, webinars, and digital workshops to support learning and professional development.

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies are also being explored to create immersive learning experiences. For example, VR can be used to create virtual tours of historical landmarks or simulated learning environments for subjects like science and history. These immersive experiences offer a new way for users to engage with information and enhance their learning. Libraries can also use virtual platforms to extend their reach beyond their physical location. Online events, such as virtual author talks and digital exhibitions, can attract participants from around the world, allowing libraries to engage with a global audience.

4. Maker spaces and Collaborative Learning:

Maker spaces are physical or digital spaces where users can collaborate, create, and innovate. These spaces are equipped with tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and design software, allowing users to experiment with new ideas and bring their projects to life. Maker spaces are becoming increasingly popular in libraries as they offer opportunities for hands-on learning and skill development.

Maker spaces promote collaboration and community engagement by encouraging users to work together on projects. They provide a platform for users to share knowledge, learn new skills, and develop creative solutions to real-world problems. By offering access to cutting-edge technology and fostering a collaborative environment, maker spaces help libraries position themselves as centers of innovation and creativity.

5. Data-Driven Personalization:

Next-generation library services must be highly personalized to meet the expectations of modern users. Data analytics can play a crucial role in achieving this by analyzing user behavior, preferences, and engagement patterns. Libraries can use this data to offer personalized recommendations, curate reading lists, and tailor services to individual needs.

For example, a user who frequently checks out books on a specific subject could receive notifications about new arrivals in that genre. Personalized services can also extend to user interfaces, with customizable dashboards that allow users to organize and access their favorite resources easily. Data-driven personalization not only enhances the user experience but also helps libraries optimize their collections and services. By understanding user preferences and trends, libraries can make informed decisions about acquisitions, programming, and resource allocation.

Challenges in Implementing Innovative Services in Libraries:

Libraries are transforming from traditional book-lending institutions into dynamic community hubs offering innovative services such as digital lending, maker spaces, virtual reality experiences, online learning platforms, and more. However, this evolution is not without challenges:

1. **Resistance to Change**: Both staff and patrons may resist new services due to familiarity with traditional library roles and services.

2. **Diverse User Needs:** Libraries serve a wide range of users, from children to seniors, each with varying levels of technological proficiency and expectations.
3. **Sustainability:** Innovative services often require ongoing investment in technology, maintenance, and updates, which can strain limited resources.
4. **Alignment with Mission**: Libraries must ensure that new services align with their core mission of providing equitable access to information and resources.

Budget and Resources in Libraries:

Budget constraints are one of the most significant barriers to implementing innovative services in libraries:

1. **Limited Funding**: Libraries often operate on tight budgets, with limited funds available for new initiatives.
2. **High Costs of Technology:** Innovative services, such as digital platforms, maker spaces, or advanced IT infrastructure, require substantial upfront and ongoing investment.
3. **Competing Priorities**: Libraries must balance spending on new services with maintaining core functions like book acquisitions, staffing, and facility upkeep.
4. Many libraries rely on grants for innovative projects, which can be unpredictable and short-term, making long-term planning difficult.

Staff Training and Development in Libraries:

Staff is the backbone of any library, and their ability to adapt to new technologies and services is critical:

1. **Skill Gaps:** Many library staff lack the technical expertise required to manage and promote innovative services.
2. **Resistance to Change:** Staff accustomed to traditional roles may resist adopting new technologies or services.
3. **Time and Resource Constraints:** Training staff on new systems takes time and resources, which are often in short supply.
4. **Continuous Learning:** Rapid technological advancements require ongoing training, which can be challenging to organize and fund.
5. **Role Redefinition:** Innovative services may require staff to take on new roles, such as tech support or digital literacy trainers, which can lead to uncertainty or discomfort.

Data Privacy and Security in Libraries:

Libraries have a long-standing commitment to patron privacy, but innovative services can introduce new risks:

1. **Patron Privacy:** Digital services, such as online catalogs or e-lending platforms, can collect sensitive user data, raising privacy concerns.
2. **Cyber security Threats:** Libraries are increasingly targeted by cyber attacks, and new digital services can introduce vulnerabilities.

3. **Compliance:** Libraries must comply with data protection laws (e.g., GDPR, CCPA) and library-specific regulations, which can be complex and resource-intensive.
4. **Trust:** Maintaining patron trust is critical, and any perceived breach of privacy or security can damage the library's reputation.

Digital Divide in Libraries:

The digital divide is a significant challenge for libraries, particularly in underserved communities:

1. **Access to Technology:** Many patrons lack access to devices or high-speed internet, limiting their ability to benefit from digital services.
2. **Digital Literacy:** Even when technology is available, some patrons may lack the skills to use it effectively.
3. **Equity Issues:** The digital divide disproportionately affects low-income, elderly, and rural populations, making it challenging for libraries to ensure equitable access.
4. **Infrastructure Limitations:** In rural or underfunded areas, libraries themselves may lack the infrastructure needed to offer innovative digital services.
5. **Outreach Challenges:** Libraries must actively reach out to underserved populations to ensure they are aware of and can access new services.

Key Strategies for Success:

1. **Community-Centered Planning:** Libraries must engage their communities in the planning and implementation of innovative services. By understanding the unique needs and preferences of their patrons, libraries can design services that are both relevant and impactful.
2. **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborating with local organizations, schools, businesses, and government agencies can help libraries pool resources, share expertise, and secure funding for innovative projects.
3. **Phased Implementation:** Rolling out new services in phases allows libraries to manage costs, test ideas, and make adjustments based on feedback. This approach reduces risk and ensures that services are refined before full-scale implementation.
4. **Investment in Staff Development:** Libraries must prioritize staff training and professional development to equip their teams with the skills needed to manage and promote innovative services. This includes not only technical training but also change management and customer service skills.
5. **Digital Inclusion Initiatives:** To bridge the digital divide, libraries should offer digital literacy programs, loan out devices, and provide free or low-cost internet access. These initiatives ensure that all patrons, regardless of their socioeconomic status, can benefit from digital services.
6. **Robust Privacy and Security Measures:** Libraries must develop and communicate clear privacy and security policies to protect patron data. Investing in cyber security infrastructure and staff training is essential to prevent breaches and maintain trust.

7. **Advocacy and Fundraising:** Libraries must actively advocate for increased funding and support from local governments, private donors, and grant organizations. Demonstrating the value of innovative services through data and success stories can help secure the necessary resources.

The Broader Impact:

By addressing these challenges, libraries can continue to fulfill their mission of providing equitable access to information and resources. Innovative services not only enhance the library's role as a community hub but also empower individuals by providing access to technology, knowledge, and opportunities for lifelong learning. Libraries that successfully navigate these challenges will remain vital institutions in the digital age, fostering innovation, inclusion, and community engagement.

The Future of Libraries:

The future of libraries lies in their ability to innovate while staying rooted in their core values of equity, access, and community service. By embracing technology, fostering inclusivity, and continuously adapting to user needs, libraries can transform into vibrant, future-ready spaces that inspire and empower the next generation of users. The journey toward implementing innovative services in libraries is complex but essential. While the challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable. With careful planning, community engagement, and a commitment to equity and inclusion, libraries can overcome these obstacles and continue to serve as pillars of their communities. By embracing innovation, libraries can ensure that they remain relevant, resilient, and responsive to the needs of all patrons, now and in the future.

The future of libraries lies in their ability to adapt and embrace emerging technologies that align with user expectations. By integrating AI, IoT, VR, and other digital tools, libraries can create immersive and efficient learning spaces that cater to diverse needs. These innovations not only enhance accessibility and convenience but also foster collaboration, creativity, and knowledge sharing. As libraries transition into smart, user-driven spaces, they will continue to be invaluable assets in education, research, and community engagement for future generations.

Conclusion:

Libraries are at a critical juncture in their evolution. As society becomes increasingly digital, libraries must adapt by offering innovative services that meet the changing needs of their communities. However, this transformation is fraught with challenges, including limited budgets, resistance to change, staff skill gaps, data privacy concerns, and the digital divide. These challenges are interconnected and require a holistic, strategic approach to address effectively.

Libraries have always been adaptable institutions, and as we move further into the digital age, they must continue to innovate to meet the demands of next-generation users. By embracing technology such as AI, virtual reality, maker spaces, and mobile services, libraries are ensuring their relevance and accessibility in an increasingly connected world. However, challenges such as the digital divide, data privacy, and staff training need to be addressed to ensure that these innovations serve all members of society equitably. The future of libraries lies in their ability to blend the physical and digital worlds, providing spaces for learning, collaboration, and community building.

Conclusion, innovative library services are not just about keeping up with trends—they are about creating opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. Libraries that embrace innovation will not only survive but thrive, ensuring they remain indispensable institutions in the digital age and beyond. The next generation of users deserves nothing less than a library that evolves with them, and it is our collective responsibility to make this vision a reality.

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INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION USERS

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Abstract : *Libraries have traditionally been essential in supporting learning, research, and knowledge dissemination. However, with the advancement of technology, societal shifts, and the changing nature of information consumption, libraries are facing the challenge of evolving their services to meet the needs of future generations. This research paper explores innovative library services that are being developed to cater to the next-generation users. These services incorporate advancements in digital technologies, embrace user-centered design, and promote inclusivity and sustainability. It examines how libraries can remain relevant in an ever-changing information landscape by adopting emerging technologies, enhancing user experience, and promoting lifelong learning.*

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information technology, future-proofing.

1. Introduction

Libraries, historically known as the repositories of knowledge, are confronting a landscape that is rapidly changing due to technological innovations, shifting user expectations, and the globalization of information. Today's libraries no longer only serve as quiet spaces filled with physical books. As we look to the future, the role of libraries must evolve to meet the demands of the next generation of users – a generation that is digitally native, socially connected, and increasingly diverse.

This paper focuses on the innovations that libraries can implement to remain at the forefront of meeting users' needs in the 21st century and beyond. By leveraging technology and adapting to new paradigms, libraries can support the evolving expectations of their users and create more dynamic, inclusive, and interactive environments.

Objective

The primary objective of this research is to explore and identify the innovative library services that can meet the evolving needs of next-generation users. This includes understanding how emerging technologies, digital resources, and user-centered services can transform libraries to remain relevant and effective in supporting diverse and dynamic learning environments. Specific objectives of this study include:

1. To examine the role of digital technologies (e.g., cloud-based systems, artificial intelligence, virtual reality) in shaping future library services.
2. To explore how personalized and customizable library services can enhance user experience for the next-generation demographic.
3. To investigate the importance of collaborative and interactive spaces in fostering creativity and community engagement within libraries.
4. To assess the potential of inclusive and accessible library practices in ensuring that all users, regardless of their background or abilities, can benefit from library services.
5. To explore the sustainability and environmental considerations that should be incorporated into future library designs and services.

Hypothesis

This study hypothesizes that:

1. H1: The integration of emerging technologies and personalized services in libraries will significantly enhance user engagement, satisfaction, and learning outcomes among next-

generation library users.

2. H2: Libraries that adopt inclusive, accessible, and sustainable practices will experience increased usage and a more diverse user base, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

These hypotheses assume that next-generation users, who are more technologically literate and socially connected, will expect libraries to offer dynamic, innovative services that cater to their individual needs, promote collaboration, and provide seamless access to information.

2. Next-Generation Users and Their Expectations

The term "next-generation users" refers to a demographic that is technologically sophisticated, diverse, and increasingly dependent on digital tools for communication, learning, and research. This cohort includes Generation Z and the upcoming Generation Alpha, who have grown up with smartphones, high-speed internet, and social media.

Some of their defining characteristics are:

Digital Fluency: The ability to navigate various technologies with ease, from smartphones and social media to specialized software.

Multimodal Learning Preferences: They prefer a blend of formats such as video, audio, interactive media, and traditional text.

Global Perspective: Due to globalization and interconnectedness, they are influenced by cultures and ideas worldwide.

Demand for Instant Access: They expect quick, seamless access to information anytime, anywhere, often through mobile devices.

Collaboration and Social Connectivity: Social interaction, group work, and collaborative learning are integral to their education and learning experiences.

As a result, libraries must adapt to these expectations by providing not only physical spaces for quiet study but also digital and collaborative tools that enhance learning and interaction.

3. Emerging Technologies and Innovative Library Services

The integration of emerging technologies into library services is key to meeting the needs of next-generation users. Several innovative solutions and approaches are currently shaping the future of libraries:

3.1 Digital Libraries and Virtual Resources

The advent of digital libraries has made access to knowledge and information easier and more

flexible than ever before. E-books, audiobooks, and online databases are now available, breaking down geographical and time-related barriers to information. Some innovative approaches include:

Cloud-based Library Systems: These allow users to access a library's digital resources from any device, promoting flexibility and accessibility.

Integrated Digital Platforms: Libraries can offer more holistic digital platforms combining resources like books, journals, databases, and media, all in one place.

Open Access Repositories: Facilitating free access to research papers and academic resources that encourage wider knowledge-sharing and democratization of information.

3.2 Personalized User Experiences

Libraries can adopt machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) to deliver more personalized services. Using AI algorithms, libraries can recommend resources based on previous searches or areas of interest, enhancing the user's experience and satisfaction. Some examples include:

AI-based Cataloging Systems: AI tools can help users efficiently find relevant content based on natural language queries.

Smart Library Assistants: Virtual assistants or chatbots can guide users, answer questions, and provide suggestions for research.

Customized Reading Lists and Content Delivery: Based on user preferences and behaviors, libraries can send tailored recommendations or notifications of new resources.

3.3 Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

AR and VR technologies can transform the way libraries engage with users. These immersive technologies can:

Enhance Learning Experiences: By creating interactive, 3D learning environments, AR/VR can be used for education, such as virtual historical tours or hands-on simulations in subjects like biology, engineering, and art.

Virtual Library Spaces: Libraries can build virtual representations of their spaces where users can "walk through" the library, browse collections, and access digital resources.

Digitally Enhanced Library Services: For example, using AR to identify bookshelves and guide users directly to their required books using their smartphones.

3.4 Collaborative Learning Spaces

Modern libraries are evolving into collaborative learning spaces where users can work together on projects. These spaces are often equipped with tools such as:

3D Printers: To create prototypes, artwork, or models.

Digital Media Studios: For creating podcasts, videos, and multimedia projects.

Video Conferencing Tools: Allowing users to collaborate with others, no matter their location.

Workshops and Makerspaces: Encouraging creativity and hands-on learning.

3.5 Gamification

Gamification techniques can be incorporated into library services to engage younger users in learning and exploration. This approach may include:

Library-Based Challenges: Users can participate in gamified reading challenges, earn badges, or achieve certain levels for completing tasks or reading books.

Interactive Library Apps: Libraries can create apps that combine traditional library functions with fun, educational games, encouraging users to engage more deeply with library content.

4. Inclusive and Accessible Libraries

Inclusion and accessibility are fundamental to meeting the needs of next-generation library users. Libraries must be spaces where all individuals, regardless of their background, abilities, or circumstances, can access information, learn, and grow. Some strategies include:

4.1 Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Libraries can adopt UDL principles, which provide multiple means of engagement, representation, and expression. This allows diverse learners to engage with resources in ways that are meaningful and accessible to them, such as providing:

Multi-sensory Resources: Audiobooks, videos with captions, and screen readers for visually impaired users.

Language Support: Offering library services in multiple languages to serve linguistically diverse communities.

Flexible Formats: Providing materials in different formats (digital, print, large print) to cater to a variety of learning styles and needs.

4.2 Community Engagement and Programming

Libraries should foster community engagement by hosting programs that cater to diverse populations. Programs could include:

Cultural Events: To engage various cultural communities.

Digital Literacy Classes: Teaching essential skills for the digital age.

Lifelong Learning Initiatives: Workshops and courses that allow individuals of all ages to continuously learn and grow.

5. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

Sustainability is becoming an increasing priority for libraries. This can be addressed by:

Reducing Paper Use: By encouraging digital lending and e-resources, libraries can reduce paper consumption.

Energy-Efficient Buildings: Libraries can embrace green technologies and design principles to reduce energy consumption and promote environmental sustainability.

Sustainable Materials in Makerspaces: Using recyclable and sustainable materials for 3D printing and other hands-on projects.

6. Conclusion

The next generation of library users is defined by their deep integration with technology, their demand for personalized and seamless services, and their desire for inclusivity and collaboration. In order to meet their expectations, libraries must undergo a transformation that embraces digital tools, enhances user engagement, and promotes accessibility. The future library will not only be a space for books but will become a dynamic environment that offers immersive learning experiences, fosters creativity, and facilitates collaboration. By staying ahead of technological trends and focusing on user-centered approaches, libraries will continue to be essential resources for knowledge, community engagement, and lifelong learning in the future.

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SMART LIBRARIES AND THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

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Abstract: *The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) has transformed the way libraries operate and provide services to their patrons. This paper explores the concept of Smart Libraries, which leverage IoT technologies*

to create innovative, user-centered, and sustainable library services. We talk about the several IoT-enabled services and applications, such as automated inventory management, smart shelving, and personalised recommendation systems, that can improve the library experience. Our research highlights the benefits of Smart Libraries, including improved user experience, increased efficiency, and enhanced accessibility. We also identify the challenges and limitations of implementing IoT technologies in libraries, including data privacy and security concerns, infrastructure requirements, and staff training needs. Our study provides a framework for libraries to adopt IoT technologies and create Smart Library environments that foster innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning

Keywords: *Smart Libraries, Internet of Things (IoT), library innovation, user-centered design, sustainability.*

Introduction

The library of the 21st century is undergoing a significant transformation. Gone are the days of dusty bookshelves and silent reading rooms. Today's libraries are vibrant, dynamic, and technology-enabled, providing users with a wide range of services and resources that extend far beyond traditional book lending.

At the heart of this shift is the Internet of Things (IoT), a network of physical objects, devices, and sensors that have internet connections and the capacity to collect and exchange data. Libraries may now design intelligent, personalised, and interactive spaces that adapt to the changing demands of their patrons thanks to the Internet of Things.

In order to make the library experience more effective, sustainable, and user-friendly, smart libraries make use of Internet of Things technology including sensors, RFID tags, and data analytics. They provide users with seamless access to information, foster collaboration and innovation, and promote lifelong learning.

In this context, the integration of IoT in libraries has the potential to revolutionize the way libraries operate and provide services to their users. By exploring the intersection of IoT and libraries, we can gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges presented by this emerging trend, and how it can shape the future of libraries and the communities they serve.

What are Smart Libraries?

Smart Libraries are innovative, technology-enabled libraries that provide users with a more engaging, efficient, and personalized experience. They integrate cutting-edge technology like data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT) to make libraries more sustainable and user-centred.

Role of IoT in Smart Libraries

IoT plays a vital role in creating Smart Libraries by connecting physical objects, such as books, furniture, and equipment, to the digital world. IoT sensors and devices enable libraries to:

1. **Track inventory and collections**: RFID tags and sensors monitor book availability, location, and usage patterns.
2. **Optimize space and facilities**: IoT sensors track temperature, humidity, lighting, and energy consumption to optimize the library environment.
3. **Enhance user experience**: IoT-enabled furniture and equipment, such as smart tables and chairs, provide comfortable and collaborative learning spaces.
4. **Improve accessibility and inclusivity**: IoT-powered assistive technologies, such as audio descriptions and tactile graphics, support patrons with disabilities.
5. **Foster innovation and creativity**: IoT-enabled maker spaces and digital media labs provide hands-on experience with emerging technologies.

Benefits of IoT in Smart Libraries

1. **Improved user experience**: IoT enables personalized services, such as customized book recommendations, and streamlines library operations.
2. **Increased efficiency**: IoT automates tasks, reduces manual labour, and improves accuracy.
3. **Enhanced accessibility**: IoT provides equal access to information and library resources for users with disabilities.
4. **Data-driven decision making**: IoT provides valuable insights into library usage, enabling data-driven decision making.
5. **Cost savings**: IoT optimizes energy consumption, reduces stock management costs, and improves resource allocation.

Challenges and Limitations

1. **Infrastructure and funding**: Implementing IoT technologies requires significant investment in infrastructure and funding.
2. **Data privacy and security**: IoT devices collect sensitive user data, which must be protected and secured.
3. **Staff training and support**: Librarians require training and support to effectively use and maintain IoT devices.
4. **Digital divide**: IoT may exacerbate existing digital divides, particularly for users who lack access to technology or digital literacy skills.

Future Directions

1. **Artificial intelligence and machine learning**: Integrating AI and ML to enhance personalized services, collection development, and library operations.
2. **Extended reality and immersive technologies**: Incorporating virtual, augmented, and mixed reality to create immersive learning experiences.
3. **Sustainable and energy-efficient design**: Designing libraries with sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and IoT-enabled energy management.

Conclusion

IoT technology integration in libraries has the potential to completely transform how these establishments run and serve their users. IoT-enabled smart libraries provide a more individualised, effective, and easily accessible library experience. Libraries may adapt their collections, venues, and services to their patrons' changing requirements by utilising IoT sensors, devices, and data analytics.

While there are challenges and limitations to implementing IoT technologies in libraries, the benefits of increased efficiency, improved accessibility, and enhanced user experience make it an exciting and worthwhile development. As libraries continue to evolve and adapt to the needs of their users, the integration of IoT technologies will play a critical role in shaping the future of libraries.

Ultimately, Smart Libraries, powered by IoT, have the potential to transform the library experience, fostering a love of learning, promoting literacy and education, and building stronger, more connected communities.

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Lkkjk"k -ग्रंथालयाचे कार्य फक्त माहीती पुरविणे आणि शैक्षणिक सेवा देणे इrdp e;kfnr ulu g djr vlrkuk i;koj.kp lo/ku dj.;kph tckcnkjh fLodkj.k vko";d vkg-xFkky;kp dk;]lekt krhy gc Eg.ku fodflr gkr vlrkukf"kk"or i/nrh vkf.k r=Kkukpk leko"k dj.;kp egRo ok<y vkg- शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये शा"oryk ikRlkgu n.;klkBh]i;koj.kh; iHkko deh dj.;klkBh gjhr r=Kkukpk voyc djr vkgr- gk iij xFkky;kr dk; vkf.k lok देतांना पर्यावरणावर पडणारा प्रभाव, शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रा"ी संबंधित विविध संस्थांनी पर्यावरणीय शा"orr gjhr r=Kkukpk okijkoj Bjou fnyy ekud]rlp ऊTkk& dk;{kerk i.kkyh] v{k; ऊTkk L=kr]ik;kHkr lfo/kkj i;koj.kijd lkfgR; vkf.k dpjk व्यवस्थापन पध्दतीचा शोध घेते- f"kok;]gk iij gjhr r=Kku ;"kLohfjR;k veykr vk.k.kr=;k xFkky;kP;k dl LVMhtp ijh{k.k djr- gfjr r=Kkukpk okij djhr vlrkuk fuek.k gk.kkjh vkSgku] l/kh vkf.k Qk;n ;kpk vH;kl v/kkjf[kr dyk vkg-

dhoM'k % हरित तंत्रज्ञान, शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये,पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव,डिजिटल संसाधने, ऊTkk dk;{kerk

1- iLrkouk

vktP;k vk/kfud ;xkr] i;koj.kh; fVdko ,d egRokpk ennk cuyk vkg dkj.k ekuoh fd;kdykikeG iFohP;k vkjkX;koj vkf.k भविष्यकालीन पिढीवर गंभीर प्रभाव पडत आहे-ऐतिहासिक संसाधनांचा उपयोग आणि औद्योगिक प्रदुषण याला सामोरे जात असतांना या vkSgkukpk lkeuk dj.;klkBh pGoGh dk;n vfLrokr vkY;k vkgr-

2- i;koj.kh; fLFkjrkeè;k xFkky;kph Hkfedk

Hkfo";krhy fi<îkkP;k {ker'kh rMtkM u djrk lè;kP;k xjtk i.k dj.;klkBh ulfxd llkèkukpk tckcnkj okij i;koj.kh; fLFkjreè; lekfo"V vkg- th xFkky; llkèkukpk okij deh djrkr] dpjk deh djrkr vkf.k depkjh] lj{kd vkf.k 0;kid lenk;keè; हिरव्या वर्तनास प्रोत्साहन देतात त्यांच्या क्रियात्मक पद्धतींचा विषे"kRoku vH;kl dj.k vko";d vkg- lk/kj.krh xFkky;] 'k{kf.kd vkf.k lkotfud nkUgh] R;kP;k lenk;&dfær fe'kueG i;koj.kh; fLFkjreè; urRokp dke dj.;klkBh vkn'k o mi;ä vkgr- 'kkÜorryk pkyuk nÅu] xFkky; doG R;kpk i;koj.kh; çHkko deh djr ukghr rj ykdkuk f'kf{kr djrkr] lenk;kP;k कृrhyk çj.kk nrkr vkf.k i;koj.kh; dkjHkkjkP;k fn'ku tkxfrd pGoGhr ;kxnku nrkr- xFkky;] th lekt krhy ,d foÜoklkg lLFkk vkgr] rh i;koj.k f'k{k.kkp ij:dr vkf.k ldkjkRed cnyklkBh 0;klihB Eg.kugh dke d: 'kdrkr-

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये f"k{k.k vkf.k l"kk/kukyk ikfBck n.;klkBh egRoi.k Hkfedk ctkorkr-rFkfi] R;kP;k dk;ke/; vudnk y{k.kh; ऊTkk okij] llk/kukpk okij vkf.k dpjk fuferh ;kpk leko"k gkrk. gokeku cny vkf.k lk;koj.khP;k =gklkcnny ok<R;k fpreG] शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या पर्यावरणीय पाऊy[k.kk deh dj.;klkBh gfjr r=Kkukpk voyc vkgr-

gk idj.k xFkky;kP;k lk;koj.kh; iHkkokpk vkf.k fVdkokP;k fofo/k iyoj ppk djrk] tl dh lo/ku vkf.k uru ऊTkk ikRlkgu djr- तसेच शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाच्या भूमिकेची तपासणी करतो आणि पर्यावरणीय शा"oryk ikRlkgu n.;klkBh vkf.k l"kk/ku i/nrh ok<fo.;kP;k {keroj tkj nrk-

3- okrkoj.kkrhy fofo/k ?kVdkoj xFkky;kP;k fu;fer dk;kpk iHkko

xFkky;k}kj çnf'kr dyyk i;koj.kh; Hkkj xFkky;kP;k dkedktkpk vkf.k fØ;kdykikpk rFkhy i;koj.kkoj ekB;k iek.kkr çHkko gkrk- ;keè; Åtpk okij] dpjk fuferh] ik.;kpk okij vkf.k ulfxd llkèkukpk Úgkl ;kpk ike[;ku leko'k gkrk- brj lLFkkçek.kp] xFkky; 'kkÜor 0;oLFkkiu u dY;kl i;koj.kkpk Úgkl gk.;kl gkrHkkj ykxrk- xFkky;k}kj i;koj.kh; Hkkj çnf'kr gk.kkj e[; {k= [kkyhy iekk.k vkgr-

3-1- xFkky;kr Åtpk okij

xFkky; ;k Åtk&dfær lLFkk vkgr dkj.k R;kuk çdk'k] rkieku fu;=.k dj.k] vkf.k fMftVy flLVeph n[kHkky dj.k vko';d vkg- okpu{kerk vkf.k ljf{krrk lfuf'pr dj.;klkBh xFkky;kuk foLrkfjr dkedktkP;k rklkIg ekBîkk tkxkeè; y{k.kh; çdk'kkph vko';drk vlr- cÚ;kp okpuky;kr rkieku fu;=.k dj.;klkBh o vkjkenk;d okrkoj.k jk[k.;klkBh vkf.k lxgkp vkærk vkf.k rkieku p<mrkjkiklu lj{k.k dj.;klkBh okij.;kr ;.kkÚ;k okrkudyu ç.kkyh ekBîkk çek.kkr Åtk okijrkr- त्याचप्रमाणे संगणक, सर्व्हर, प्रिंटर आणि इतर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकर.kkpk okij n[kh ,d.k ÅtP;k ekx.khr Hkj ?kkyrk- xFkky; fMftVy MVkcl vkf.k lxg.k n[kh jk[krkr T;klkBh lQgj ik;kHkr lfoèkk vko';d vlrkr] t mtP;k okijkeè; ;kxnku nrkr- ;k lo ç.kkyhuk mtk n.;klkBh dkGlk] ulfxd ok; fdok ry ;klkj[;k vikjifjd Åtk lkrkoj voycu jkgko ykxr t xhu gkml ok; mRltukr ;kxnku nr] o T;keG Xykcy okfex vkf.k gokeku cny ok<rkr-

3-2- xFkky;kr dpjk fufe:rh

xFkky; fofoèk Lo:ikr ekBÎkk çek.kkr dpjk fuek.k djrkr- fMftVk;>'ku vlugh xFkky;kr vtugh ç'kkldh; dk;] Nikb lok] ifjlpj.k fLyll vkf.k çpkj lkexhlkBh ekBÎkk çek.kkr dkxn okij.;kr ;rk- xFkky; okjokj tuh fdok [kjkc >kyyh iLrd] orekui= vkf.k ekfld Vkdu nrkr] T;keG dkxnkpk dpjk gkrk- tjh vud xFkky; iLrdkP;k iuokij dk;Øekr xryyh vlyh rjh] lo lkfgR; iuokij djrk ;r ukgh] fo'k"kr% tj r [kjkc >kyy vlrhy rj- बहुतांष ग्रंथालये मर्यादित आयुर्मान असलेल्या संगणक, स्कॅनर आणि प्रिंटर यांसारख्या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्सच्या विस्तृत श्रेणीचा वापर करतात- t0gk g इलेक्ट्रॉनिDl cnyy tkrkr r0gk r ;kX; fjlk;dy fdok foYgokV u ykoY;kl r b&dpjk cu 'kdrkr- nufnu xFkky; dk;klkBh idftx lkfgR; ¼iLrd forj.k] dk;ky;hu ijoBk½ vko';d vlr t lglk ,[kk|k yMfQyeè; lir-

3-3- xFkky;kr ik.;kpk okij

xFkky;kr fofoèk dkj.kklkBh ik.;kpk okij gkrk vkf.k vdk;{ke ik.kh 0;oLFkkiu mPp i;koj.kh; Hkkjkr ;kxnku nÅ 'kdr- ekBÎkk xFkky;keè; ekBÎkk çek.kkr onG vlr T;keG R;kuk çlkèkuxgkeè; ik.;kpk ijlk okij vko';d vlrk- ekBh enku fdok ckx vlyyh xFkky; flpuklkBh vfrjä ik.kh oki: 'kdrkr- itU;ty lp;u fdok n"dkG&lfg".k ouLirh ;klkj[;k 'kkÜor yMLdfix i)rhf'kok;] ik.;kpk okij R;kP;k i;koj.kkojhy Hkkj ok<o 'kdrk- xFkky; lfoèkkP;k fu;fer lkQlQkblkBh ik.;kph vko';drk vlr vkf.k i;koj.kkl vudy ulyY;k LoPNrk mRiknukpk okij gkfudkjd jlk;uklg ik.;kp L=kr nf"kr d: 'kdrk-

3-4 fofo/k l:lkèkukph derjrk

xFkky; fofoèk ulfxd llkèku okijrkr] T;keG llkèku deh gk.;kl gkrHkkj ykxrk] tl

- dkxn vkf.k iLrd% iLrd] tuYl vkf.k dkxnkoj vkèkkfjr lkfgR;kp mRiknu dkxnklkBh ykdM lkj[;k dPP;k ekykoj voycu vlr- ykdMkp dkxnkr :ikrj dj.;kph çfØ;k llkèku&dfær vkg vkf.k txyrkM] ty çn"k.k vkf.k ulfxd vfèkoklkpk Úgkl gk.;kl gkrHkkj ykor-
- Qfu:pj vkf.k midj.k% xFkky;keè; okijY;k जाणाऱ्या फर्निचर, शेल्फ्चे अवरुप आणि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्सच्या निर्मितीसाठी धातू, lykfLVd vkf.k ykdM ;klkj[;k dPP;k ekykph vko';drk vlr- ;k lkexhp mRiknu vkf.k vfre foYgokV ;klkBh [kk.kdke] mRiknu mRltu vkf.k yMfQy ;kxnkuklg egÙoi.k i;koj.kh; [kp vkg-
- miHkkX; oLr% xFkky; ç'kkldh; vkf.k eæ.k grlkBh Vkuj] 'kkb vkf.k lykfLVdlkj[;k fofoèk miHkkX; oLr n[khy okijrkr- ;k lkexhp mRiknu vkf.k foYgokV ykoY;ku llkèkukpk Úgkl vkf.k çn"k.k gkr-

3-5- jklk;fud vkf.k fo"kkjh dpjk

jklk;fud mRiknukP;k okijk}kj xFkky; i;koj.kkpk Úgkl gk.;kl n[khy gkrHkkj yko 'kdrkr- xFkky;keè; okijY;k tk.kkÚ;k ikjikfjd lkQlQkbP;k mRiknukeè; i;koj.kkl gkfudkjd fo"kkjh jlk;u vl 'kdrkr- tj R;kph ;kX; foYgokV ykoyh ukgh rj gh jlk;u ik.;kP;k i.kkyhr f'k:u çn"k.kkl dkj.kHkkr B: 'kdrkr- प्रिंटर, कॉपियर आणि स्कॅनर अनेकदा शाई dkMrl vkf.k Vkuj okijrkr T;kr ?kkrd inkFk vlrkr- ;k lkexhph v;kX; foYgokV ykoY;ku fo"kkjh dpjk fuek.k gkrk] tk ekrh vkf.k ik.;kr tkÅ 'kdrk- nfeG lxg Bo.kkjh xFkky; vudnk iLrdckèk.kh vkf.k lxg.k lkBo.;klkBh fpdVork] lykfLVd fdok jlk;u ;klkj[kh tru lkexh okijrkr- ही सामग्री नॉन–बायोडिग्रेडेबल कचरा निर्माण करू शकते आणि विघटन njE;ku fo"kkjh jlk;u lkM 'kdr-

3-6- fMftVy l:okpk i;koj.kh; Hkkj

Hkkfrd i;koj.kh; çHkko deh dj.;klkBh xFkky; fMftVy lokdM ok<R;k çek.kkr oGr vlrkuk vk<Grkr] ijr fMftVy ik;kHkkr lfoèkk vtugh i;koj.kh; Hkkj ok<o 'kdrkr-

- Åt:pk okij% डिजिटल कलेक्शन होस्ट करण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेल्या क्लाउड स्टोरेज आणि ऑनलाइन डेटाcllkBh मोठ्या डेटा सेंटर्सची आवश्यकता असते, जे सर्व्हर आणि कूलिंग सिस्टमला पॉवर करण्यासाठी प्रचंड प्रमाणात वीज वापरतात- gh MVk dæ fMftVy lokP;k ,d.k Åtk okij vkf.k dkcu mRltukr ;kxnku nrkr-
- b&dpjk% ग्रंथालयामध्ये वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणाp thoupØ ryuu ygku vlr vkf.k r=Kkukeè; वारंवार सुधारणा केल्याने इलेक्ट्रॉनिक कचऱ्यामध्ये योगदान होते- tjh b&llkèkukuh dkxnkph xjt ukgh'kh dyh rjh tu lx.kd] VCyV vkf.k xFkky; vkf.k lj{kdkuh okijyyh brj fMftVy midj.k yMfQy b&dpjkeè; ;kxnku nÅ 'kdrkr-

xFkky;k}kj çnf'kr dyyk i;koj.kh; Hkkj R;kP;k dk;kP;k vud iypk foLrkj djrk] tl Åtpk okij vkf.k ik.;kP;k okijkiklu r dpjk fuferh vkf.k llkèku deh gk.;ki;r- Åtk&dk;{ke lèkkj.kk] fMftVy llkèkukpk voyc vkf.k dpjk 0;oLFkkiu èkkj.k ;klkj[;k 'kkÜor i)rh}kj xFkky;kuh R;kpk i;koj.kh; çHkko deh dj.;kpk ç;Ru dj.k vko";d vlrkuk] fofo/k idkjph vk0gku dk;e vkgr- g i;koj.kh; vk> vkG[ku vkf.k 'kkÜor miØek}kj R;kuk lfØ;i.k lckfèkr

d:u] xFkky;kuh Kku vkf.k lkekftd çfrc)rph egÙoi.k dæ Eg.ku dke djr vlrkuk R;kp i;koj.kh; ikÅy y{k.kh;jhR;k dj.k vko";d vkg- xFkky;keèkhy i;koj.kh; fLFkjrk Hkfo";krhy fi<îkklkBh doG llkèku tru djr ukgh rj ekuorpk i;koj.kh; çHkko deh dj.;kP;k tkxfrd çयत्नांमध्ये ग्रंथालयांना रोल मॉडेल म्हणून स्थान देते-

4- gfjr r=Kku 0;k[;k vkf.k egRo

gfjr r=Kku Eg.kt lk;ko.kh; r=Kku]T;kpk e[; mnn"k lk;koj.kkp lj{k.k dj.k] ulfxd llk/kukpk ;kX; okij dj.k] iदुषण deh dj.k gk vkg- g r=Kku fulxkP;k llxrrr fodflr dy tkrkr] t lk;koj.kkoj ldkjkRed iHkko Vkdrkr-
mnkgj.kkFk lkj ऊtk] iou ऊtk] ty"kDrh] toऊtk vkf.k ऊtk okpfo.kkj r=Kku g lo gfjr r=Kkukp Hkkx ekuy tkrkr- g r=Kku dkcu mRltu deh dj.;klkBh vkf.k tyok; cnykoj fu;=.k Bo.;klkBh mi;kxh Bjrkr-
gfjr r=Kku Eg.kt vl r=Kku t ekuokP;k dk;dkGh lk;koj.kkoj gk.kjk udkjkRed iHkko deh dj.;klkBh fM>kbu dyy vkg- xFkky;kr gfjr r=Kkukpk okij d:u ऊtk dk;{kerk] fVdkऊ ik;kHkr lfo/kk] dpjk deh dj.k] vkf.k uohdj.kh; ऊtk okij.k ;koj y{k dfnr dy tkr-
gfjr r=Kku Eg.kt v"ी विकासाची पध्दत जी भविष्याच्या पिढयांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतांना वर्तमानातल्या गरजांचे समाधान करते, t.kd:u ulfxd llk/kukp iek.k o nTkk deh u djrk R;kpk okij dyk tkऊ शकेल.
यु.एन.इ.पी च्या दृष्टीकोनातुन पर्यावरणीय शाश्वततेत खालील गोष्टी महत्वाच्या आहेत.

- संसाधनाचे टिकावू व्यवस्थापन : नैसर्गिक संसाधनाचा वापर असा असावा की तो दिर्घ कालीन असेल आणि संसाधनाची गुणवत्ता टिकवुन ठेवता येईल.
- जैव विविधतेचे संरक्षण:विविध प्रजातींचे आणि त्यांच्या आवासांचे संरक्षण करणे, ज्यामुळे पारिस्थितिकीय संतुलन राखता येईल.
- जलवायु बदलाचे निवारण:ग्रीनहाऊस गॅस उत्सर्जन कमी करणे आणि जलवायु परिवर्तनाच्या परीणामांपासून संरक्षण करणे.
- सामाजिक समावेश : पर्यावरणीय उपाययोजनामध्ये स्थानिक समुदायांना आणि व्यक्तींना सामिल करणे, जेणेकरून विविध सामाजिक गटांच्या गरजा आणि विचारांचा समावेश होईल.
- शिक्षण आणि जागृकता: लोकांमध्ये पर्यावरणीय मुद्याविषयी जागृकता वाढवणे आणि शाश्वत विकासाबद्दल शिक्षण देणे.

;uk;VM u"kU l lk;koj.k dk;dekP;k ;k rRokOnkj] gjhr r=Kkukp mfद्दष्टे साधने अधिक प्रभावी होईल-

5- gfjr r=Kkukph vko";drk vkG[ku fofo/k lLFkk jkcfor vlyy mide-

5-1 bप्yk xhu yk;cjh ijLdkj 2025

या पुरस्काराचे उद्दिष्टे पुढिलप्रमाणे आहेत-

- Tk lk;koj.kh; fVdkoi.kklkBh opuc/nrpk lokRre lokkn lk/kr-
- xFkky;kph lkekftd tckcnkjh vkf.k lk;koj.k f"k{k.kkrhy urRokph tkf.ko fuek.k dj.k-
- lk;koj.kh; fVdko bekjrh.
- पर्यावरणीयदृष्टया टिकावू सेवा, उपक्रम, प्रोग्रामिंगए माहीती संसाधने, संकलन आणि प्रकल्प-
- ग्रंथालयांमध्ये सामाजिक शा"orrk mide-
- LFkkfud] iknf"kd vkf.k txHkjkr gfjr xFkky; midekP;k fodklkyk pkyuk n.;klkBh-
- सर्व प्रकारच्या ग्रंथालयांना त्यांचे हरित उपक्रम सक्रीयपणे आंतरराष्ट्रीय i{kdklekj lknj dj.;klkBh ikRlkgkr dj.k-

5-2- ,-,y-ए परिषदांच्या कार्बन तटस्थेसाठी प्रस्ताव वर्ष जून 2021 मध्ये स्विकृत करण्याr vkyk Tkk 2025 lk;r dkcu rVLFkP;k उद्दिष्टाची पूर्तता करण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो-

5-3- Hkkjrke/; l/nk ,-vk;-lh-Vh-b- gh lLFkk lk;koj.kkoj dk.kR;kgh idkj gkfudkjd mRltu dj.kk=;k fd;ke/; Hkkx ?kr ukgh- ,-vk;-lh-Vh-b g ikgr dh ekU;rk ikIr rkf=d lLFkke/ku ckgj iM.kkj vfHk;r txkrhy tckcnkj ukxjhd cukor vkf.k lk;koj.kk"kh lcf/kr leL;k vkf.k R;koj mik;;ktuk dj.;kph tckcnkjh Lohdkjkoh- ,-vk;-lh-Vh-b lrr gfjr r=Kkukoj Hkj nr vkg-

5-4- ;kpiek.k ,u-ch-,- l/nk gjhr r=Kkukyk ik/kkU; nr- g lk;koj.kh; iHkko deh dj.;klkBh fofo/k mik;;ktuk djr vkg-

5-5- ud u ,l-,l-vkj- मध्ये निकष 7 अंतर्गत "पर्यावरणीय संवेदन"ीलता आणि हरीत तंत्रज्ञान""बाबत काही महत्वाचे निकष दिले आहेजण या निकषांचा मुख्य उद्दे"k fo|kihB vkf.k egkfo|kyयाना पर्यावरणीय दृष्टीकोनातून कार्य करण्यासासाठी प्रेरीत करणे हा आहे-

6- **भौक्षणिक ग्रंथालयात वापरली जाणारी हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाचे प्रकार-**

6-1- Åtk dk;{ke ik;kHkr lfo/kk

xFkky;kr ÅTkk dk;{ke midj.kkpk okij vR;r vko";d vkg- mnk- ,ybMh fno] LekV FkEkkLVVl]mtk dk;{ke ,p0gh,lh प्रणाली, आणि उष्णता आणि थंडावा कमी करणारे इमारत साहित्य याचा वापर करता येतो-

6-2- ufodj.kh; ÅTkk L=krkpk okij

xFkky;kph Åtph xjt deh dj.;klkBh lkj iuy]iou ÅTkk fdok HkxHk Åtk okij.k mi;Dr Bjr-;k Åtk L=krkpk okij dj.k lk;koj.kklkBh Qk;n"khj vkg-

6-3- fVdkÅ lkexh vkf.k ck/kdke

ग्रंथालय इमारती टिकाऊ बांधकाम सामुग्रीने तयार केल्या जातात, जसे स्टील, पुनर्नवीनीकरण केलेले लाकुड, आणि कमी प्रदुषण dj.kkj jx] ik.kh iuokij i.kkyh] xhu :¶l vkf.k ulfxd yMLdfix ;kpk okij n[khy ok<r vkg-

6-4 dpjk 0;oLFkkiu vkf.k iqu%okij

gjhr xFkky;kr dpjk deh dj.;koj vkf.k iuokijkoj tkj fnyk tkrk- dkxn]lykfLVd vkf.k brj lkfgR;kp iuokij dj.;kp mik; dk;kUohr dy Tkkrkr- dkgh xFkky;kr tfod dpjkp dEikLV [kr vkf.k dkxn iuokij ;klkj[k lk;koj.kh; mik; jkcfoy tkrkr-

6-5- fMftVy vkf.k vkHkklh lqok

डिजिटल तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ग्रंथालयांनी शारीरीक सामुग्रीची आव";drk deh dyh vkg- b&cDl] fMftVy dVykx]vkuykbu fjQjUl lok vkf.k ekckby cl lfoll P;k okijkeG brj llk/kukph cpr gkr-

7- **भौक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर**

शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये हरित तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर वाढत आहे, ज्याचा उद्दे"k Vkdkåi.kk ikRlkgu n.k] Åtk okij deh dj.k vkf.k lk;koj.kkoj gk.kkjk iHkko deh dj.k vkg- Hkkjrkrhy vud xFkky; fVdkÅ i/nrhp egRo letu ?kr vkgr] t tkxfrd ioRrhpk Hkkx vkg- खाली काही हरित तंत्रज्ञान आणि टिकाऊ पध्दतींचे उदाहरणे दिली आहेत, जे शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांमध्ये वापरली जात vkgr fdok fopkjkr ?kryh tkr vkg-

7-1- Åtkl dk;{ke iqdk"k;ktuk

,ybMh ykbVlpk okij xFkky;ke/; Åtk okij deh dj.;klkBh vkf.k idk"k dk;{kerr l/kkj.kk dj.;klkBh ekB;k iek.kkoj dyk tkr vkg- या दिव्यांमध्ये पारंपरिक बल्बपेक्षा कमी ऊर्जा जागते आणि त्यांची आयुष्यकालही लांब असतो-

7-2- lkj Åtk

dkgh शैक्षणिक ग्रंथाालये त्यांच्या छतावर सौर पॅनेल्स स्थापित करून अक्षय ऊर्जा वापरत आहेत- lkj mtr okij xFkky;kP;k ykbfVx],vj dfM"kfux vkf.k brj i.kkyh pkyo.;klkBh dyk tkrk]

7-3- ikolkpk ik.kh lqdyu

T;k Hkkxke/; tkLr ikÅl iMrk] v"ma ठिकाणांवरील शैक्षf.kd xFkky; ikolkp ik.kh ldyu i.kkyh LFkkfir djrkr] T;keG ik.kh xkGk d:u r brj okijklkBh tl dh ckxdke] Vk;yV ¶tf"kx fdok dfyx flLVhEllkBh okijrk ;r] T;keG xFkky;kp ik.kh okij deh gkrk-

7-4- gfjr bekjr fM>kbUl

Ukohu xFkky; bekjrh fdok uruhdj.k idYike/; gfjr bekjr fM>kbUlpk leko"k dyk rkr- ;ke/; pkxyh bUly"ku] Åtk dk;{ke HVAC i.kkyh vkf.k ulfxd idk"kkpk okij dj.k ;kpk leko"k vkg] t df=e idk"kkP;k okijkph vko";drk deh djrkr- xFkky; n[khy fVdkÅ] i;kokj.kijd vkf.k Åtk dk;{ke ck/kdke lkfgR; okijrkr-

7-5- dpjk 0;oLFkkiu vkf.k iqu%ohuhdj.k

xFkky; dpjk oxGk dj.;kph i.kkyh vkf.k iuuohuhdj.kkyk ikRlkgu nr vkgr- dkxn] lykfLVd] vkf.k byDVkfud dpjk 0;ofLFkr oxGk dyk tkrks आणि पर्यावरणपूरक पध्दतीने पुनर्नवीनीकरण किंवा नष्ट केला जातो- dkgh xFkky; iijyl i;k; n[khy lknj djr vkgr] T;keG okijdR;kuk efnr lkexhi{kk fMftVy llk/kukpk okij dj.;kl ikRlkfgr dy tkr-

7-6- L=krkph fMftVk;>"ku

fMftVk;>"kudM oGY;keG dkxnh oLrpk okij deh gkrk]llk/ku tru gkrk vkf.k nh?kdkyhu fVdkÅi.kk lk/krk ;rk- Hkkjrkrhy vud xFkky; iLrd] tuYl vkf.k brj lkexh fMftVk;f>x djr vkgr] T;keG Nkihy vkf.k ifjogukslc/kh dkcu QVfiV deh gkrk-

7-7- LekVl Åtk 0;oLFkkiu i.kkyh

xFkky; LekV Åtk 0;oLFkkiu i.kkyhpk okij djr vkgr] T;ke/; lUll vkf.k FkMkok ok;ijkP;k iVuulkj fu;f=r dyk rkr-mnkgj.kkFk] dk.khrjh :e/; ulY;kl fno vkikvki cn gkrkr] fdok gkeku i.kkyh fnolk oG vkf.k mifLFkrh Lrjkulkj lek;kftr gkr-

7-8- fVdkÅ Qfupj vkf.k lkexh

xFkky;ke/; Qfupj fVdkÅ] iuuohuhdj.k fdok uruhdj.kh; lkfgR;kiklu r;kj dyk tkr vkg- xFkky; nh?kdkyhu टिकाऊपणासाठी आणि पर्यावरणूरक, विषाणुरहित सामग्रीच्या वापरासाठी फर्निचर निवडतात-

7-9- gfjr tkxk

xFkky; R;kP;k ifjljkr gjhr tkxk vkf.k gfjr ckx r;kj djhr vkgr] T;keG lk;koj.kkph x.koRrk l/kkjr vkf.k vkjkenk;d okpu vkf.k v/;ukp fBdk.k miyC/k gkr-;k tkxke/; ufV0g lykVlpk okij dyk tkrk] rFk deh ik.;kph vkf.k n[kj[khph vko";drk vlr-

7-10- bZ&L=kr 0;oLFkkiu

xFkky; b&cDl]vkuykbu TkuYl vkf.k brj fMftVy llk/kukupk okij ok<or vkgr] T;keG efnr lkexhpk okij deh gkrk-;keG efnr lkghR;kP;k forj.kklc/kh gk.kkj ijhogu &fuHkjrk]vkf.k dkCku mRltugh deh gkr-

7-11- gfjr iezek.ki=

काही शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये त्यांच्या इमारतीसाठी लीड प्रमाणपत्र मिळविण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आहेत-g iezek.ki= feGfo.;klkBh fVdkÅ bekjr i/nrhpk voyc dj.k vko"यक आहे,ज्यामध्ये ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम वापर, पाणी संरक्षण आणि विषाणुरहित सामुग्रीचा वापर समाविष्ट आहे-

8- gjhr r=Kku ;"kLohfjR;k veykr vk.k.kkjh xFkky;

Hkkjrkr l/;k dkgh ie[k gfjr xFkky; vkgr] T;kuh gfjr r=Kkukpk voyc dyk vkg- ;ke/; [kkyhy xFkky;kpk leko"k gkrk-

8-1-**आन्ना भाताब्दी ग्रंथालय, चन्नई-**

g xFkky; gfjr xFkky; RkRokp ikyu djr vkf.k fofo/k lk;koj.kh; mide jkcfor-

8-2- dukVdk fo|kihB xFkky;]/kkjokM-

;k xFkky;ku gfjr ck/kdkekp rRo vkf.k ÅTkk cprhp mik; voycy vkg-

8-3- fnYyh fo|kfiB xFkky;-

;k xFkky;kr lk;koj.kh; tkx:drlkBh fofo/k dk;de vk;kftr dy tkrkr-

8-4- dkydkrk fo|kihB xFkky;-

;Fk gfjr i/nrhoj vk/kkfjr vud midekoj dk;jr vkg-

;k xFkky;kP;k ek/;ekru gfjr r=Kkukyk ikRlkgu feGr-

9- xFkky;ke/;s gfjr r=Kku jkcfo.;krhy vk0gku

9-1- foRrh; vkf.k ctV lhc/kh vMp.kh

gfjr r=Kkukr ikjfHkd xro.kdhph vko";drk vlr] Åtk dk;{ke ik;kHkr lfo/kk vkf.k fMftVy i.kkyhlkBh vko";d असलेली गुंतवणुक ही छोटया ग्रंथालयायांना एक आव्हान असु शकते-;klkBh ljdkjdMu vunku feGo.k fdok [kktxh {k=k"kh Hkkxhnkjh dj.k vko";d vkg-

9-2- tkx:drpk vkf.k Kkukpk vHkko

cgrd xFkky;kuk gfjr r=Kkukpk ;kX; okij dlk djkok ;kcnny deh ekfgrh vlr- ;kdjhrk depkÚ;kuk if"k{kkr dj.k vkf.k r=KkukP;k u0;k fodklkCknny tkx:d dj.k egRokp vkg-

9-3- cny fLodkj.;kl fojk/k

ijijkxr i/nrhpk okijdR;kuा आणि कर्मचाऱ्यांना हरित तंत्रज्ञान स्विकारण्यास विरोध असु शकतो- g fojk/k deh dj.;kdjhrk vf/kd lokn vkf.k if"k{k.kkph vko";drk vkg-

9-4- efnr vkf.k fMftVy lslk/kukpk lsryu

xFkky;kuh efnr lxg vkf.k fMftVy Lo:ike/; lde.k dj.k ;ke/; lryu jk[k.k-

;k vk0gkukuk u tekurk xFkky; LkLFkk]ljdkj vkf.k r=Kku inkR;k"kh lgdk;d:u gfjr mideklkBh fu/kh vkf.k leFku मिळवु शकतात-

10- xFkky;kr gfjr r=Kkukpk Qk;ns-

10-1- lk;koj.kh; ihHkko

gjhr r=Kkukpk okij xFkky;ke/; i;koj.kh; ifj.kke deh djrk- mtk cpr] dpjk fuehrh deh gkr R;keG dkcu mRltu deh dj.;kl vkf.k llk/ku lo/kukl gkrHkkj ykxrk-

10-2- [kp cpr

mtk dk;{ke i.kkyh vkf.k fMthVy lk/ku nh?kdkyhu [kpkr y{k.kh; cpr djrkr-

10-3- dk;{kerr l/kkj.kk

gjhr r=KkukeG xFkky;kP;k dk;{krr l/kkj.kk gkr- fMftVy lk/ku vkf.k DykmM&vk/kkfjr i.kkyh l"kk/kdkuk ekghrh vkf.k lg;kxh lk/kuki;r lgt io"k inku djrkr- deh oGkr tynlok nrk ;r-

10-4- okijdR;kl lk;koj.k vuqdy okrkoj.k

xथालये शा"वततेचे मॉडेल म्हणुन काम करू शकतात- ikdfrd idk"T, ताजी हवेची प्रणाली आणि शांत वातावरणाने वापरकर्ता lk;koj.kijd i/nrh fLodkj.;kl ifjr djrkr-

11- f"kQkjh

- gfjr r=Kku fLodkj.kk=;k xFkky;kuh gfjr bekjr iek.i= ikIr djko-
- gfjr midekuk leFku n.;klkBh fu/kh vkf.k Hkkxhnkjh Eg.kTkp ckg; foRrh; L=krkph enr ?;koh-
- oGkoGh ;.kk=या ufou r=Kkukckcr depkjh vkf.k okijdR;kuk lkf"k{k.k n;ko-
- ग्रंथालयाच्या कामकाजात शा"orryk ik/kkU; n.kkjh /kkj.k fodflr djkoh-
- lk;koj.kh; Tkkx:drT वाढविण्यासाठी शैक्षणिक समुदाया"kh lyXu 0gko-

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हरीत तंत्रज्ञानाच्या उपयोगाने ग्रंथालयांनी आपल्या कामकाजाला अधिक स्थिर,कार्यक्षम आणि पर्यावरणीय दृष्टिकोनातून सुधारणा केलेली vkg-ऊर्जा कार्यक्षम पायाभुत सुविधा, डिजिटल संसाधन व्यवस्थापन आणि शा"or i/nrhpk voyc d:u]xFkky; R;kpk lk;koj.kh; प्रभाव कमी करू शकतात- gfjr r=Kku g [kphd vly rjh ;kp Qk;n [ki tkLr vkgr- xFkky;kr gfjr r=Kku ykx dj.k g doG lk;koj.kkph j{kk dj.k gkp ulu R;k lLFkP;k nh?kdkyhu dk;{kerlkBh nf[ky egRokp vkg-

lanHk lwph

1- QMdh n-uk-] xFkky; lx.kdhdj.k vkf.k vk/kfudhdj.k];fu0gly iqdk"ku] i|.k] 6 oh vko`rh]2015-

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Digital Libraries and Future ready Librarianship

LEADERSHIP IN NEXT-GENERATION LIBRARIES: DIGITAL LITERACY AND STRATEGIES

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Abstract: *The role of libraries has evolved significantly in recent years, particularly with the integration of digital technologies. The modern library landscape now encompasses the need for digital literacy, robust technological infrastructure, and leadership that can guide institutions toward innovation, inclusivity, and relevance. This paper explores the emerging role of leadership in next-generation libraries, focusing on the strategic integration of digital literacy initiatives and the leadership competencies required to navigate this transformation. By examining current trends and case studies, this paper presents a framework for effective leadership in shaping libraries that meet the needs of diverse, digitally-savvy communities.*

Keywords: *Leadership, next-generation libraries, digital literacy, library innovation, technology integration, digital divide, community engagement, digital citizenship, information literacy, transformational leadership, staff training, digital inclusion, library partnerships, educational programs, digital tools, library technology, strategic leadership, change management, program development.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been central to the educational, cultural, and informational fabric of society. Traditionally seen as repositories of books and print materials, libraries have undergone profound changes due to technological advancements, especially the advent of the internet and digital media. Today's libraries are not just physical spaces for borrowing books; they are dynamic learning environments that facilitate digital access, support information literacy, and foster community engagement.

As libraries continue to evolve into "next-generation" institutions, effective leadership is more crucial than ever. In particular, leadership in the digital age demands an understanding of how technology intersects with library services, a commitment to digital literacy, and the ability to guide staff and communities through technological shifts. This paper explores the role of leadership in fostering digital literacy and outlines strategies for adapting libraries to the challenges and opportunities of the digital age.

Objective:

The primary objective of this research is to explore the role of leadership in next-generation libraries, specifically focusing on the integration of digital literacy initiatives and the strategies required for fostering a digitally inclusive and innovative library environment. The study aims to identify key leadership competencies, digital literacy strategies, and best practices for guiding libraries through technological transformations to enhance access, engagement, and community empowerment.

Hypothesis:

Effective leadership in next-generation libraries, through the strategic implementation of digital literacy programs and technological resources, positively influences the development of digitally literate communities, enhances library engagement, and bridges the digital divide, resulting in more equitable access to information and opportunities for all users.

The Evolution of Libraries in the Digital Age

A Shift from Print to Digital

Libraries have historically been sanctuaries for print-based materials, but the rise of the digital age has led to a shift in both the format of materials available and the ways in which information is accessed and consumed. According to the Pew Research Center (2020), the vast majority of Americans now have access to the internet, and digital platforms like e-books, audiobooks, online journals, and multimedia resources have become integral to modern libraries.

While this transition to digital resources has brought numerous advantages—such as improved access, convenience, and enhanced user experiences—it has also posed challenges, particularly in terms of bridging the digital divide and ensuring that all community members are equipped with the skills necessary to navigate the digital world. Libraries have responded to these challenges by embracing new technologies and adapting their services to ensure equitable access to information.

The Role of Digital Literacy

At the heart of this transformation is the concept of digital literacy, which refers to the ability to access, evaluate, and create content using digital tools. Digital literacy goes beyond the simple use of technology to encompass a deeper understanding of how digital platforms and tools affect society, education, and personal life. As the demand for digital skills continues to grow, libraries are in a unique position to serve as centers for digital literacy education.

Digital literacy is not just about teaching people how to use a computer; it also involves equipping individuals with critical thinking skills to navigate the complexities of the digital world. Libraries play an essential role in providing access to digital tools and technologies, as well as offering programming that helps community members develop the skills needed for informed digital citizenship.

Leadership in Next-Generation Libraries

Key Leadership Competencies

As libraries continue to evolve, effective leadership is essential for navigating the digital landscape. Leadership in next-generation libraries requires a blend of traditional library management skills and new competencies related to technology, community engagement, and innovation. Some of the key leadership competencies required include:

1. **Visionary Thinking**: Leaders must have a forward-thinking vision that aligns with the future of digital libraries. They should be able to anticipate trends in technology and information access and position their institutions to meet emerging needs.
2. **Digital Literacy Advocacy**: Leaders must be strong advocates for digital literacy initiatives, working with staff, patrons, and community stakeholders to promote the importance of digital skills.
3. **Technological Proficiency**: While library leaders need not be technologists themselves, they must have a solid understanding of the technologies that are reshaping the library field, from digital cataloging systems to virtual reference services.
4. **Change Management**: The shift to a digital environment requires a leadership style that can guide organizations through periods of transition. Effective leaders are those who can foster a culture of adaptability and resilience in the face of constant change.
5. **Community Engagement**: Libraries are increasingly becoming hubs for community involvement. Leaders must be adept at fostering partnerships with local organizations, schools, and other institutions to ensure that libraries remain vital community resources.
6. **Collaboration and Team Building**: Leadership in next-generation libraries also involves building strong, collaborative teams. Leaders must create environments where staff are encouraged to innovate, share knowledge, and engage in professional development.

Transformational Leadership and Innovation

Transformational leadership is particularly relevant in the context of next-generation libraries. This leadership style focuses on inspiring and motivating staff and stakeholders to embrace change and innovation. Transformational leaders in libraries encourage creativity, value new ideas, and foster an atmosphere of continuous improvement.

In a library setting, transformational leaders might implement innovative programs, such as coding workshops for young people, digital storytelling projects, or virtual reality spaces for community learning. These initiatives not only enhance the library's role as an educational institution but also demonstrate a commitment to technological advancement and community engagement.

Strategies for Leading Digital Literacy Initiatives

To successfully integrate digital literacy into library programs and services, library leaders must adopt specific strategies that promote both access and engagement. Some of the most effective strategies include:

1. Developing Targeted Digital Literacy Programs

Libraries can create programs tailored to the diverse needs of their communities. These may include introductory computer skills classes for seniors, coding workshops for youth, or online

safety sessions for parents and caregivers. By understanding the specific needs of their users, libraries can create more meaningful and impactful programs.

2. Investing in Technology and Infrastructure

Effective digital literacy programs depend on access to technology. Library leaders should prioritize investments in hardware, software, and internet access to ensure that users have the tools they need to participate in digital learning activities. Providing public access to computers, Wi-Fi, and digital media can help bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable access.

3. Training Library Staff in Digital Literacy

Library staff play a key role in delivering digital literacy programs. Therefore, it is essential for leaders to provide ongoing professional development opportunities that equip staff with the skills and knowledge to teach digital literacy effectively. Training might include workshops on how to teach digital tools, understanding online privacy and security, and supporting patrons with diverse digital needs.

4. Partnering with Schools and Community Organizations

Libraries can expand the impact of their digital literacy initiatives by forming partnerships with local schools, community centers, and other organizations. Collaboration can lead to the development of joint programs, shared resources, and a more unified approach to digital literacy education.

5. Fostering Digital Inclusion

Digital literacy efforts should prioritize inclusivity, ensuring that marginalized or underserved populations have access to the resources they need. Libraries can offer special programs for people with disabilities, low-income families, or individuals who are new to technology. Through these efforts, libraries can help close the digital divide and ensure that no one is left behind.

Case Studies of Digital Literacy Leadership in Libraries

Several libraries have demonstrated strong leadership in digital literacy initiatives, serving as models for others. Some notable examples include:

1. The Boston Public Library (BPL)

The BPL has developed a robust digital literacy program that includes classes on coding, job-searching, digital citizenship, and internet safety. BPL also partners with local schools to offer digital literacy training to students and teachers. Its library cardholder app allows access to digital materials, including e-books, audiobooks, and research databases.

2. The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)

SFPL has established a "Digital Literacy Academy" that offers a wide range of technology classes, from basic computer skills to more advanced topics like web development. They also run programs to train residents on how to use digital tools for employment, education, and civic engagement.

3. The Library of Congress

As the national library of the United States, the Library of Congress has taken a leading role in advancing digital literacy, especially through its digitization efforts. The library offers a variety of online resources and initiatives aimed at fostering a better understanding of digital archives and their implications for research and education.

Conclusion

The leadership required for next-generation libraries must adapt to the ever-changing landscape of digital technology. Effective library leaders will prioritize digital literacy, creating inclusive, accessible, and engaging programs that equip individuals with the skills needed to thrive in a digital society. By investing in technology, collaborating with community organizations, and fostering a culture of innovation and change, library leaders can ensure that libraries continue to serve as vital, relevant institutions in the digital age. As libraries move into the future, their role in advancing digital literacy will remain at the core of their mission to promote knowledge, education, and community empowerment.

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Abstract : *Computerization in the field of library and information science has brought about significant changes in library management. Traditional library services, which were mainly based on physical documents, have been facilitated by the use of computer tools to provide efficiency and speedy service. Computerized library services include Automated Library Management System (LMS), Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), digital databases and web-based library services.*

These enable users to get 24x7 information retrieval, online loan management and easy access to digital materials. These systems have made the workflow faster and more efficient for library staff and users. Similarly, computerization has also improved data security, privacy and data backup processes. Its effective use is improving various types of library services, which has ushered in a new era in terms of easy and instant access to information.

Keywords: *Computerization, Library Management, Digital Library, OPAC, Online Database, Web Based Services, Efficiency.*

INTRODUCTION

Computerization is considered to be a significant revolutionary change in the field of library and information sciences. Traditional library management systems, which were mainly based on paper records, have been made more effective, faster and more streamlined by using computer tools. Computerization has increased the efficiency of library services, and users can get convenient and instant access to various types of services, data and resources. Computerized library services are the monitoring and management of library functions through computer systems. This includes automated management of libraries, data storage, searching, classification and user services. Computerization has made library management more consistent and time-saving, which enables library staff to provide services more efficiently. Modern computerized library services provide various online tools for users. For example, online catalogues (OPAC), digital databases, electronic journals, and e-books. This makes the information in the library easy to find, and users can get 24x7 facilities. In addition, digitization of library materials and remote access make the work of the library more flexible and comprehensive. Computerized library services have improved all aspects of library management. Using these services, information exchange, storage and management have become more effective. The advancement of computing in this field has given a new direction to library management, which has facilitated the users to get information quickly, effectively and available.

OBJECTIVES

1. To find out the work of the library more consistent and efficient with the help of Automation of library management

2. To find out the Quick and easy access to information.

3. To find out the Data security and privacy.

4. To find out the Providing user-friendly services.

5. To find out the Reach and expansion of library services.

6. To find out the Use of online and digital content.

7. To find out the Improvement of workflow efficiency.

8. To find out the Development of smart library systems.

COMPUTERIZATION

Computerization has become an important and essential component in the field of library and information sciences. The traditional library management systems which were based on physical paper records have been greatly improved in their workflow using computer technology. Computerization has made all the procedures and user services of the library easier, more efficient and faster. It is a significant step for library management, which affects every level of the workflow of libraries.

Computerization is the automation of library operations using computers. In this process, all the paper records, documents, book lists, user data, cataloguing, classification, searching, record keeping, loan management and other functions of the library are harmonized through a computer system. This improves the workflow of the library and makes it faster, more organized and easier.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

Library management is the proper management and administration of library resources, services, staff management, and user requirements. Traditional library management systems were generally based on paper records, card lists, but computerization has revolutionized all these processes. Computerized Library Management System (LMS) has made library management more efficient, easy and responsive.

Computerized Library Management is the management of various library workflows, such as cataloguing, book lending management, data security, searching, and user services, on a computer-based basis. Computerization makes all library processes faster, automated, and mechanically improved. Computerized library management systems bring about significant improvements in library efficiency and provide faster and more effective services to users.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

A digital library is a computerized library system, in which all types of information sources are digitally converted and made available to users through the Internet or other computer networks. Like the traditional paper library system, a digital library also works for the storage and distribution of information, but it operates in digital media and provides services to users without the constraints of time, place and method.

A digital library is a computerized library system that stores, organizes, and distributes a variety of educational, research, cultural, and technical materials in digital form. It includes e-books, digital journals, research papers, academic databases, video, audio, and various other multimedia sources. A digital library provides users with instant access to various information sources.

OPAC (ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE)

OPAC stands for Online Public Access Catalogue. OPAC is a computerized system used for cataloguing and easy retrieval of library materials (books, journals, magazines, etc.). Through this system, searching the library resources, checking their availability, and using other library services becomes easier and faster for the users.

OPAC is a system that catalogues every item in the library (such as books, journals, e-books, etc.) and makes them easily accessible through the Internet or the library infrastructure. It allows users to search the library resources. All the information in the library is created in digital form and is available to the users online, through PR, or other computerized methods.

ONLINE DATABASE

Online database is a very important computerized service in libraries. Through this service, users can access digital resources in libraries in a more efficient and convenient manner. Online database is an Internet-based system that stores and provides information related to various academic, research, and other materials available in the library. This database can contain articles, theses, research papers, journals, books, and other educational materials.

Online database is an online collection of various resources in the library. It contains various types of information, such as academic journals, e-books, research papers, magazines, or other educational materials. Library members can search, download, and read through this database from home or any other place.

Online databases are used as an important tool in library management for searching, classifying, and retrieving resources.

WEB BASED SERVICES

Web based library services are the provision of library resources and services to users through a web-based platform. These types of services provide easy and fast access to library educational resources, databases, and other services through an internet connection to the users. Web based library services have become a very important tool for comprehensive use and to make the functioning of libraries more efficient.

Web based library services are the presentation of library content and various services to users through an online portal, website, or web application. These services include library educational materials, digital catalogues, search engines, e-books, e-libraries, and other educational resources. This allows users to use library resources 24x7, from any location.

EFFICIENCY

Library services can be made more efficient, faster and effective through computerization. Computerized library services are those in which the work of the library is based on computers, thereby facilitating easy and immediate use of various services. The improvement in the efficiency of these services has made library management easier and more effective for the users.

Computerization in libraries makes service delivery faster, systematic and error-free. Efficiency means improving the various processes in the functioning of the library to do more work more efficiently and in less time. Due to computerization, users can search, register, return resources, etc. more easily and correctly.

COMPUTERIZED LIBRARY SERVICES: IMPORTANT COMPONENTS

1. Automated Library Management System (LMS): A Library Management System (LMS) is used to automate all the functions in a library. These include:

o Finding out which books are available.

o Borrowing management of books.

o Registering users and managing required information.

o Classification and cataloguing of books.

This makes library management more organized and makes it easier to find information.

2. Electronic Database and Digital Library: With the help of a computerized system, the books, journals, papers, research materials, etc. of libraries are available in digital form. Due to this:

o Users can search online.

o 24x7 availability of information.

o Information management of book details becomes easy.

Popular digital databases include IEEE, JSTOR, Google Scholar, etc.

3. Online Catalogue (OPAC - Online Public Access Catalogue): A computerised catalogue is used instead of the traditional card catalogue, which allows users to easily search for books. Using the OPAC system:

- o Details of books can be checked.
- o Search can be done by category and subject.
- o Borrowing and return can be checked.

4. Electronic Information Management (EIM): The collection, classification, compilation and retrieval of various types of information received in the library is facilitated. These include:

- o Digitisation of documents.
- o Digital archiving of various types.
- o Integration of various forms of information.

5. Web-based library services: A major transformation is the provision of web-based services by libraries with the help of the internet. These include:

- o Providing library services using web portals or mobile applications.
- o Users can get online registration, online renewal and online search services.
- o Making digital content available through e-books and e-journals.

6. Smart Library and Robotics: In the future, robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) will be used for library operations. These include:

- o Self-borrowing of books.
- o Arrangement of books and literature through robotics.
- o Using self-service kiosks, users can be served instantly.

7. Data Security and Privacy: Data security and privacy are also important in a computerized system. To ensure the security of library data, user information and digital content:

- o Secure login system.
- o Data encryption.
- o Backup and data recovery process is ensured.

ADVANTAGES OF COMPUTERIZED LIBRARY SERVICES

1. Fast and effective information retrieval: Users can easily search the library catalogue and database.
2. Availability of books: Availability of books can be checked online.
3. User experience: Users can get 24x7 service due to computerization.
4. Remote access: Users can search for information and use the e-library via the Internet.

CONCLUSION

Computerized library services are a revolutionary change for library management. It makes library services more efficient, user-friendly, and user-centric. In the future, many more digital and smart technologies will be incorporated in libraries, which will further improve the use of information.

Computerized library services have brought about significant changes in the functioning of library management. OPAC, online databases, web-based services, and functionality have brought about greater efficiency and advancement in the workflow of libraries. The use of these services is crucial for providing quick and easy services to the library users. Computerization has made the work of library management easier, faster, and user-friendly.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: RESHAPING THE LANDSCAPE OF MODERN LIBRARIANSHIP

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Abstract: *Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming numerous sectors, and libraries are experiencing a significant paradigm shift. This paper delves into the transformative potential of AI within the library ecosystem, exploring its evolution, diverse applications, and integration within smart library frameworks. We analyze how AI is impacting key library functions, including educational support, information dissemination, accessibility enhancements, and community engagement, while also considering the associated challenges and opportunities.*
Key words: *Modern Librarianship, Artificial Intelligence, Intelligent Services*

Introduction:

Artificial intelligence (AI), characterized by the ability of computational systems to mimic human cognitive functions, is revolutionizing various industries, including the information sector. Libraries, as vital hubs of knowledge and learning, are embracing AI to enhance their services and adapt to the evolving needs of their users. This paper explores the multifaceted role of AI in contemporary libraries, examining its historical development, current applications, and future potential within the context of smart library initiatives. We investigate how AI is being leveraged to improve educational resources, streamline information access, foster inclusivity, and facilitate community building, while also acknowledging the ethical and practical considerations associated with its implementation.

Historical Context and Trajectory of AI:

The conceptualization of artificial beings has permeated human imagination for millennia, appearing in myths and folklore across cultures. However, the formal study of AI as a scientific discipline emerged in the mid-20th century. The seminal Dartmouth Workshop in 1956, organized by John McCarthy, is widely recognized as the birth of AI as a field of research (McCarthy et al., 1955). Early AI research concentrated on symbolic reasoning and problem-solving, employing techniques like rule-based systems and search algorithms. The field has since undergone periods of both rapid advancement and relative stagnation, often referred to as "AI winters." Recent resurgence has been fueled by breakthroughs in machine learning, particularly deep learning, which have enabled significant progress in areas like natural language processing and computer vision (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

The Evolving Role of AI in Library Services:

AI is fundamentally changing how libraries operate and interact with their patrons. Key areas of impact include:

1. Personalized Resource Discovery: AI algorithms analyze user profiles, borrowing patterns, and information-seeking behaviors to deliver customized recommendations for books, articles, multimedia resources, and other materials. This personalized approach enhances discoverability and fosters a more engaging user experience.

2. Advanced Information Retrieval: AI-powered search engines, leveraging Natural Language Processing (NLP), are enhancing information retrieval by understanding the semantic meaning behind user queries. This allows for more precise and contextually relevant search results within library catalogs and digital repositories.
3. Digital Preservation and Archiving: AI plays a crucial role in the preservation and management of digital collections. Techniques like Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and image recognition, coupled with AI-driven indexing and metadata generation, facilitate the digitization and organization of archival materials.
4. Intelligent Virtual Assistance: Libraries are deploying AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants to provide instant support to users. These conversational agents can answer frequently asked questions, guide users through library resources, and offer 24/7 assistance.
5. Data Analytics and Knowledge Management: AI enables libraries to extract valuable insights from large datasets. Data mining and sentiment analysis can be used to understand user preferences, inform collection development strategies, and evaluate the impact of library programs.
6. Automated Content Enrichment: AI tools can automate the creation of metadata, abstracts, and summaries for library resources, streamlining cataloging processes and freeing up librarians' time for more complex tasks.
7. Enhanced Accessibility Services: AI is instrumental in improving accessibility for users with disabilities. AI-powered assistive technologies, such as text-to-speech software, screen readers, and translation tools, make library resources more accessible to a wider audience.
8. Predictive Analytics for Collection Development: AI algorithms can analyze usage data, circulation trends, and emerging research areas to predict future resource demand, enabling libraries to make data-driven decisions about collection development and budget allocation.
9. Cybersecurity and Fraud Prevention: AI enhances security measures by detecting anomalies, monitoring access control systems, and preventing fraudulent activities.
10. Multilingual Support: AI-powered translation tools facilitate access to library resources for users who speak different languages, promoting inclusivity and global reach.

AI-Driven Smart Library Initiatives:

Smart libraries utilize AI to create more personalized, interactive, and efficient services:

1. Intelligent Resource Management Systems: AI and big data analytics enable the development of intelligent resource procurement systems that anticipate user needs and optimize resource allocation.
2. Automated Library Operations: AI-powered robots and automated systems can handle tasks like book sorting, shelving, and inventory management, improving efficiency and freeing up staff for user-facing roles.
3. Personalized Learning Environments: AI can be used to create personalized learning experiences for library users, tailoring educational resources and recommending relevant content based on individual learning styles and interests.

Use Cases and Implementation Considerations:

AI Application	Library Function	Required Expertise	Benefits	Challenges	Adoption Likelihood
Robotic Process Automation	Back-end Operations	Programming, RPA Tools, Workflow Analysis	Increased Efficiency, Reduced Manual Errors	Integration Complexity, Maintenance Costs	High
Automated Storage/Retrieval	Collection Management	Project Management, Robotics Engineering	Space Optimization, Improved Retrieval Times	High Initial Investment, Infrastructure Changes	Medium
Knowledge Discovery	Research Support	Data Analysis, Machine	Enhanced Research	Data Quality, Algorithm Bias	High (Research)
Natural Language Processing	User Services	NLP Expertise, Knowledge	Improved Search	Model Training Data,	High
Chatbots/Virtual Assistants	User Assistance	Dialogue Design, Knowledge Base	24/7 Availability,	Development Costs,	High
Data Science/Analytics	Collection Development	Statistical Analysis, Data	Data-Driven Decision	Data Privacy, Ethical	High
Information Literacy Training	User Education	Pedagogy, AI Literacy,	Enhanced Learning	Integrating AI Tools, Faculty	High
User Management/Engageme	Library Administration	Data Analysis, User Experience	Personalized Services,	Data Security, Privacy Concerns	High

Conclusion:

AI is a powerful catalyst for innovation in libraries, enabling them to provide enhanced services, improve operational efficiency, and better serve their communities. From personalized recommendations to intelligent virtual assistants, AI-driven solutions are transforming the library landscape. While challenges related to data privacy, ethical considerations, and implementation costs exist, the potential benefits of AI in libraries are substantial. Continued research, development, and collaboration between librarians, AI specialists, and technology providers will be essential for realizing the full potential of AI in shaping the future of libraries as dynamic and inclusive hubs of knowledge and learning.

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MODERN SKILLS FOR LIS PROFESSION IN DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract : *In the 21st century, academic libraries are encountering numerous challenges due to the digital landscape. Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals are increasingly serving as consultants, guiding users through the complexities of the technological age. Libraries, as social institutions, are committed to providing accurate information tailored to users' needs. Consequently, it is imperative for LIS professionals to enhance their skills to effectively address these challenges and contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society. Merely possessing professional degrees in library and information science is no longer sufficient; adapting to technological advancements is essential. This paper examines the current state of the LIS profession, its challenges in utilizing technology, and emphasizes the importance of soft skills for library and information professionals operating in IT environments.*

Keywords: *Soft Skills, LIS Professionals, LIS Education, Electronic Resources*

INTRODUCTION

The advent of technology has introduced both challenges and opportunities within the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). As a dynamic profession in the knowledge society, LIS has experienced significant transformations across various sectors, including education, healthcare, defense, and industry. The discipline of LIS has evolved into a distinct field, necessitating librarians to possess a multifaceted skill set encompassing technical expertise, administrative capabilities, and a strong focus on user-oriented services. This comprehensive skill set is complemented by essential soft skills, which are crucial for effective communication and service delivery. Library and Information Science programs have consistently faced challenges in achieving a balanced curriculum that adequately addresses these diverse areas. The impact of technology is evident in the profession, with libraries increasingly adopting electronic resources for information storage and dissemination. Consequently, LIS professionals must continually update their knowledge and skills to manage and provide access to information through these digital platforms.

- To excel as a library professional, it's essential to cultivate a diverse set of soft skills that enhance both personal effectiveness and user engagement. Here are some key competencies: Effective Listening skills
  a) Effective listening skills
     Attentively understanding user needs and concerns to provide accurate assistance.
  b) Effective Communication Skills
     Clearly conveying information and instructions to users and colleagues
  c) Interpersonal
     Building rapport and fostering positive relationships with diverse individuals.

d) Public Relations
Engaging with the community to promote library services and programs.

e) Leadership and Teamwork
Guiding teams effectively and collaborating to achieve common goals

f) Writing Skills
Crafting clear and concise documents, reports, and communications

g) Presentation Skills
Delivering engaging talks and workshops to diverse audiences.

h) Teaching Skills
Educating users on information literacy and library resources.(Project management libraries by carpenter juile)
By developing these competencies, library professionals can enhance their effectiveness and better serve their communities.(slideshare.net)

Library and Information Science (LIS) education equips professionals with the essential skills and knowledge to effectively manage and deliver library services. The curriculum is designed to be interdisciplinary, integrating various fields to provide a comprehensive understanding of information management.

Core Components of LIS Education:

- **Information Technology Fundamentals:** Understanding the basics of information technology is crucial for managing digital resources and utilizing modern tools in library settings.
- **Research Methodologies in Library Management:** Training in research methods enables professionals to assess and improve library services effectively.
- **Classification and Cataloguing:** Learning classification systems and cataloging techniques ensures efficient organization and retrieval of information.
- **Information Consolidation and Retrieval Systems:** Developing skills in consolidating and retrieving information is vital for effective information dissemination.
- **Systems Analysis:** Analyzing and designing information systems helps in creating efficient library management systems.
- **Library Automation:** Implementing automation tools streamlines library operations and enhances user experience.

The interdisciplinary nature of LIS education draws from fields such as computer science, psychology, sociology, and education, reflecting the diverse skills required in the profession. This approach ensures that library professionals are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of information management.

Technology and Libraries

UNESCO defines Information Technology as a discipline that involves the scientific, technological, and engineering methods used for handling and processing information. This includes the use of computers, their interactions with humans and machines, and the socio-economic and cultural aspects associated with them.

Technology has revolutionized every sector, and libraries are no exception. The use of computers and related equipment in libraries is an example of how information technology is applied in this field. Technology plays a crucial role not only in generating, storing, and preserving information but also in the transmission, retrieval, and dissemination of data. By automating these processes, libraries can offer enhanced services to their users (Feldmann, L., 2006).

The Need for Technology in Libraries

Information is expanding rapidly every day, making it increasingly difficult to manage in today's technological era. Users often encounter challenges when searching for and retrieving information. Technology offers a clear solution to these issues. Libraries contain a variety of resources, including books, journals, electronic materials, and audio-visual content. Technology is essential for managing and processing this information, utilizing computers and communication tools. Technological advancements have transformed traditional libraries into online platforms, enabling automation, digitization, internet access, resource sharing, consortia, web-based catalouge (OPAC), electronic institutional repositories, and many other resources.

Skills Required for an Electronic Environment

A) **Generic Skills**: Innovation, self-confidence, creativity, problem-solving abilities, effective communication, customer relationship management, continuous learning, presentation skills, stress management, and proficiency in tools like XML3 (Deshmukh, S., 2012).

B) **Managerial Skills**: A global and local mindset, planning and organizational abilities, financial management skills, team building, decision-making, leadership, database searching, negotiation skills, technical expertise, time management, resource management, and understanding of metadata (Kawdey, D., 2012).

C) **Professional Skills**:

Information Technology Skills:

a) Hardware, software, and networking
b) MS-Office Suite
c) Presentation software (e.g., PowerPoint)
d) Internet tools (e.g., email)
e) Scanning techniques
f) Networking proficiency
g) Content development
h) Digitization
i) Web-based services
j) Virtual learning (Deshmukh, S., 2012; Kawdey, D., 2012)

Advantages of Technology in Libraries

- Time-saving
- Cost-effective
- Eliminates duplicate work
- Increases work efficiency
- Enhances accuracy in services
- Ensures reliable outcomes

- Provides easy access to information
- Delivers the right information at the right time to the right user
- Boosts productivity, motivation, skills, and management of Library and Information Services (LIS)

LIS Professionals in the Technological Age

An information professional is someone who collects, organizes, preserves, retrieves, and disseminates both printed and digital information. The term "LIS professional" is often used interchangeably with "librarian." Traditionally, LIS professionals have focused on managing information in print formats. However, with the widespread use of modern technology in libraries today, the role of librarians has evolved and expanded (Wikipedia, 2016).LIS is considered one of the most dynamic and challenging professions in the digital age. LIS professionals are highly aware of the impact of technology on the library field, and they are often referred to by various titles such as information scientists, document specialists, information managers, librarians, and cybrarians. These professionals possess the necessary skills to effectively handle and manage information in library environments.

LIS Professionals and the Integration of Technology

LIS professionals have developed innovative solutions to traditional challenges in libraries by embracing technology. Several modern technological tools and approaches now require serious consideration for their effective use in managing information. These include:

- CD-ROM search capabilities
- Metadata standards
- Information portals
- Online databases
- Online networking
- Online book reservations
- Online learning resources
- ICT trends
- Cloud computing
- Web technologies

Conclusion

Academic librarians and their teams play a crucial role in meeting the complex and diverse information needs of their users. They must utilize technological tools that are user-friendly and aligned with the needs of their patrons in order to thrive in a customer-driven environment Technology plays a pivotal role in advancing library services. Information Technology has brought about transformative changes in the management of various information resources in libraries. As a result, LIS professionals must continuously enhance their skills to effectively disseminate information according to user needs. Traditional, linear workflows and hierarchical structures are no longer adequate and are being gradually replaced by more flexible organizational models and innovative management approaches.

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AN INSIGHT INTO THE ROLE OF ICT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE USE OF WEB-BASED LIBRARY SERVICES OFFERED BY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *To examine the contribution of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure in facilitating the use of web-based library services in NAAC-accredited A and above grade colleges. The study used a survey method and a questionnaire tool and collected data from 27 students and faculty. The study also revealed increased use of ICT infrastructure such as computers and internet facilities for learning and research purposes. However, the use of other facilities such as printers, scanners, LCD projectors, audiovisual equipment and photocopiers was less. The study revealed that users perceived web-based services as significant and were satisfied with the resources and support provided by ICT infrastructure to access and utilize web-based services. In addition, the study revealed various problems while accessing ICT infrastructure, such as poor printing facilities, lack of guidance from library staff, internet connectivity issues, technical issues, as well as hardware and software issues and issues related to the operations of the e-resource segment. The study lays emphasis on augmentation of ICT infrastructure to ensure optimum utilization of web-based library services. Furthermore, the study emphasizes the introduction of effective ICT systems that support providing effective web-based services and providing resources to enhance the library experience.*

Keywords: *ICT infrastructure, Web-based services, Electronic Services, NAAC Accredited Colleges, User Study.*

1. Introduction

"The effectiveness of web-based library services largely depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure. ICT infrastructure enables the use of web-based library services in a rapidly growing digital world. Libraries are important sources of information, resources and services. Integration of state-of-the-art ICT infrastructure is required to provide services to users without delay (Krishnamurthy and Rupa, 2019). The ICT infrastructure includes a wide range of technologies such as computers, internet facilities, Wi-Fi, digital databases and cloud computing services, which enable them to provide real-time and remote access to information. The integration of ICT infrastructure into library systems has transformed the traditional way of delivering services, allowing libraries to overcome geographical barriers (Pagor, 2024). The use of advanced ICT systems enables libraries to provide more diverse services such as digital catalog e-books, online magazines, and multimedia resources, ensuring that information is available to users 24 hours a day and from any location (Ali, 2024). Furthermore, ICT infrastructure enhances user experience with personalized services, which increases user satisfaction and participation (Atanda & Olafimihan, 2021). Therefore, the use of ICT in library

services addresses the increasing need for electronic resources, but it goes beyond the problem of physical space and available resources. It depends on the availability and accessibility of ICT infrastructure (Haridasan & Firdaus, 2021),(Roopa & Krishnamurthy, 2012). However, to be successful with web-based services, libraries face technical problems, lack of budget, lack of manpower, lack of skilled staff, lack of training, lack of cooperation from the management, non-availability of computer systems and non-availability of automation software(Sampath Kumar & Biradar, 2010).Which can limit the utilisation of web-based services.Therefore,a well-established and well-maintainedICT infrastructure is essential for users to access, use and benefit from the vast information provided through web-based library services.This paper will explain the role of ICT infrastructure in enabling the use of web-based library services, emphasising its impact on accessibility, user satisfaction, and the efficiency of library services in the digital age."

1.1 Objectives of the Study

- To evaluate the impact of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services offered by NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra
- To identify the level of user satisfaction with the ICT infrastructure in NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra
- To understand the problems in using ICT infrastructure users of NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra

1. Literature review

(Ali, 2024) identified the average level of impact of ICT on technical and reference services of college libraries.Further, the author found that the users who had received ICT training positively influenced the use of technology in library services compared to those who had not received training.Thestudy also found that a lack of digital hardware and untrained library staff were significant obstacles to effectively utilising ICT.Similarly, (Faizan, 2023) identified the high impact of ICT on the use of e-resources, Web 2.0, Audio-video resources, CAS, and online databases and the low impact of institutional repository,OPAC, Electronic document delivery, digital reference services and academics supportive service on IIT Roorkee and IIT BHU users.(Rafique, Subhpoto, & Idrees, 2023)identified that a lack of ICT infrastructure impacts the use and provision of web-based services.Further, they found that website services, access to the digital library, web OPAC, e-document delivery, online reference service and institutional repositories and critical services for Sutrisno et al. (2021) argued that the availability of ICT infrastructure and resources in university libraries is essential in enhancing the quality and outcomes of education.Utilisingthe users and gratification theory (UGT). The authors identified that students'attitudes, social support, and focus on control are interveningvariables that influenced students' gratification and satisfaction with ICT utilisation.Furthermore, their research confirms that the utilisation of ICT facilities and resources has a direct influence on studentsatisfaction. (Asogwa, Ugwu, & Ugwuanyi, 2015) assessed Nigerian university library ICT infrastructures to expose Nigerian university managers, library administrators and other university authorities in African countries to the required ICT

infrastructures, information resources and electronic services.Theyfound that the Nigerian university library e-services are underutilised.Theyalso found that though ICT infrastructure was available in Nigerian university libraries for information access, they were not extensively used by users, and they were insufficient.Toevaluate the Internet usage level for academic purposes (Abdulsalami & Ubogu, 2018)surveyed 54 undergraduate students at the Federal UniversityLafia. The authors identified that most users were aware of the Internet and frequently used it for academic purposes. Additionally, they identified that most of them use the Internet more than the library for research, entertainment and social networking. (Bhoi, 2017)highlighted the use of ICT infrastructure in libraries,discussed the different dimensions of ICT to create awareness of technology in libraries and explained the need to comprehend the use of ICT in libraries to provide users with improved library services and information.Theauthor determined that ICT infrastructure should be utilised to accelerate the dissemination of information and improve services.

2. Methodology

A quantitative survey method was adopted for the study to quantify the impact of ICT infrastructure on the use of web-based library services by NAAC-accredited degree college users.The questionnaire tool was used to gather data from students and faculty who used the web-basedlibrary services provided by the NAAC-accredited A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra . A simple random sampling technique was adopted to select respondents. The data was collected using a structured questionnaire tool, which included questions on demographics, ICT infrastructure and web-based library services.Datacollected through questionnaires was analysed using Ms-excel and descriptive statistics were used to analyse the data.Atotal of 30 questionnaires were distributed to 3 A and above grade college libraries of Sangli, Maharashtra, and 27 completely filled questionnaires were received, resulting in a 90% response rate. Among them, 63% were students and 37% were faculty. Thelibrary users majorly (44.4%) visited the library daily or twice a week (29.6%), and the rest, 27.0%, visited fortnightly or once a month.

3. Data Analysis and Interpretation

4.1 Mode of Knowing About Web-Based Services

To understand the users' mode of knowing about web-based services provided by the college libraries, the data was collected from 27 library users and tabulated in Table-1. The analysis indicated that 63.0% of users learned about the services through the college website.Thisshows that the college website is a robust promotional platform for web-based services and is most likely the primary information dissemination source.Further, 59.3% of users learnt about web-based services during library orientation.Thisshows the significance of orientation programs in familiarising new students and staff with the library services and facilities, and thus, it supports enhancing their awareness and usage of the services.Asignificantly lesser percentage (44.4%) of users learnt about the web-based services through library walls.Thisshows that physical notices and posters in the library are still effective in informing users about the facilities and services

offered.Theanalysis indicates that the college website and library orientation were the most effective means of informing users about web-based services.

Table-1: Mode of Knowing about Web-Based Services Offered by NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

N=27

Mode of Knowing	No. of Users	Percentage
College website	17	63.0
Library Orientation	16	59.3
Library Walls	12	44.4

4.2 Opinion of Users on the Importance of ICT Infrastructure

To know the importance of ICT infrastructure provided by college libraries for users' data was collected and tabulated in Table-2. Theanalysis indicated that the majority (77.8%) of users considered ICT infrastructure to be very important.Thisindicatesthe need for modern technology tools for the user to enhance their academic activities and library experience.While,22.2% of users considered ICT infrastructure to be not at all important.Thisnegative opinion indicates that the users are not dependent on the library to use modern technology tools. Alternatively, they may not use modern technology tools to utilise library resources.Theanalysis indicates that college libraries can meetusers' information needs through ICT infrastructure.

Table-2: Opinion of Users on the Importance of ICT Infrastructure Provided by NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

Importance of ICT infrastructure	No. of Users	Percentage
Very Important	21	77.8
Not at All Important	6	22.2
Total	27	100.0

4.3 ICT Infrastructure Used by Users

ICT infrastructure available in the college libraries indicates the most utilised resources by the users.Itemphasises the contribution of computers andthe Internet in facilitating the effective utilisation of web-based library services. Thedata presented in Table-3 indicates the ICT infrastructure available and utilised by users in the college library. It was found that 77.8% of users utilised computers, which indicates the importance of computers in accessing library resources and services. This was closely followed by Internet services, with 70.4%.This suggests that users are reliable on the library for Internet connectivity, which is vital in facilitating the effective utilisation

of e-resources and web-based library services. A significantly small percentage (37.0%) of users utilised printers, 29.6% utilised LCD projectors and 25.9% utilised scanners, indicating that the printers, scanners and LCD projectors are vital, but they are not as commonly needed as computers or the Internet. Acomparatively lesser percentage (11.1%) of users utilised audio-visual equipment and photocopiers (7.4%), which indicates that they are helpful in some academic contexts or that users are not dependent on the library for utilising these infrastructure facilities.

Table-3: ICT Infrastructure Used by Users in NAAC Accredited Degree College Libraries

ICT Infrastructure	No. of Users	Percentage
Computers	21	77.8
Internet	19	70.4
Printer	10	37.0
Scanners	7	25.9
LCD projectors	8	29.6
Audio-Visual equipment's	3	11.1
Photocopier	2	7.4

4.5 Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services

To understand the extent to which ICT infrastructure helps users utilise web-based services and enhance their experience with library services, data was collected and tabulated in Table 4.The analysis indicates that the majority (81.5%) of users agreed that the ICT infrastructure is effective in enabling the use of web-based services, which suggests that most users have easy access to web-based services. While 18.5% of users disagreed,indicating that a small percentage of users faced difficulties or had limitations in using the available ICT infrastructure for web-based services.Thefindings suggest that though the support of ICT infrastructure is high, there may be scope for improvement to ensure consistent and optimal delivery of services to all users

Table-4: Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services

Support of ICT Infrastructure in Using Web-based Services	No. of Users	Percentage
Yes	24	81.5
No	3	18.5
Total	27	100.0

4.6 Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities

To assess users' perceptions on the usefulness of web-based services in supporting their academic activities data was collected and tabulated in Table-5.The findings revealed that most (74.1%) of users perceived web-based services as useful for their academic activities.This indicates that most users consider web-based services offered by their college libraries to enhance their learning and research. While 25.9% of users did not consider web-based services to be helpful. This suggests that few users did not utilise these services to the maximum potential for their academic activities.

Table 5: Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities

Usefulness of Web-based Services in Academic Activities	No. of Users	Percentage
Yes	20	74.1
No	7	25.9
Total	27	100.0

4.7 Level of Satisfaction in Using ICT Infrastructure

To identify the perception of users on using ICT infrastructure for accessing resources, using resources, using web-based services and accessing web-based services, data was collected and analysed in Figure-1.The analysis revealed that the majority (18 users (66.7%)) of the users were satisfied with the support provided by ICT infrastructure in using e-resources offered by the libraries, five users (18.5%) were highly satisfied, which indicates that the ICT infrastructure has a positive impact on the use of e-resources however, a significantly small percentage of users (14.8%) had a neutral stand, which indicates that they are still evaluating the usefulness of ICT infrastructure. Further, the analysis revealed that the majority (17 users (62.9%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in getting easy access to resources, and six users (22.2%) were highly satisfied. However, three users (11.1%) were dissatisfied, which indicates that there is room for improvement in ICT infrastructure.Theanalysis also revealed that a comparatively majority (14 users (51.9%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services, and five users (18.5%) were highly satisfied.This indicates that the user has a positive attitude towards available ICT infrastructure in libraries. Five users (18.5%) had a neutral stand, and three users (11.1%) were dissatisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in using web-based services, which again confirms that there is some scope for improvement in ICT infrastructure.Furthermore, the analysis revealed that the majority (22 users (81.5%)) of users were satisfied with the support of ICT infrastructure in accessing web-based services, and three users (11.1%) were highly satisfied, which shows a high level of satisfaction with ICT infrastructure.Only two users (7.4%) took neutral stands, which shows that their library ICT infrastructure was adequate and helpful in facilitating web-based access for most users, and there is little scope for improvement.

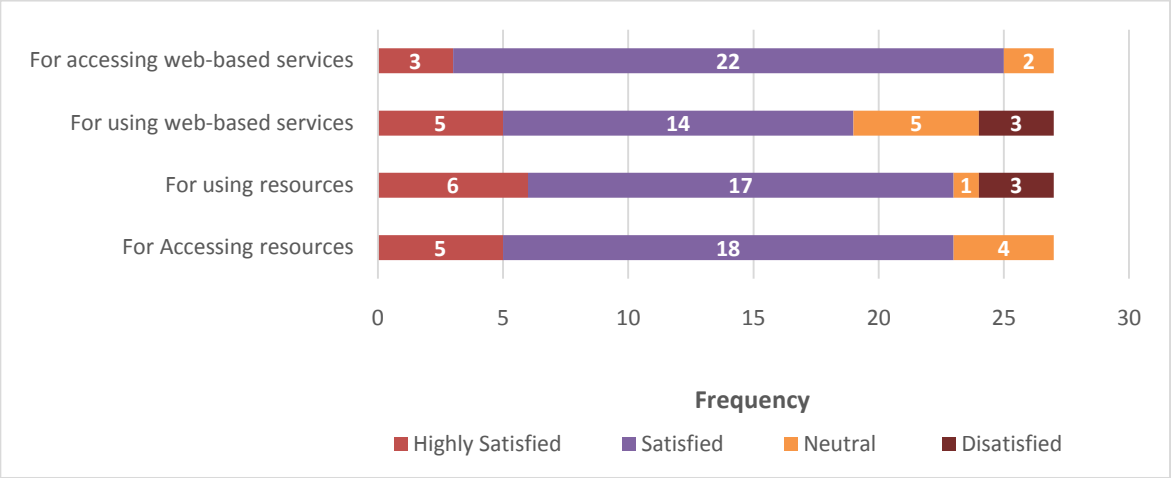

Figure-1: Level of Satisfaction in Using ICT Infrastructure

4.8 Problems In Using ICT Infrastructure

To understand different problems encountered by users in utilising the ICT infrastructure for usingweb-based resources andservices, their opinions were gathered with open-ended questions and analysed.It was found that a small percentage (22.2%) of users expressed problems in using the ICT infrastructure, which impacted their overall satisfaction with it.The stated problems were grouped under seven headings such as lack of printing facilities, lack of proper guidance from library staff, problems with Internet connectivity, technical problems, hardware and software problems and problems with the functioning of the e-resources section.Although, these issues were reported less frequently they still suggest the need for addressingthese problem and improving the facilities.

4. Conclusion

ICT infrastructure is vital in ensuring the long-term relevance and effectiveness of library services in academic institutions.Thisresearch emphasises the role of ICT infrastructure in enabling the utilisation of web-based library services in NAAC-accredited degree colleges. ICT infrastructure in these colleges has played a significant role in enabling the utilisation of web-based services, which they consider vital for their academic activities. Users considered ICT infrastructure highly useful for learning and research activities.Usersatisfaction with ICT infrastructure was high, especially in the context of Internet connectivity and computer availability. Mostusers acknowledge the role of ICT infrastructure and its contribution towards effectively utilisingweb-based services.However, there is still scope for improvement; thus, it is recommended that ICT infrastructure be upgraded and staff training programs conducted to boost the utilisation of web-based services.

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DIGITAL INITIATIVE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND E- GOVERNANCE IN INDIA

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Abstract: *As we know, there are 21 million Students across the globe and India has 11% of those learners but unfortunately less than 20% Indian Students are able to secure admission to Tier 1 colleges.According to some recent survey, 80% Graduates are not fit for the Job. This whooping number has really alarmed the government to take some serios steps in the filed of Education. Therefore, Government come up with many Digital Initiative to strengthen the education. Along with Digital Initiatives in Higher Education, Government also brought transparency and accountability in its own governance by introducing E- Governance, which is inspired by the vision* ***Less Government, More Governance.****In this paper author has talked about all the significant Digital initiative taken in the field of Higher Education and E- Governance in India.*

Keyword:*Digital Initiatives, E-Governance, Higher Education. MOOC*

1. Introduction:

In the age of current era, digital technology has become more advanced, common, affordable, and portable, most of the people from all community are starting to increase their online and digital participation. As, we are living in 21st century and the meaning of literacy has expanded with time. 30 years back, Internet was a rarely known term, but now it is the most commonly used term among every generation.

E-governance is the use of advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to improve the transparency, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of government services.

The Ministry of Education of India has initiatives various digital platforms, tools and devices like e (MOOC, SWAYAM, SWAYAM PLUS, SWAYAM PRABHA, National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Shodhganga, Shodhshuddhi, e-PG Pathshala, Virtual Labs, DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing), NAD (National Academic Depository), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), Spoken Tutorial, NPTEL, FOSSE, GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks), SAMARTH, IRINS, and Virtual Labs and so on)

Digital initiatives in higher education in India are efforts to use technology to improve the quality of education. These initiatives include the use of digital learning, online courses, and open resources.

According to UNESCO, e-Governance is the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to improve government services and make the government more accountable. It also aims to encourage citizen participation in decision-making.

"Governance refers to the exercise of political, economic and administrative authority in the management of a country's affairs, including citizens' articulation of their interests and exercise of their legal rights and obligations.

E-governance may be understood as the performance of this governance via the electronic medium in order to facilitate an efficient, speedy and transparent process of disseminating information to the public, and other agencies, and for performing government administration activities.

E-governance can bring forth new concepts of citizenship, both in terms of citizen needs and responsibilities. Its objective is to engage, enable and empower the citizen" (Defining e-Governance, 2005)

2. Review of Literature:

E-governance is generally considered as a broad concept than e-government, it can bring about a change in the way how users connect to governments and to each other.

As per MHRD, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development concludes in Digital Initiative in Higher Education NMEICT stated that the Local Chapters (Digital Learning Monitoring Centres) should act as Digital Learning Clubs, in discussing and disseminating the information on various digital initiatives, motivating the students to register and get enrolled, facilitating credit transfer, suggesting new courses, exam registration and helping students during the delivery of courses.

Chhangani and Hussain (2023) concludes that the digital transformation of higher education in India through the integration of e-Governance holds immense potential for revolutionizing the sector. Explaining about the challenges such as bureaucratic in capabilities, manual processes, and limited access to information and resources, e-Governance can bring about improved transparency, efficient administrative processes, strengthen accessibility to educational resources, and increased collaboration between stakeholders. Kamble, V. (2014) discuss in the earlier research paper entitled "Use of G2C Information Services Under E-governance in Wardha District: A Survey" state about the implementation of E-Governance requires strong vision and continuity of government plans to produce their services to the end of the users and make it accessible into the largest context to their significance.

Datta and Mete (2021) discuss that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 initiative aims to revitalize higher education in India. It will utilize the international community cooperation and experience. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 demonstrates that education is much more than overfill courses, meeting deadlines and getting grades the bonafied purpose of education is to acquire knowledge, skills and values and make progress in the field in which one discovers one's own interests. We accept the real fact that there is no doubt if the full policy is used properly, it can take Indian education to the next level.

3. Aim:

Digital initiative in Higher Education aims to improve the standards of learning through digital education through National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

4. Objectives:

- To enable government services more efficient and transparent.
- It can help to make services fair and easy to use.
- To save money by replacing written records with smartphones and the internet.

5. Methodology:

This research is a descriptive study. For this study, substantial literature review was take on. The primary objective of the literature review was to gather relevant information and insights from scholarly articles. This process helped to set up a theoretical base for the study, enabling a deeper understanding of the current state of digitalization and e-governance implementation in Indian higher education.

6. Digital Initiatives in Higher Education:

Firstly, Digital India is a campaign initiated by the Government of India under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in 2015 aims to transform the country's economy by promoting inclusive growth in electronic services, product manufacturing and job prospects. Education is essential for the nation's social and economic progress. The Government of India has taken various digital initiatives in higher education to promote access to higher education for all the country's citizens. The Central Ministry of Human Resource Development implement the digital initiatives in higher education in partnership with different organisations. With technology and internet access, the Government of India has launched various digital initiatives in higher education to improve the quality of higher education in the country.

Keeping this point in view Government has taken many crucial steps in the field of education. Some of the initiatives are as below

6.1. MOOC:

MOOC stands for Massive Open Online Course. The main purpose of this online course is the unlimited participation and open access via the web. MOOC is a platform which offer certification from the top International Institute like Stanford, University of Michigan, Princeton, University of California, etc. MOOC is based on the philosophy of **AAA.** i. e,Anytime, Anyone & Anywhere. UGC has also approved the Quality mandate to be achieved by 2022 in its meeting held on 24.5.2018 by promoting MOOC.

Some of the popular MOOC platforms across the world.

1. WizIQ
2. Open2study
3. Udemy
4. Udacity
5. EdX
6. Coursera

India's MOOC platform is SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus:

6.1.1. SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds):

• A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform providing free online courses across various disciplines.

• Offers certification with university recognition.

6.1.2. SWAYAM Plus:

- A premium version of SWAYAM aimed at skill development and professional upskilling.

6.2. SWAYAM PRABHA:

- It is a group of 34 DTH channels broadcasting high-quality educational content on 24/7.
- Helps students in remote areas with limited internet access.

6.3. National Digital Library of India (NDLI):

- A vast digital repository providing free access to books, research papers, thesis documents, and learning materials.

6.4. e-PG Pathshala:

- A platform for postgraduate students offering e-books, videos, and interactive modules on various subjects.

6.5. Virtual Labs:

- Provides students access to virtual simulations of science and engineering experiments.

6.6. DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing):

- A platform for teachers and students to access educational resources, assessments, and interactive content.

6.7. NAD (National Academic Depository):

- A digital repository for storing and verifying academic degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

6.8. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):

- Allows students to accumulate and transfer academic credits across universities under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

6.9. E-ShodhSindhu:

- Provides access to e-journals, e-books, and research databases for universities and colleges.

6.10. E-Shodhganga:

- A digital platform for submitting and accessing Ph.D. theses and dissertations.

6.11. Spoken Tutorial:

- IIT Bombay initiative providing video tutorials on various software tools in multiple languages.

6.12. NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning):

- A joint initiative of IITs and IISc offering high-quality online courses in engineering, science, and humanities.

6.13. FOSSEE (Free/Libre and Open Source Software for Education):

- Promotes the use of open-source software in education and research.

6.14. GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks):

- Facilitates short-term courses by international faculty in Indian universities.

6.15. Manodarpan

- A mental health initiative providing psychological support to students, teachers, and families.

  These initiatives are part of India's broader effort to integrate technology in higher education and ensure that students have access to affordable, high-quality learning resources.

6.16. E- Governance:

E-Governance refers to the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to deliver government services, exchange information and integrate various self-contained systems and services between government-to-citizen (G2C), government-to-business (G2B), government-to-government (G2G), and government-to-employees (G2E). The primary goal of e-governance is to intensify the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of government services and processes.

Examples of E-Governance in India:

DigiLocker: Secure digital document storage.

UMANG App: Access to multiple government services in one app.

Aadhaar: Digital identity verification.
e-Courts: Online case tracking and judgments.
RTI Online: Digital Right to Information (RTI) filing.
Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN): A comprehensive IT platform for the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
Unified Payments Interface (UPI): A real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
e-NAM (National Agriculture Market): An online trading platform for agricultural commodities.
MyGov: A citizen engagement platform that allows users to participate in governance and policy-making.
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): A financial inclusion program aimed at providing banking services to the unbanked population.
Passport Seva: An online portal for passport-related services.
BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money): A mobile app developed by NPCI to facilitate quick payments using UPI.
e-Tendering and e-Procurement: Online platforms for government tenders and procurement processes.

Toll-free helpline numbers for various government services in India:

Emergency Services:

- Police: 100
- Fire & Rescue: 101
- Ambulance: 102
- Disaster Management: 1077
- Women Helpline: 1091
- Child Helpline: 1098
- Senior Citizen Helpline: 1291

Health Services:

- National Health Helpline: 1800-180-1104
- AIDS Helpline: 1097
- Hospital on Wheels: 104
- Accidents and Emergency Relief on Highways: 1033

Railway Services:

- Railway Enquiry: 139
- Railway Accident Helpline: 1072
- Indian Railway Security Helpline: 1322

Women and Child Services:

- Women Crisis Response: 1091
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline: 181
- Child Abuse Hotline: 1098

Agriculture Services:

- Kisan Call Centre: 1551

Other Services:

- Citizen's Call Centre: 155300
- Tourist Helpline: 1363
- LPG Emergency Helpline: 1906
- Voter Helpline: 1950
- NIC Service Desk: 1800-111-555

7. Conclusion:

Technology has hold up all areas of our life and education is not different. After the COVID pandemic, government encourage to use the digital platform in the routine modes and more education institutions are looking towards online learning as a permanent teaching method along with traditional classroom teaching. But while most of the institutes have used some form of online teaching in the past year, they lack a systematic approach to virtual learning. In order for the teaching staff or the students to be updated with what's happening around the globe and how great the tech industry is doing, they need to have the support of virtual learning and communication to improve the way of learning and delivery of education in every way. In order for the teaching staff or the students to be updated with what's happening around the globe and how great the tech industry is doing, they need to have the support of virtual learning and communication to improve the way of learning and delivery of education in every way. Government has taken this problem in to the consideration and taken up plethora of initiatives through digital medium and offered many platform for the learner. Beside this Government started E-Governance through Digital India Mission and came up with many E-Governance Platform to bring transparency and accountability in the Governance. This helped citizen at large and made their life easy and convenient.

8. Suggestions:

The study identifies potential approaches for offering thorough details regarding digital efforts. Design robust and Scalable Learning Management Systems (LMS) customised to successfully implement digital initiatives in higher educational institutions. For effective implementation of digital initiatives in higher educational institutions, more digital literacy programs are needed, especially in rural areas.

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN COLLEGE LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *Without the adoption of information technology in the library today, the library cannot fulfill its purpose. Libraries are developing due to technology. Information has a great impact on the society.*

While transforming from a traditional library to a modern virtual library, today a lot has changed due to technology. Today, library rooms are increasing.

The present article will study the plans adopted at the college level to adopt information technology including management financial hardware software and developmental activities.

Keywords: *Information , Information Technology , Library Software , Hardware*

Information

Computers have become very important due to the various tasks that can be done by computers. By connecting more than one computer, food is being eaten. If you list one, the information you receive can be of any type. (पाटील प. आ.-प., २०१९)

Information Technology

The concept of information technology has been developed. The twenty first century is known as the century of information technology. There is a huge store of information on the internet or it is an ocean of information. Services and facilities are being made available by information technology, economic and educational transformation of the society is taking place as a result is accelerating

Definition

Various new technologies used in library and information center for creation, communication, dissemination, marketing and retrieval and processing of information are called information technology.

Definition of Trade Industry in Great Britain

Information technology is the process of creating, storing, disseminating, communicating, and retrieving information through microelectronic devices such as computers and telecommunications

Elements of Information Technology

Web of information, telecommucications, online service, electronic phublishing, micropt

Development of Information Technology in Libraries in India

The significant contribution of the information technology industry in India to the country's economic development is the culmination of an evolution guided by the government planning process with market capitalization. Information Technology started with Computer Policy of 1984,

Software Import-Export and Training Policy of 1986 , Economic and Financial Policy of (सुतार, २०२०)1991-95 .

in various fields of Information Technology in India usage, In government and private offices,In the advertising sector,In the printing area, In the transport sector,in the field of education,in the field of cinema,In the field of sports,In space,In the field of defense,in the medical field,In the banking sector,In the field of communication, In industry and commerce

Adoption of Information Technology in College Libraries

Due to computers and internet, information technology is being adopted even in villages and remote to remote areas. Just as information technology is being adopted in education, the influence of electronic media is also visible in college libraries. The technology used is information technology

Why is information technology adopted in libraries?

A library is a charitable institution, with the influence of information technology, all services are provided through the library and the reader gets the following benefits:

- Helps to provide easy and accurate service
- Controlling the growth of information
- The library of the future takes shape
- It helps to offer new services
- New technology can be used
- Preservation of rare materials by photographing
- Multimedia can be stored and transmitted.
- Development plans implemented for information technology in libraries

For adoption of information technology some processes have to be done at the college level which are done at various levels

- Managerial
- Finance _
- Hardware Rs
- Software Rs
- Developmental activities
- Exhibition
- seminar
- Training
- Workshop etc

Managerial Plan

The following functions are carried out in the management plan

1. Proper planning is essential
2. It is necessary to have a library staff organization
3. The number of employees must be correct
4. It is necessary to have a guide for guidance

5. A spirit of cooperation is essential in the organization
6. It is important to have a report of the work to be done or the work done
7. It is important to have a budget for savings

Along with the above tasks, the managerial process is useful and the process is carried out as follows.

1. Document verification. Catalogue
2. Presenting proposals to your committee.
3. Consideration of the proposal by the Manager (Chairman).
4. Taking approval from the Head of Office.
5. Unanimously approve the decision.

Financial Plan :

Libraries are adopting information technology When considering finance it is important to consider its economics. It is the librarian's job to make a report in that regard. While purchasing various tools in the library , the cost of its finer components must be considered. It is necessary to study whether each part of it is profitable and useful in terms of price . For that, it is necessary to conduct an analysis called Cost benefit and Cost effective analysis . The following different costs are taken into account in the overall financials .

(a) Capital Cost
    1) Cost of machinery
    2) Cost of building and other overheads .

(b) Recurring Cost (Operational Cost)
    1) Expenditure on implementation
    2) Opportunity cost

(c) Expenditure on execution
    1) Expenditure on manpower
    2) Fuel cost
    3) Expenses to be paid to repair contractor
    4) Other instruments

(d) Opportunity cost
    1) Training
    2) Education to be imparted to the computer user i.e. the reader
    3) Marketing
    4) Publicity

(f) Development Cost
    1) Cost of system development (method upgrading) and updating.
    2) New type of improved mechanism.
    3) New Services. (फडके, २०१२)

Hardware

Library hardware refers to the physical devices and equipment used in libraries to facilitate various functions and services. This can include things like bookshelves , tables , chairs , computers , barcode scanners , self-checkout machines , security gates , printers, and more .

Software

A library management system is software designed to manage all functions of a library. It helps librarians to maintain a database of new books and books borrowed by members along with their due dates.

This system fully automates all your library activities. Implementing library management system software is the best way to maintain , manage and handle countless books systematically.

A library management system is used to maintain library records. It keeps records of the number of books in the library , how many books have been issued or how many books have been returned or renewed or late fines have been levied etc.

Using this system you can search books instantly , issue/reissue books and manage all data efficiently and effectively. A library management system aims to provide instant and accurate data related to any type of book , thereby saving a lot of time and effort.

The first version of the software was SOUL 1.0 CALIBER released in 2000. SOUL 2.0 software was released in January 2009 and the latest version of the software i.e. SOUL 3.0 was released in February 2021. (फडके, २०१२)

Development Plan

Developmental activities such as exhibitions, seminars, training and workshops are widely used to promote knowledge exchange, skill development, networking and innovation. An overview of each of the following activities is given:

1. Exhibition

Objective: Display products, services or projects to a target audience. This activity is adopted to showcase innovations, research or creative works.

The main benefits of this developmental scheme can be stated as follows.

- Exhibition to a large audience.
- Opportunity to demonstrate applications to the world.
- Networking with industry professionals and potential customers.
- Example: Science fair showcasing research projects or trade show showcasing new technologies.

2. Seminar

Objective: Focused session to discuss specific topics, often led by experts, is equally important.

The main benefits of this developmental scheme can be stated as follows.

- Deep dive into a topic
- Challenges experts and peers
- Promotes intellectual discussion

Example: Organizing a seminar on sustainable development methods or the latest AI advancements.

3. Training

Objective: Hands-on training can be organized to enhance specific skills or capabilities.

The main benefits of this developmental plan can be stated as follows.

- Structured learning approach.
- Improves practical skills and knowledge.
- Increases workforce efficiency.

Example: Training in coding languages, project management or leadership skills.

4. Workshop

Objective: Interactive, activity-based workshops that focus on practical problem solving or skill development are a developmental plan.

The main benefits of this developmental plan can be stated as follows.

- Encourages participation and creativity.
- Provides tools and frameworks for real-world application.
- Encourages teamwork and collaboration.

Example: Design thinking workshops or entrepreneurship boot camps.

How these activities support development: Knowledge enhancement: Share and gain new information or updates in a specific field.

- Skill development: Improve technical, managerial, or soft skills.
- Networking: Build relationships with peers, mentors, and industry experts.
- Innovation: Encourage creative problem solving and the discovery of new solutions.
- Engagement: Increase interest and involvement in a given field.

Conclusion

Pre-planned adaptation enhances sustainable technological integration, enabling libraries to remain relevant and flexible in an ever-evolving digital landscape. This study highlights the need for a systematic and proactive approach to IT transformation in libraries, ensuring that technology enhances the core mission of libraries - providing equal access to knowledge and information for all .

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THE ROLE OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES IN OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

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Abstract: *The rise of digital libraries has dramatically altered the landscape of education and learning by enabling unprecedented access to information and knowledge. This research investigates the role of digital libraries in the development, distribution, and use of Open Educational Resources (OER). Digital libraries improve the accessibility and discoverability of OER by utilising advanced search tools, metadata standards, and centralised repositories, empowering educators and learners worldwide. They also help to preserve and curate resources, assuring their validity and longevity. Digital libraries act as a link between institutions and marginalised populations, encouraging collaboration and resolving educational disparities. However, issues like as copyright complexities, technology inequalities, and budget limits impede their full integration with OER. This study highlights the revolutionary potential of digital libraries in advancing inclusive, equitable, and sustainable education internationally and provides strategic recommendations to fortify this relationship.*

Keywords: - *OER, digital library, technology, preservation*,

Introduction

The digital revolution has had a dramatic impact on many aspects of human life, including education. Over the last few decades, the fast growth of technology has created new opportunities for knowledge transmission, collaboration, and learning. Traditional educational approaches, which are frequently limited by geographical and economic constraints, have been complemented with new digital alternatives that prioritise accessibility and inclusivity.As a cornerstone of this revolution, digital libraries enable access to huge collections of information resources, including academic journals, books, multimedia items, and archival papers. Digital libraries, unlike their physical counterparts, are not limited by area or location, making them important resources for students and educators in even the most remote parts of the world. Complementing this trend is the advent of Open Educational Resources (OER), which seek to provide free and open access to high-quality educational information. These open-source tools allow educators and learners to alter and repurpose materials to meet their individual needs, encouraging pedagogical creativity.

This article examines the symbiotic link between digital libraries and OER, emphasising their combined potential to improve global education. By examining their roles, problems, and opportunities, this study hopes to shed light on how these technologies might be used to eliminate educational inequalities and build a more equitable and inclusive learning environment.

What is OER?

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials that can be freely used and reused without fee or permission. Unlike typical copyrighted resources, OER are produced or produced by a person or organisation who decides to allow their work to be reused and adapted. In some circumstances, this indicates that a resource can be downloaded and distribute it to classmates and students. In some circumstances, You might be able to obtain a material, make some changes to it, and then publish it again as a remix. How do you understand your options? OER frequently include a license under Creative Commons or another authorisation to specify how the substance can be utilized, recycled, changed, and shared.

Literature Review

Atkins, Brown, and Hammond (2007) highlight how digital libraries might help people overcome constraints related to geography and income. They contend that by offering free and open resources to students all across the world, digital libraries in conjunction with OER may democratise access to high-quality education.

Bailey (2005) talks on how crucial digital libraries are to the preservation of cultural and intellectual assets. Digital preservation, according to the author, not only protects priceless materials but also guarantees their accessibility for upcoming generations, which is in line with OER's objectives.

A thorough analysis of the effectiveness and opinions around the implementation of OER in higher education can be found in Hilton (2016). According to his research, OER has a practical utility when disseminated via digital libraries since it dramatically lowers student expenses while preserving or enhancing learning results.

Yuan, MacNeill, and Kraan (2008) list the main obstacles to using digital libraries to implement OER. These include the need for strong infrastructure, ignorance, and technological obstacles. To solve these problems, their paper urges stakeholders to work together.Wiley and Green (2012) support educational transparency, emphasising the contribution of digital libraries to the advancement of open access regulations. They contend that the development of ecosystems that facilitate the sharing and adaption of OER depends heavily on digital libraries.

International recommendations for OER promotion are provided by UNESCO (2019), which highlights the necessity of digital platforms such as libraries to support their distribution and use. The suggestion emphasises how crucial it is for governments, organisations, and tech companies to work together in order to fully utilise OER

Objective

This article aims to investigate the complex function of digital libraries in furthering Open Educational Resources (OER). Objectives include:

1. Exploring how digital libraries might improve access to OER by leveraging technology and metadata standards.
2. Examining how digital libraries help to preserve, curate, and disseminate OER.
3. Looking at how digital libraries might encourage cooperation and innovation in the production of educational materials.

4. Recognizing issues and obstacles, such as copyright, technology infrastructure, and sustainability, that prevent digital libraries from integrating 2 with free educational resources.
5. Making suggestions and methods for improving the communication between open educational resources and digital libraries in order to advance inclusive, accessible, and egalitarian education globally.

Digital Libraries: An Overview

Digital libraries are repositories that offer digital access to a diverse range of resources, such as books, journals, multimedia, and archives. Unlike traditional libraries, digital libraries are not limited by geography and provide users with resources at any time and from any location. Digital libraries' enhanced search capabilities allow for efficient retrieval of material, responding to the different demands of learners, educators, and researchers.

Beyond access, digital libraries serve an important role in preserving cultural legacy and intellectual activity. They ensure that rare manuscripts, historical papers, and other precious treasures are preserved for future generations by digitising them. Furthermore, the use of metadata and indexing enables users to find and use resources more effectively, hence increasing their instructional potential.

Open Educational Resources (OER): Definition and Importance

Teaching, learning, and research materials that are publicly accessible and distributed under open licenses are known as open educational resources, or OERs. These resources enable instructors to share, adapt, and repurpose content, enabling collaborative and innovative pedagogy. OER tackles crucial issues such as escalating educational material costs and the demand for customisable learning resources.

OER are especially important in underdeveloped countries, where access to quality educational resources is sometimes hampered by budgetary or logistical obstacles. By making learning materials available for free, OER help to bridge the educational divide, facilitate lifelong learning, and promote educational justice on a worldwide scale.

The Role of Digital Libraries in OER

1. **Facilitation of Access**:-Digital libraries provide as centralised venues for hosting OER, making them widely available to a global audience. By incorporating modern search capabilities and metadata standards, digital libraries ensure that users can efficiently discover and use relevant items.
2. **Preservation and curation**:-Digital libraries play an important role in the preservation and curation of open educational resources, ensuring their longevity and validity. To ensure the integrity of digital resources, these libraries use standardised formats and protocols. To avoid the loss of valuable content, preservation activities include regular upgrades and backups.
3. **Promotion of Collaboration:-**Digital libraries facilitate cooperation by offering venues for educators, researchers, and institutions to share and co-create open educational resources

(OER). Collaborative technologies such as annotation features, discussion forums, and resource sharing help to improve collective learning.

4. **Equity &Inclusion:-**Digital libraries bridge the digital divide by providing free access to educational materials. They provide resources to underserved and marginalised communities, which promotes educational equity.

Challenges in Integrating Digital Libraries with OER

Copyright and Licensing Issues:-Navigating the complexity of copyright and licensing is still a considerable task. Digital libraries must ensure that OER adhere to open access ideals while protecting intellectual property rights.

Technological barriers:-The digital gap exists in many areas, limiting access to digital libraries and open educational resources. Issues like as infrastructure, connectivity, and computer literacy impede efficient use.

Sustainability and Funding:-Maintaining digital libraries necessitates significant financial and institutional support. Developing countries frequently struggle to allocate funds for the upkeep and expansion of digital libraries.

Recommendations

Policy Development:-Governments and educational institutions should develop policies that encourage the integration of digital libraries with OER. These policies should cover copyright, finance, and infrastructure development.

Capacity Building:-Efforts to improve digital literacy and technical abilities among instructors and students are critical. Training programs can assist users in properly navigating and utilising digital libraries.

Collaboration and Partnership:-Collaboration between institutions, technology companies, and funding organisations can help to build digital libraries and open educational resources (OER). Collaboration can assure the programs' long-term viability and scalability.

Conclusion

Digital libraries and Open Educational Resources are transformative instruments for attaining inclusive and equitable education. They have the potential to transform knowledge access and sharing by providing high-quality resources, encouraging innovation, and addressing global educational gaps. However, realising their full potential necessitates overcoming obstacles like as copyright restrictions, technological divisions, and financial constraints. Collaboration among stakeholders, including policymakers, educators, and technology, will be critical in tackling these issues. Moving forward, it is critical to deepen the relationship between digital libraries and OER in order to build a strong, accessible, and inclusive educational ecosystem. Such efforts will not only

democratise learning opportunities, but will also empower students and educators around the world, paving the path for long-term and fair educational progress.

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ICT BASED USAGE IN COLLEGE LIBRARY: AN ANALYSIS

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Abstract*: The paper explores the integration and application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in college libraries, emphasizing its role in enhancing library services, improving user experiences, and optimizing library management. The study aims to analyze the various ICT tools used, their benefits, challenges faced, and the impact on both students and faculty.*

Keywords : *ICT, College Library*

Introduction:

- **Context**:
  - Brief introduction to college libraries and their traditional role in academic support.
  - Importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the modern educational landscape.
  - Need for college libraries to adopt ICT to stay relevant in the digital age.
- **Problem Statement**:
  - Challenges libraries face in adapting to digital technology and the extent of ICT usage in college libraries.
- **Objectives**:
  - Analyze the various ICT tools and systems in use in college libraries.
  - Evaluate the benefits and limitations of ICT usage.
  - Understand the impact on students, faculty, and library staff.

Literature Review:

- **ICT in Libraries**:
  - Overview of ICT evolution in library systems, from card catalogs to online databases and e-resources.
  - Global trends in ICT usage in libraries, including digital libraries, library management software, and e-resources.
- **Previous Studies**:
  - Review of relevant academic studies that analyzed ICT integration in libraries.

- Summary of findings regarding the advantages and challenges of ICT implementation in educational institutions.

ICT Tools and Technologies in College Libraries:

- **Library Management Software**:
  - Overview of software systems used to manage cataloging, circulation, and acquisition of books.
  - Examples: Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS), Koha, and LIBSYS.
- **Digital Catalogs and Online Databases**:
  - Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) and databases (e.g., JSTOR, ScienceDirect).
- **E-Resources and E-Learning**:
  - Access to e-books, e-journals, and digital archives.
  - Online study materials and course-related resources provided by the library.
- **Automated Services**:
  - Self-checkout systems, RFID-based book tracking, and automated circulation.
- **ICT-Based Communication Tools**:
  - Use of email, chatbots, and online reference services to assist users.
- **Social Media and Library Websites**:
  - Libraries using platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for communication and information dissemination.
- **ICT Infrastructure**:
  - Internet access, Wi-Fi availability, and computer stations for students and staff.

Impact of ICT on Library Services:

- **Enhanced Accessibility**:
  - 24/7 access to library resources, including databases, e-books, and journals.
  - Increased availability of remote access for students and faculty.
- **Improved Efficiency**:
  - Streamlining library operations (cataloging, circulation, inventory management).
  - Faster processing of books and materials.
- **User Experience**:
  - Improved searchability and user-friendly interfaces for accessing resources.
  - Personalized recommendations and services based on user behavior and preferences.
- **Collaboration and Research**:
  - Facilitates collaboration on research projects with digital tools and shared resources.
- **Digital Literacy**:
  - Helps students and faculty enhance their digital skills.

Challenges of ICT Implementation in College Libraries:

- **Technical Issues**:

  - Hardware and software failures, inadequate technical support.
- **Infrastructure Limitations**:
  - Poor internet connectivity, insufficient computers, or outdated technologies.
- **Cost of Implementation**:
  - High initial investment in ICT infrastructure and ongoing maintenance costs.
- **Training and Skill Development**:
  - Need for continuous training of library staff and users to effectively use ICT tools.
- **Security Concerns**:
  - Data privacy, cybersecurity issues, and intellectual property concerns with digital resources.
- **Resistance to Change**:
  - Faculty or students reluctant to embrace digital tools and systems.

Case Studies:

- Include case studies or examples of college libraries that have successfully integrated ICT.
  - Example 1: A college library that implemented an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS).
  - Example 2: A library that enhanced student access to online resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis:

- **Data Collection**:
  - Surveys or interviews with library staff, students, and faculty about their experiences with ICT.
- **Findings**:
  - Analyze the responses to identify trends in ICT usage, effectiveness, and satisfaction levels.
- **Comparative Analysis**:
  - Compare ICT usage in libraries in different regions or countries.

Conclusion:

- Summarize the benefits of ICT adoption in college libraries.
- Discuss the ongoing challenges and propose solutions for improving ICT integration.
- Highlight the future of ICT in college libraries and its potential to revolutionize library services.

Recommendations:

- **For Libraries**:
  - Invest in user-friendly and accessible ICT tools.
  - Conduct regular training sessions for both staff and users.
  - Regularly update technology to meet evolving needs.
- **For Students and Faculty**:
  - Encourage greater engagement with digital resources.

- Improve digital literacy through workshops and awareness campaigns.

- **For Researchers**:
  - Suggest further areas of study, such as the impact of ICT on specific user groups or the role of AI in libraries.

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LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL IN INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Abstract *: An integrated library system (ILS) is a software suite that libraries use to manage their resources and services. It combines various functions into one unified system, which helps librarians efficiently handle various tasks in library. Library professionals upgrading is vital in today's rapidly evolving technological and information landscape for updating their traditional Library system into integrated library system.*

Introduction

Libraries play a critical role in communities in nurturing literacy, education, and a love for learning and reading. They provide just access to information, helping to fill the gaps in education and technology, and support lifelong learning. A library serves as a place to store and organize resources, making them accessible to the public. These resources can include books, magazines, journals, digital media, research papers, and more. The goal of a library is to provide individuals with the tools they need for learning, research, recreation, and personal development. Libraries can differ based on their function and the type of resources and to whom they provide service. Public Library, Academic Library, Research Library, Special Library, Digital Library are the types of library.Innovations in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have brought about drastic changes in the day to day functioning of libraries. Technological aids have been used in libraries to facilitate and enhance the library services as and when they are introduced. In the late 1800s the typewriters revolutionized the working of the libraries. Introduction of the microcomputers brought about a transition from manual systems to automated systems in housekeeping operations of the libraries. The library collections have also changed over the years. More and more multimedia resources are getting added to the library collection.

Integrating Library System

An integrated library system (ILS) is a software set that restructures library operations. A cloud-based integrated library system (ILS) is a software solution used by libraries to manage their collections, patrons, and services in a centralized and accessible way. Distinct from old-style traditional library systems, a cloud-based ILS is hosted on remote servers and can be accessed by

the internet from anywhere. An integrated library system (ILS), also known as a library management system (LMS), is an enterprise resource planning system for a library, used to track items owned, orders made, bills paid, and patrons who have borrowed. The use of cloud-based library management systems has increased drastically since the rise of cloud technology started. An ILS is usually made up of a relational database, software to interact with that database, and two graphical user interfaces one for clients, one for staff. Now ILSs are mostly based on relational database architecture. In such systems files are interlinked so the deletion, addition and other changes in one file automatically activate changes in related files. It means integrated library management system is sharing a common database to perform all the basic functions of a library.

Integrated Library System's primary objectives are basically three

- Efficient housekeeping operations of library
- Well-designed Information Retrieval
- Integration of library Materials with open datasets

The modern ILSs are now capable to be integrated seamlessly with linked open data like name authority data, subject access systems etc., open contents like book reviews, table-of-contents, cover images and social networking tools like Facebook, twitter through semantic web technologies and information mashup.

Features of Integrated Library System

- **Ease of use**: The software should be simple and easy to use
- **Technical companionability**: The software should run on the library's hardware and support the latest operating system version
- **Data import and export**: The software should allow users to import and export data from other systems
- **Data integration**: The software should allow users to integrate data into the system
- **Support**: The software should provide support, such as online training, on-site training, and a help desk

It includes various modules, including cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, serials, and an online public access catalogue (OPAC).

Mechanisms of an Integrated Library System

An Integrated Library System (ILS) is a sophisticated software system designed to streamline and manage all aspects of a library's operations.It's essentially a comprehensive platform that integrates various library functions into one unified system. Here's a breakdown of its key mechanisms

1. Core Components
2. Data Flow and Integration
3. User Interfaces

Key Features and Technologies

1. Core Components
    - Relational Database: At the heart of an ILS is a robust relational database. This database stores all the library's information, including:
    - Bibliographic data (details about books, journals, etc.)

- Patron information (member details, borrowing history)
- Circulation data (loans, returns, holds)
- Acquisitions data (orders, invoices)
- Serials data (journal subscriptions)

- Software Modules: The ILS software is divided into modules, each handling a specific library function.These modules interact with the central database and with each other, ensuring seamless data flow. Common modules include:
  - Acquisitions Module:Tracks purchasing processes, budgets, and inventory for acquiring new materials and manages the ordering, receiving, and invoicing of library materials.
  - Cataloguing Module:Creates and maintains bibliographic records, often using standards like MARC. allowing for easy organization and retrieval of library materials.
  - Circulation Module:Manages the check-in and check-out of library materials, tracks borrowing history, due dates, overdue items, and fines.
  - Serials Module: Tracks journal and magazine subscriptions, issues, and holdings.
  - Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC): Provides a user-friendly interface for patrons to search the library's catalogue and manage their accounts.
  - User Management: Helps maintain and manage user accounts, including personal details, borrowing privileges, and fines.
  - Reporting: Generates data for library usage, inventory, finances, etc. This helps administrators make informed decisions.
  - Interlibrary Loan (ILL): Facilitates borrowing and lending items between libraries within a network.

2. Data Flow and Integration:
   - Centralized Data: The ILS ensures that all library data is stored in one central database. This eliminates data redundancy and inconsistencies.
   - Module Interaction: The different modules in the ILS are designed to interact seamlessly. For example, when a librarian catalogues a new book, that information is automatically available in the OPAC for patrons to search.
   - Workflow Automation: The ILS automates many library tasks, such as sending overdue notices, generating reports, and managing interlibrary loans.This improves efficiency and frees up staff time for other tasks.
3. User Interfaces:
   - Staff Interface:The ILS provides a dedicated interface for library staff to manage all library operations. This interface is typically designed with tools and features specific to each module.
   - Patron Interface (OPAC): The OPAC allows patrons to search the library catalogue, place holds on items, renew loans, and manage their library accounts.Modern OPACs are often web-based and accessible from anywhere.

4. Key Features and Technologies:

- MARC Standards: ILS systems often use MARC (Machine-Readable Cataloguing) standards for bibliographic data, ensuring consistency and interoperability.
- Barcode Integration: Barcodes are used to quickly and accurately identify items during circulation and other processes.
- Web-based Access: Many ILS systems offer web-based interfaces for both staff and patrons, enabling access from any device with an internet connection.
- API Integration: Some ILS systems provide APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that allow them to integrate with other library systems and services.

The integration aspect of the system is crucial because it streamlines workflows, ensures consistency across different library functions, and offers a better user experience for both patrons and staff. There are many popular ILS options such as Alma, Koha, and Evergreen, each with unique features. It sounds like you're working in library management or library technology, particularly with integrated library systems (ILS). These systems are essential for managing and automating various library functions such as cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions, and user management.

Library Professional in ILS

Library professionals play a crucial role in the implementation and effective use of an Integrated Library System (ILS). They act as the bridge between the technology and the library's mission to serve its users. Here's a breakdown of their key responsibilities:

1. System Selection and Implementation:

- Needs Assessment: Library professionals are involved in assessing the library's specific needs and requirements for an ILS. They understand the library's workflows, collections, and user base, which helps in selecting the most suitable system.
- System Evaluation: They participate in evaluating different ILS products, considering factors like functionality, cost, vendor support, and compatibility with existing systems.
- Implementation Planning: Library professionals contribute to developing an implementation plan, which includes data migration, system configuration, staff training, and go-live strategies.
- Data Migration: They oversee the migration of existing library data (bibliographic records, patron information, etc.) to the new ILS, ensuring data integrity and accuracy.

2. System Administration and Maintenance:

- System Configuration: Library professionals configure the ILS to meet the library's specific needs, including setting up circulation rules, defining cataloguing standards, and customizing the OPAC interface.
- User Management: They manage user accounts, permissions, and access levels within the ILS, ensuring security and data protection.
- System Maintenance: They perform regular system maintenance tasks, such as software updates, database backups, and troubleshooting technical issues.
- Vendor Liaison: They act as the primary point of contact with the ILS vendor, reporting problems, requesting support, and staying informed about system updates and new features.

3. Training and Support:
   - Staff Training: Library professionals train library staff on how to use the ILS effectively, covering all modules and functionalities.
   - User Support: They provide support to library users, helping them navigate the OPAC, access digital resources, and troubleshoot any issues they may encounter.
   - Documentation: They create and maintain documentation for the ILS, including user manuals, training materials.
4. Data Management and Analysis:
   - Cataloguing and Metadata: Library professionals are responsible for creating and maintaining high-quality bibliographic records in the ILS, using standards like MARC and RDA.
   - Data Analysis: They use the ILS to generate reports and analyse data on library usage, collection trends, and circulation patterns. This information helps in making informed decisions about collection development, resource allocation, and service improvements.
5. User Experience and Outreach:
   - OPAC Enhancement: Library professionals work to enhance the user experience of the OPAC, ensuring it is user-friendly, accessible, and provides effective search and discovery capabilities.
   - Promotion and Outreach: They promote the library's resources and services through the ILS, utilizing features like online book displays, virtual exhibitions, and personalized recommendations.

In heart of library system, library professionals are essential for the successful implementation and ongoing use of an ILS. They possess the knowledge and skills to manage the system, train users, ensure data quality, and leverage the technology to enhance library services and meet the evolving needs of their communities. Automated library system may support as a decision-making tool for library manager and policy makers, this is very important because Library Automation system can generate a huge set up data and Statistics. On the basic of that data and Statistics, library policy makers, library managers can take different effective decisions. So, Library Automation at the one hand, you are supporting your user, on the other hand you are supporting your staff for better efficiency and thirdly you are also supporting your library manager and policy maker to take different effective decision and automation of library may take also the benefits of changing nature of the resources

Library Automation as a whole provide increased operational efficiencies, these are achieved through different kind of computer application in Libraries; Automation of housekeeping operation also relieves professional staff from routine clerical tasks and thereby makes themselves much more productive; betterment of library services in terms of speed, qualities and efficiencies. At the same time, through the use of different kind of Web 2.0 technologies, automation may create interactive, collaborative and participative platform for user-centric library services. We always talk that user is at the centre stage, so Library Automation is basically supporting to go for a user at the centre stage model and at the same time, it supports improvement of existing services and introduction of new services. So as a whole, after Library Automation we can achieve different kind

of pool factor for our library, we can make library free from two fundamental barriers to information access that is time and space. But the moment you are using a Web-enabled Library Automation system and your OPAC is available through the web, you are free from time and space. That means users can access your library database right from their home, right from their office and from any time, at anywhere, in any format. So, this is actually changing your library fundamentally and you are getting read of two fundamental barriers of information communication.

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STUDY OF DIGITAL INFORMATION LITERACY AMONG POST GRADUATE STUDENTS OF G.S. COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS, NAGPUR.

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Introduction:

Digital literacy in education refers to the ability of students' education administration to effectively use digital tools, technologies and resources to access evaluation, create, and communicate information during their curriculum. It is a critical component of modern education as it prepares learners for the demand of a technology-driven world. Basic proficiency in digital devices and software Mobility to find access and use of information from digital resources responsibly and ethically.

Digital Literacy in libraries refers to the ability of individuals to access, evaluate, and use digital technologies and resources effectively. Libraries play a vital role in fostering Digital literacy by providing access to technology; training and resources that help users navigate the digital world confidently.

Objective of the study:

- To study digital information literacy among P. G. Students.
- To know awareness among P. G. Students about E-learning Resources.
- Find out the purpose for which e- resources are used.
- Find out Problem facing by students while accessing e- resources.

Scope of Study:

Scope of the study is limited to the G.S. College of Commerce and Economics, Nagpur. Target group restricted to Post Graduate Students only i.e. M.Com. (English Marathi and Hindi medium) only.

About G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur :-

G. S. College of Commerce and Economics, Nagpur city's first commerce college and through seven decades of academic excellence it has carved a niche for itself as a premier Commerce college in the region run by Shiksha Mandal Wardha. It is known for its high academic standards Qualitative growth and ethical practices. It is reaccredited by NAAC and RUSA beneficiary institution. It also stands tall as the first Autonomous Commerce college in the RTM Nagpur University. The college successfully adopted NEP 2020 during the session 2023-2024.

About the Nagpur Library at G.S. College of Commerce & Economics: With approximately 70,000 printed volumes and a variety of digital and e-resources, the library of G. S. College of Commerce and Economics in Nagpur is a reputable hybrid library. The library is located in a unique section of the campus. It is centrally located with an area size of 839.61 Sq. Mts. The entire ground floor covers the stalk area, reading room with e-library capabilities, processing area, reference area, librarian room, and issue counters. It makes use of LIBMAN, a multiuser integrated library management system. Wi-Fi connectivity is available, and CCTV cameras are monitoring it. The library includes a wealth of collections in the areas of management and commerce. Additionally, it created a unique collection of competitive exams and books on different industrialists and entrepreneurs in the form of autobiographies and biographies. They subscribe to essential and up-to-date newspapers, publications, and journals. Additionally, it offers a wide range of general and reference books to help staff and students with their academic needs. In addition to its own collection, the library provides complete online access to thousands

of e-books and e-journals via NLIST and J-GATE. Its clients can access the DELNET database services. Additionally, the library belongs to the NDLI club. Additionally, the library enters into agreements with some of the city's top academic institutions to use the Interlibrary Loan service. It also has a special ABRAR (Audio Book Reader & Recorder) facility for 'Divyangajan'.

E-Resources available in the library:
The various Open access e-resources are available in the Library such as E-Repository, NDLI, Free E-BOOKS, Google books, E-balbharati, E-pathashala, E-Shakespeare collection, Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) , Project Gutenberg, Various Indian language literature available in the form of e-books like Hindi, Mararthi, Gujarati, Urdu, ,Bangla, Panjabi etc. publishers open E-resources like. Springer publisher, Oxford press, E-Journals, J-stor: Econbiz, E-Thesis and Dissertations in Shodhganga

E-resources:
Electronic information resources refer to any form of digital content that is used for reference, research or education. These resources can include online databases, e-books digital journals and other electronic materials that provide information to users. They are often accessed through the internet or other digital networks and can be used for a wide range of purposes, academic research, professional development and personal learning. Electronic information resources are valuable tools for accessing up to date reliable information on a wild range of topics and are an essential part of modern information access and knowledge dissemination.

- Information explosion.
- Diversity of user needs.
- Financial Crunch.
- Impossibility of self Sufficiency

Examples of electronic information resources
Electronic information resources encompass a wide range of materials and platforms; here are a few examples of these resources.

1) Online Database
2) Digital Libraries
3) Online Journals
4) E-Books
5) Online Archives
6) Websites
7) Online learning Platforms
8) Multimedia Platforms
9) Social Media

Data Analysis
In the present study, researchers used questionnaire-based survey methods in order to achieve the set objectives. For this purpose a well-structured questionnaire is designed to collect the data.100 questionnaires were distributed in Postgraduate students of G. S. College of commerce and economics, Nagpur out of which 68 duly filled questionnaires are received and evaluated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of **68** responses were received from the sample population of **100** postgraduate students who completed the questionnaire. Statistical techniques were used to categorize, examine, and tabulate the gathered data.

Table 1: Gender Wise Distribution of Respondents

Gender	Respondents	Percentage
Male	49	27.9%
Female	19	72.1%

Fig No.1 Gender Wise Distribution of Respondents

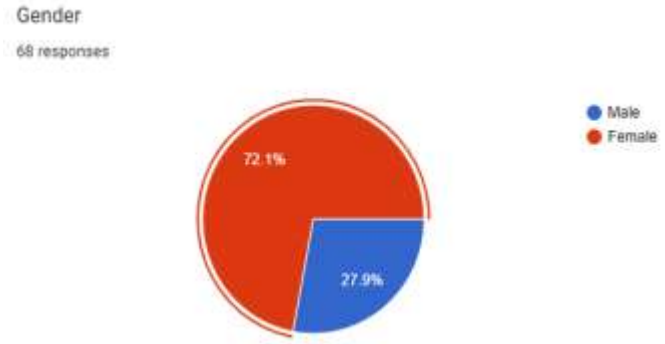

Table 1 and figure 1 shows the Gender wise distribution of respondents, out of 68 respondents, (73.7 %) of the respondents are female and (26.3%) of the respondents are male. The study observes that female students are more compared to male respondents.

Table No. 2 Students aware of digital illiteracy

Sr. No.	Awareness	Responses	Percentage
1	**Fully aware**	**62**	**91.2**
2	**Not aware**	**06**	**8.8**

Fig. 2 Students aware of digital illiteracy

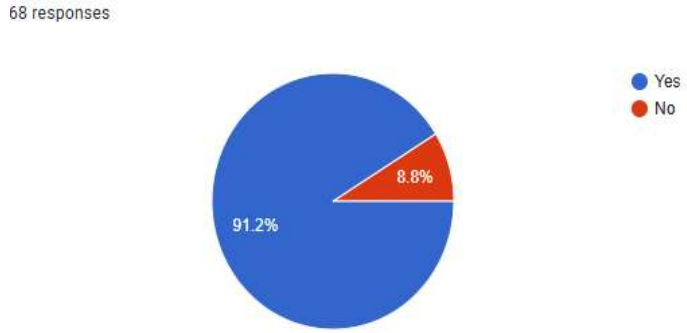

Table no. 2 and Figure No. 2 indicate a level of awareness of e-resources and services in G.S. College Library. About 62 (91.2%) of the respondents are well aware and use e-resources available in G. S. College, Nagpur Library, while 6 (8.8%) are not aware about E-resources and digital literacy.

Table 3: Used Frequency of E-resources

Sr No.	Frequency	Respondents	Percentage
1	**Daily**	**20**	**20.6%**
2	**Twice a week**	**4**	**5.9%**

3	**Weekly**	**16**	**29.4%**
4	**Monthly**	**10**	**14.1%**
5	**Occasionally**	**20**	**29.16%**

Fig. 3: Using frequency of E-resources

Sr. No	E-resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	N-List	40	58.8%
2	J-Gate	6	8.8%
3	DELNET	8	11.8%
4	NDLI	17	25%

Table 4: P.G Students access of E-Resources available in G. S. College Nagpur Library

Fig. 4: Access of E-Resources available in G. S. College Library

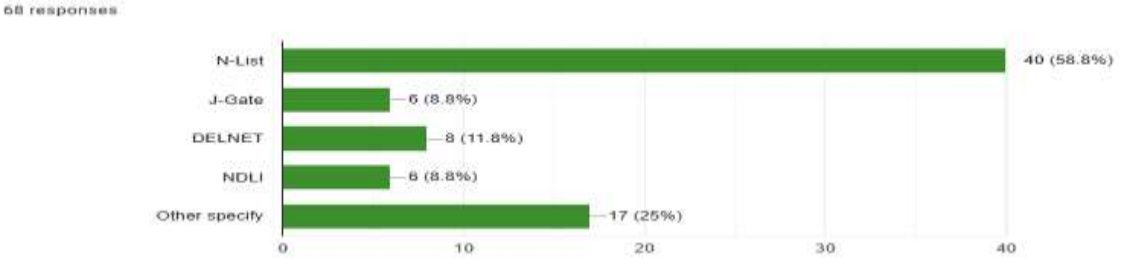

Table 4 and figure 4 indicate the level of access for e-resources and services in G. S. College, Nagpur Library. About 48(63.2.9%) of the respondents mostly use N-list ,6(7.9%) respondents use J-gate.4(5.3%) students use DELNET 6(7.9%) students use NDLI. 24(31.6%) of students use any other electronic resources. The study shows that most of the students use inflibnet N-List consortia

Table 5: Websites visited by students for educational purposes

Sr No.	E-Resources	Respondents	Percentage
1	Swayam	48	70.6%
2	e-shodhsindhu	12	17.6%
3	Shodh ganga	13	19.1%
4	DOAJ	1	1.5%
5	Epg –Pathashala	4	5.9%
6	Other	18	26.5%ss

Fig. 5: Websites visited by students for educational purposes

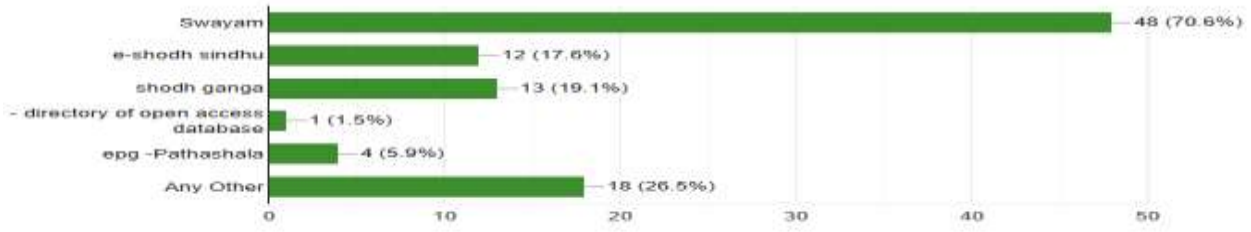

Table No. 6 Place Where students use e-resources

Sr. No.	Place	Responses	Percentage
1	In College	51	75%
2	At Home	40	58.8%
3	Net Café	6	8.8%
4	Any Other	13	19.1%

Fig. 6 Place Where students use e-resources

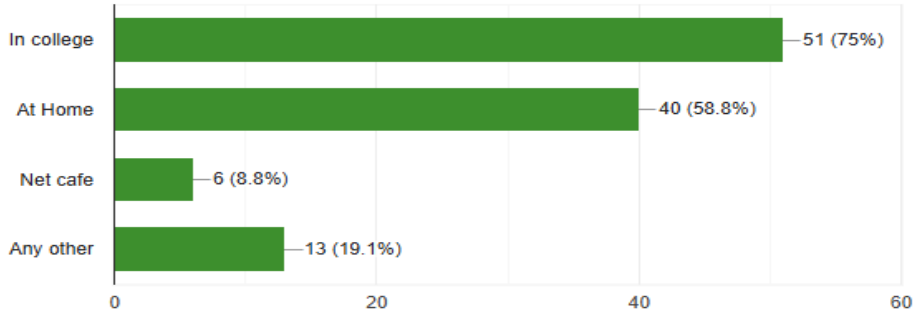

Table No 6 and Fig. No.6 show the place where the students were used the E-resources 51(75%) students use electronic resources in the college. 40 students (58.4) use the e- resources at home. only few students that is6(8.8%) use e-resources at the net café and 13(19.1%) students use electronic resources any other places. The result of the study is that most of the students use e-resources in college.

Table No.: 7 students regularly used E-resources Format

Sr. No.	Type of E-Resources	Responses	Percentage
1	E-Books	51	75%
2	E-Journals	27	39.7%
3	E-Lectures	20	29.4%
4	Others	12	17.6%

Fig No. 7 students regularly used E-resources Format

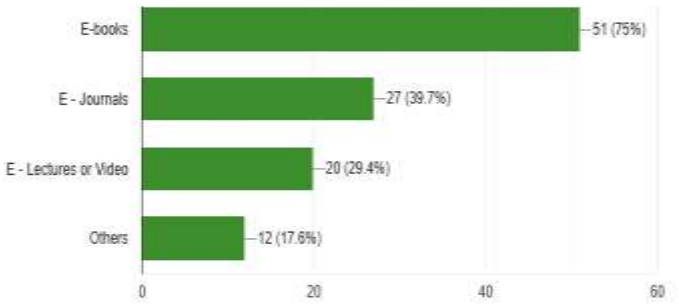

Table no.7 and Fig No7 indicate that most of the students 51(75%) read electronic books and 27(39.7%) read E-Journals rather than 20(29.4%) students watched video lectures for their educational purpose .and only 12(17.6%) students read any other electronic format.

This study indicates that most of the students read E-books and watched video lectures to fulfil their educational needs.

Table No.: 8 Student required training program on digital literacy

Sr No.	Require Training	Responses	Percentage
1	Yes	48	68.3%
4	No	20	31.7%

Fig No.: 8 Student required training program on digital literacy

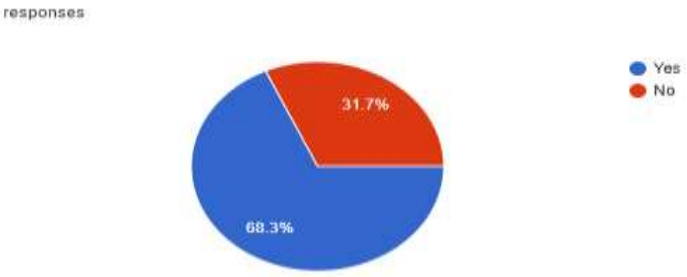

Table no. 8 and Fig No. 8 show that 68% of students want to train on digital literacy is essential and 31.7% responded that training is not required. More students wanted training.

Table No. 9 E-resources are useful in the study

Sr No.	Responses	Respondents	Percentage
1	Yes	58	85.3%
2	No	03	4.4%
3	May be	10	10.3%

Fig No. 9 E- resources are useful in the study

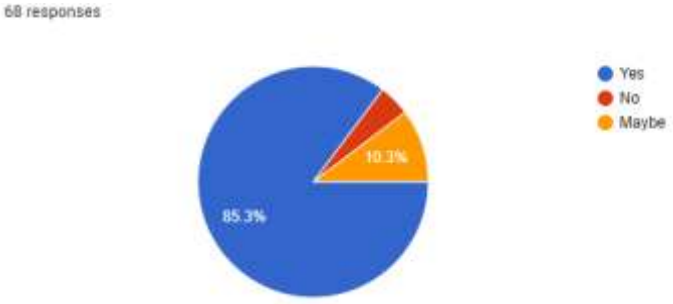

Table No.9 and Fig No.9 show that maximum students answer that 58(86.8%) e-resources are useful in their study only 8 (10.3%) students said may be E-resources useful none of the students response in favor of not useful The result of study indicate that E-resources are most useful essential in students education.

Table No. 10 Students Register online courses

Sr No.	Responses	Respondents	Percentage
1	Yes	58	57.4%
2	No	10	42.6%

Fig. 10 Students Register online courses

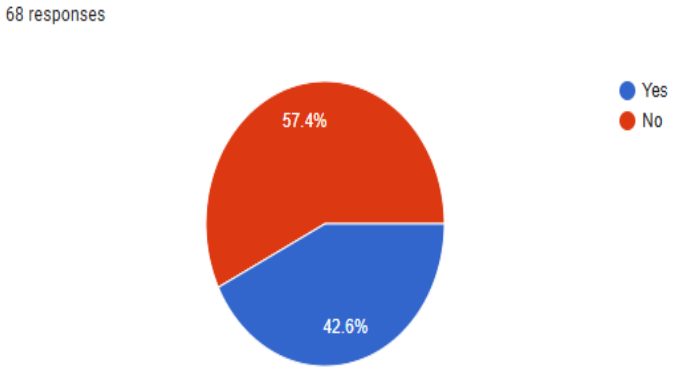

Table No. 10 and Fig No. 10 show that 57.4% of students registered in online courses, most of the students registered on Swayam platform, some students register on online statistical course and some students register for online research methodology course.

Table 11: Students face the problem while accessing E-resources in college Library

Sr. No.	Barriers	Respondents	Percentage
1	Lack of awareness	24	35.3%
2	Internet problem	36	52.9%
3	Downloading problem	27	39.7%
4	Power Failure	6	8.8%

Fig. 11: Students face the problem while accessing E-resources in college Library

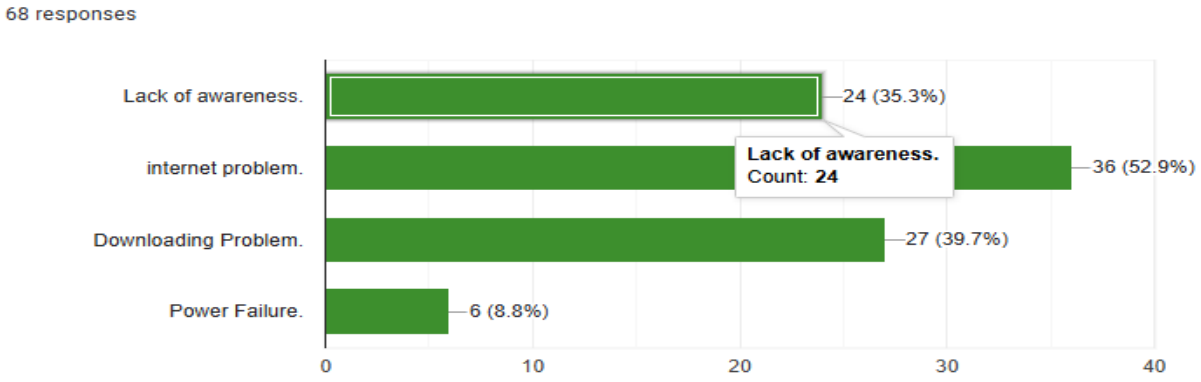

Table 11 and Figure 11 shows the barriers faced while accessing E-Resources. About 24(35.3%) of the respondents opined that lack of awareness. And the internet is the main problem while accessing e-resources, followed by 26(24%) are stated that network problem speed and network capacity while accessing e-resources, 27(39.7%) of them indicated that downloading problem to access and e-resources and remaining 6(8.8%) of the respondents opined that power failure is the main problem.

Findings of the study

- This study indicates that most of the students read E-books and watched video lectures to fulfil their educational needs

- The results of the study indicate that E-resources are most useful essential in students' education

Conclusion and Recommendations

The importance of electronic information sources to the academic community is growing. These sources provide timely and up-to-date information. Nowadays, more people use electronic resources than print ones. The result of the study shows that majority of students are aware of e-resources. The students can give more practical training or hands on experience or sensitization program so that they can become experts and use e-resource to achieve their academic excellence.

Recommendations are:

G.S. College, Nagpur Library should conduct more and more practice-based training programs to educate its users to access and use electronic resources effectively. Attending different user awareness/orientation and training programs, webinars, etc., allows students to access e-resources for learning and help them reach their educational objectives.

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OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER): A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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Abstract: *Open Educational Resources (OER) have revolutionized the way educational materials are created, shared, and accessed globally. As a cornerstone of the open education movement, OER provides freely available, openly licensed resources that can be adapted and redistributed without significant restrictions. This paper offers a comprehensive review of the OER landscape, exploring its historical development, current applications, benefits, challenges, and future opportunities. Drawing on existing literature, case studies, and empirical evidence, the review underscores the potential of OER to enhance educational equity, reduce costs, and foster innovation in teaching and learning. At the same time, it critically examines barriers such as quality assurance, sustainability, and institutional resistance. The paper concludes with actionable recommendations for advancing OER adoption and outlines key areas for future research.*

Keywords: *Open Educational Resources, OER, open access, education technology, digital learning, educational equity.*

1. Introduction:

The rise of Open Educational Resources (OER) marks a significant shift in the global education paradigm. Defined by UNESCO as "teaching, learning, and research materials that are freely accessible, openly licensed, and available for use, adaptation, and redistribution," OER has gained momentum as a tool for promoting educational access, affordability, and innovation. Since its inception in the early 2000s, the OER movement has grown exponentially, driven by advancements in digital technology, increasing demand for affordable learning materials, and a growing emphasis on educational equity.

This paper provides a critical review of the OER movement, examining its evolution, current state, and future prospects. By synthesizing insights from academic literature, policy documents, and real-world case studies, the review highlights the transformative potential of OER while addressing the challenges that hinder its widespread adoption. The paper concludes with recommendations for stakeholders and identifies areas for further research.

2. Evolution of Open Educational Resources:

The OER movement traces its origins to the broader open access and open knowledge initiatives that emerged in the late 20th century. A landmark moment in the history of OER was the launch of MIT OpenCourseWare in 2001, which made course materials from MIT's undergraduate and graduate programs freely available online. This initiative set the stage for a global wave of OER projects, including OpenStax, Khan Academy, and the OER Commons.

Over the past two decades, OER has evolved from a niche concept to a global phenomenon. Governments, international organizations, and educational institutions have played pivotal roles in promoting OER through policy frameworks, funding, and advocacy. For instance, the 2012

Paris OER Declaration by UNESCO called on member states to integrate OER into their education systems, further legitimizing the movement.

3. Key OER Initiatives in India:

- **SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds):** Launched by the Government of India in 2017, SWAYAM is one of the largest OER platforms in the country. It offers free online courses across various disciplines, from school education to higher education and skill development. SWAYAM courses are designed by experts from top institutions like IITs, IIMs, and central universities, ensuring high-quality content.
- **National Digital Library of India (NDLI):** The NDLI, initiated by the Ministry of Education, provides free access to a vast collection of educational resources, including textbooks, articles, videos, and lectures. It serves as a one-stop platform for learners, researchers, and educators.
- **e-PG Pathshala:** Developed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), e-PG Pathshala offers open access to postgraduate-level course materials in various subjects. The platform is designed to support students and teachers in higher education.
- **DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing):** DIKSHA is a national platform for school education, providing teachers and students with access to curriculum-aligned resources, including textbooks, videos, and interactive content. It is available in multiple Indian languages, making it accessible to a wide audience.
- **NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning):** A joint initiative by IITs and IISc, NPTEL offers free online courses and certification programs in engineering, science, and humanities. It is widely used by students and professionals for skill development.
- **Open Educational Resources University (OERu):** While not India-specific, OERu has partnered with Indian institutions to provide free online courses and pathways to accredited qualifications.

4. Benefits of Open Educational Resources

The adoption of OER offers numerous advantages for educators, learners, and institutions:

- **Cost Reduction:** One of the most immediate benefits of OER is its ability to reduce the financial burden on students. With the rising cost of textbooks and other educational materials, OER provides a viable alternative that is both affordable and accessible.
- **Enhanced Access and Equity:** OER has the potential to bridge educational disparities by providing free access to high-quality resources. This is particularly impactful in underserved communities and developing countries where access to traditional educational materials is often limited.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Unlike traditional textbooks, OER can be easily modified to suit the specific needs of learners and educators. This adaptability allows for more personalized and contextually relevant learning experiences.

- **Collaboration and Innovation:** OER fosters a culture of collaboration among educators, encouraging the sharing of knowledge and best practices. This collaborative environment can lead to the development of innovative teaching methods and resources.

5. Challenges of Open Educational Resources

Despite its many benefits, the adoption of OER is not without challenges. Some of the key barriers include:

- **Quality Assurance:** Ensuring the quality and reliability of OER remains a significant concern. With resources being created by a diverse range of contributors, there is a need for standardized evaluation frameworks to maintain consistency and credibility.
- **Sustainability:** Many OER initiatives rely on short-term funding or grants, raising questions about their long-term viability. Sustainable models for funding and maintaining OER projects are essential for their continued success.
- **Institutional Resistance:** Some educational institutions are hesitant to embrace OER due to concerns about intellectual property, the perceived value of traditional textbooks, and the lack of incentives for faculty to create and share open resources.
- **Digital Divide:** While OER has the potential to democratize education, the digital divide remains a significant barrier. Limited access to technology and internet connectivity in certain regions can hinder the effective use of OER.

6. Current State of OER Implementation

The implementation of OER varies across different educational contexts. In higher education, OER adoption has been driven by the need to reduce textbook costs and improve student outcomes. Initiatives like the Open Textbook Network and the Open Education Consortium have been instrumental in promoting OER in this sector.

In K-12 education, OER adoption has been slower but is gaining traction, particularly in regions like the United States where states such as California and Washington have implemented OER policies. In developing countries, OER holds immense potential to address resource gaps, but challenges related to infrastructure, capacity, and policy support persist.

7. Future Directions for OER Research and Practice

To fully realize the potential of OER, several areas require further research and attention:

- **Developing Quality Assurance Frameworks:** Establishing standardized criteria for evaluating OER quality is essential to build trust and credibility among educators and learners.
- **Exploring Sustainable Models:** Research is needed to identify sustainable funding and operational models for OER initiatives, including partnerships between governments, institutions, and private organizations.
- **Promoting Policy Support:** Policymakers must play an active role in advancing OER adoption through supportive legislation, funding, and awareness campaigns.
- **Addressing Equity Gaps:** Efforts must be made to ensure that OER is accessible to all learners, regardless of their socioeconomic status or geographic location. This includes addressing the digital divide and providing offline access to OER.
- **Measuring Impact:** Further research is needed to assess the impact of OER on learning outcomes, retention rates, and overall educational equity.

8. Conclusion

Open Educational Resources represent a powerful tool for transforming education, making high-quality learning materials accessible to all. However, realizing this potential requires addressing significant challenges related to quality, sustainability, and equity. By fostering collaboration among educators, policymakers, and researchers, and by investing in the development of robust OER frameworks, we can create a more inclusive and equitable educational landscape.

The future of OER lies in its ability to adapt to the evolving needs of learners and educators, while remaining grounded in the principles of openness, accessibility, and innovation. As the OER movement continues to grow, it is imperative that stakeholders work together to overcome barriers and unlock the full potential of open education.

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RE-SKILLING AND UP-SKILLING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS: NAVIGATING A TRANSFORMING INFORMATION LANDSCAPE

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Abstract: *The library profession stands at a critical juncture. Driven by rapid technological advancements, evolving user needs, and a shifting information landscape, the traditional roles of library professionals are undergoing a profound transformation. This paper argues that re-skilling and up-skilling are not merely optional professional development activities, but essential imperatives for library professionals to remain relevant, effective, and impactful in the 21st century. It examines the key drivers necessitating this shift, identifies critical skill areas for contemporary librarianship, explores strategies for effective re-skilling and up-skilling initiatives, and addresses the challenges and opportunities inherent in this ongoing evolution. Ultimately, this paper emphasizes that proactive and strategic investment in the skills of library professionals is vital for ensuring the continued vibrancy and societal value of libraries in the digital age.*

Key phrases: Digital Literacy, Digital Transformation, *Information & Research,* *User Services & Engagement,* ***Management & Leadership,***

Introduction:

Libraries, historically the cornerstones of knowledge preservation and access, are experiencing unprecedented change. Once primarily defined by their physical collections, they are now increasingly recognized as dynamic information hubs, community anchors, and vital navigators in an overwhelming sea of digital information. This transformation necessitates a parallel evolution in the skills and competencies of library professionals. The familiar image of the librarian solely focused on cataloging and circulation is rapidly becoming outdated. Instead, libraries require professionals equipped with a diverse and evolving skillset capable of harnessing technology, engaging with diverse communities, and adeptly guiding users through the complexities of the modern information landscape.

The terms "re-skilling" and "up-skilling" become central to this discussion. **Re-skilling** refers to learning entirely new skills to transition to a different role or function within the library or even beyond the traditional library setting. **Up-skilling**, on the other hand, focuses on enhancing existing skills or acquiring new competencies that build upon existing expertise to improve performance and expand professional capabilities within the current or evolving role. Both are critical components of a proactive approach to professional development in the library field. This paper will delve into the necessity of these processes, exploring the key drivers, essential skills, and strategies for successful implementation, ultimately affirming that re-skilling and up-skilling are not just trends, but fundamental requirements for the future of the library profession.

The Evolving Library Landscape: Drivers of Change

Several converging forces are driving the imperative for re-skilling and up-skilling in libraries:

- **Technological Advancements:** The digital revolution has fundamentally altered how information is created, disseminated, accessed, and consumed. Libraries are no longer solely repositories of physical books. They are now deeply engaged with digital resources, online databases, multimedia content, and emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and virtual reality (VR). Library professionals need to be proficient in utilizing these technologies effectively, ethically, and accessibly for themselves and their users.
- **Shifting User Needs and Expectations:** Library users today are increasingly digitally native and accustomed to on-demand information access. Their expectations for speed, personalization, and digital convenience have risen significantly. Libraries must adapt to these evolving needs by offering relevant digital services, engaging users through online platforms, and providing personalized information support. Furthermore, libraries are serving increasingly diverse communities with varying levels of digital literacy and information needs, requiring professionals skilled in inclusive and adaptable service delivery.
- **Information Overload and Misinformation:** The abundance of information available online is both a boon and a challenge. Users struggle to filter, evaluate, and discern credible information from misinformation, disinformation, and "fake news." Library professionals are crucial in empowering users with information literacy skills, critical thinking abilities, and the capacity to navigate this complex information ecosystem effectively. This requires a shift from simply providing resources to actively teaching information evaluation and digital citizenship.
- **Evolving Roles of Libraries:** Libraries are moving beyond their traditional role as book lenders to become vibrant community hubs, learning centers, digital literacy centers, and spaces for collaboration and innovation. This expanded role demands professionals who are not only information experts but also community engagement specialists, facilitators, and advocates for lifelong learning.
- **Economic Constraints and Resource Scarcity:** Many libraries face budgetary pressures and resource limitations. Re-skilling and up-skilling become crucial for maximizing efficiency, streamlining workflows, and leveraging technology to do more with less. Professionals equipped with diverse skills and adaptability are essential for navigating these resource constraints and ensuring the sustainability of library services.

Essential Skills for the Modern Library Professional:

To navigate this evolving landscape, library professionals need to cultivate a wide range of skills encompassing technical, soft, and domain-specific expertise. Key areas include:

- **Technical Skills:**
  - **Digital Literacy & Technology Proficiency:** Advanced digital literacy is foundational. This includes comfort with various software, online platforms, social media, content management systems, and library management systems. Understanding and utilizing emerging technologies like AI, data visualization tools, and cloud computing is increasingly important.

- **Data Analysis & Management:** Libraries collect vast amounts of data. Skills in data analysis, data visualization, and data management are crucial for understanding user behavior, evaluating service effectiveness, and making data-driven decisions.
- **Coding & Web Development:** Basic coding skills and web development knowledge are becoming increasingly valuable for creating interactive online resources, managing library websites, and developing digital tools to enhance user experience.
- **Digital Preservation & Curation:** As libraries increasingly manage digital collections, skills in digital preservation, metadata creation, and digital curation are essential to ensure long-term access and usability of digital assets.

- **Soft Skills:**
  - **Communication & Interpersonal Skills:** Effective communication, both oral and written, remains paramount. Librarians need to communicate complex information clearly and concisely to diverse audiences, build rapport with users, and facilitate group discussions. Interpersonal skills are vital for teamwork, collaboration, and conflict resolution.
  - **Teaching & Instruction:** Information literacy instruction is a core function of modern libraries. Librarians need to be skilled educators, capable of designing and delivering engaging and effective learning experiences, both in-person and online.
  - **Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking:** Navigating the complex information landscape requires strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Librarians must be able to analyze user needs, diagnose information challenges, and develop creative solutions.
  - **Adaptability & Flexibility:** The library profession is constantly evolving. Adaptability, flexibility, and a willingness to embrace change are crucial for thriving in this dynamic environment. This includes being open to learning new skills and adapting to new roles and responsibilities.
  - **Empathy & User-Centered Approach:** Understanding and responding to the diverse needs of library users is fundamental. Empathy, active listening, and a user-centered approach are essential for providing inclusive and effective services.
- **Evolving Domain-Specific Skills:**
  - **Information Architecture & Organization:** While the format of information changes, the need for effective organization and access remains constant. Skills in information architecture, metadata creation, taxonomy development, and knowledge organization are crucial for making information discoverable and usable in digital environments.
  - **Community Engagement & Outreach:** Building strong relationships with the community and actively reaching out to underserved populations is increasingly important. Skills in community engagement, partnership building, and outreach program development are essential for making libraries relevant and accessible to all.
  - **Copyright & Intellectual Property:** Navigating copyright and intellectual property issues in the digital age is complex. Librarians need to be knowledgeable about copyright law, fair use, and open access to guide users and ensure ethical information access.
  - **Advocacy & Leadership:** Libraries need strong advocates and leaders to ensure their continued relevance and funding support. Skills in advocacy, public speaking, grant

writing, and leadership are crucial for promoting the value of libraries in the 21st century.

Strategies for Re-skilling and Up-skilling Library Professionals:

Successful re-skilling and up-skilling initiatives require a multi-faceted approach involving both individual professional development and institutional support:

- **Formal Education and Training:** Enrolling in relevant courses, workshops, certificate programs, and advanced degrees (e.g., data science, digital humanities, user experience design) can provide structured learning experiences and formal credentials in new skill areas. Library schools and professional organizations play a vital role in offering updated and relevant curricula.
- **Informal Learning and Self-Directed Development:** Embracing a culture of continuous learning is essential. This includes actively engaging with online resources (e.g., MOOCs, webinars, and online tutorials), participating in online communities, attending conferences and workshops, reading professional literature, and engaging in self-reflection and skill gap analysis.
- **Mentorship and Peer Learning:** Mentorship programs, both formal and informal, can provide valuable guidance and support for professional development. Peer learning opportunities, such as communities of practice and collaborative projects, foster knowledge sharing and skill development within library teams.
- **On-the-Job Training and Experiential Learning:** Libraries should provide opportunities for staff to develop new skills through on-the-job training, cross-training, and participation in projects that require the application of new technologies and approaches. This includes fostering a culture of experimentation and innovation within the library.
- **Institutional Support and Resource Allocation:** Libraries must invest in professional development opportunities for their staff. This includes allocating budget for training, providing time for learning and development activities, and creating a supportive organizational culture that values and encourages continuous learning. This also involves adapting job descriptions and performance evaluations to reflect the evolving skill requirements of library professionals.
- **Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations:** Libraries can leverage partnerships with other institutions, organizations, and experts to access specialized training and expertise. Collaborations with technology companies, educational institutions, and community organizations can provide valuable opportunities for skill development and knowledge sharing.

Challenges and Opportunities:

While the need for re-skilling and up-skilling is evident, several challenges exist:

- **Resistance to Change:** Some library professionals may be resistant to change or hesitant to embrace new technologies and approaches. Addressing this resistance requires open communication, demonstrating the benefits of new skills, and providing adequate support and training.
- **Time and Resource Constraints:** Finding time for professional development amidst busy workloads and managing limited budgets for training can be challenging. Libraries need to prioritize professional development and explore cost-effective training solutions.

- **Keeping Pace with Rapid Technological Change:** The pace of technological innovation is rapid, making it challenging to keep skills current. Emphasizing foundational skills, adaptability, and a lifelong learning mindset is crucial.
- **Equity and Access to Training:** Ensuring equitable access to re-skilling and up-skilling opportunities for all library professionals, regardless of their background, location, or institutional affiliation, is essential. Libraries and professional organizations should actively work to address disparities in access to training.

Despite these challenges, the imperative for re-skilling and up-skilling also presents significant opportunities:

- **Enhanced Professional Relevance and Job Satisfaction:** Developing new skills and expanding professional capabilities can lead to increased job satisfaction, career advancement opportunities, and a sense of professional fulfillment.
- **Improved Library Services and User Experience:** Re-skilled and up-skilled library professionals are better equipped to deliver innovative, user-centered services that meet the evolving needs of their communities.
- **Strengthened Role of Libraries in Society:** By adapting to the changing information landscape and equipping their professionals with the necessary skills, libraries can solidify their position as vital community resources and essential navigators in the digital age.
- **Fostering Innovation and Creativity:** Re-skilling and up-skilling can foster a culture of innovation and creativity within libraries, leading to the development of new programs, services, and approaches to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Conclusion:

Re-skilling and up-skilling are not merely trends in the library profession, but rather essential imperatives for navigating a rapidly transforming information landscape. The forces of technological advancement, evolving user needs, and the changing role of libraries demand a proactive and strategic approach to professional development. By embracing continuous learning, developing a diverse skillset encompassing technical, soft, and domain-specific expertise, and fostering a culture of innovation, library professionals can not only remain relevant but also thrive in the 21st century. Libraries that invest in the re-skilling and up-skilling of their professionals are investing in their own future, ensuring their continued vibrancy, societal value, and enduring role as cornerstones of knowledge and community in the digital age. The future library is not just about books; it is about people – well-skilled, adaptable, and passionate professionals who empower individuals and communities to navigate and flourish in a complex and ever-evolving world of information.

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PARTICIPATION OF LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS INICT TRAINING PROGRAMMES - A STUDY

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Abstract : *The present study has made an attempt to know the participation of LIS Professionals in ICT Training Programmes. This study throws light upon the various parameters of training programs such as Mode of participation, Types of ICT training programmes, Preferences given to Library Automation Software Training and Challenges faced by LIS Professionals to attend the training program. The study recommends that Library Personnel should develop the ICT Skill, participate proactively in various training programmes and implement the ICT Tools to uplift the status of Library profession.*

Keyword:*ICT Training, LIS Professionals*

Introduction:

Librarians need to have ICT (information and communication technology) training in order to adjust to the changing needs of library services in the digital age. The training enables library professionals to capture the necessary skills to enhance user experiences, manage and use digital resources, and streamline library operations.

Training typically covers areas such as:

- **Digital literacy**: Enabling librarians to effectively access and evaluate online information and resources.
- **Library management software**: Familiarity with systems like Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) for cataloguing, circulation, and user management.
- **Digitization and preservation**: Techniques for converting physical materials to digital formats and ensuring long-term digital preservation.
- **Virtual reference services**: Using tools like video calls and chat systems to assist users remotely.
- **Cloud computing and data security**: Managing data storage, privacy, and security through cloud-based platforms.
- **Web and social media management**: Promoting library services and engaging users through websites and social media platforms.

Through such training, librarians can enhance their technological competence, improve service delivery and keep libraries relevant in an increasingly digital world. Considering this, the study has brought light to investigate the participation of ICT training programs for library professionals.

Literature Review:

Review of the literature reveals some research on library professionals' involvement in ICT training programs.

Reddy (2014) studied ICT Skills among Library Professionals working in Engineering colleges, Warangal District in Telangana State. The data analysis shows how much and how well these institutions' library personnel are proficient in ICT. The deployment of ICT abilities was seen favorably by all library personnel.

Zulfeen (2019) highlighted in her paper the use of ICT tools in academic libraries. The paper emphasizes the advantages of implementing computer systems, resource sharing, and digital libraries to enhance user services. The use of ICT in libraries has altered the way that information is stored and retrieved, acquired, cataloged, and classified, as well as how items are circulated, serials control, management statistics, and administrative tasks like budgeting as well as the difficulties academic libraries encounter when implementing ICT tools and the actions that must be performed to get beyond these obstacles.

Swaminathan et.al., (2022) discussed the fundamental technological tools and methods that a library professional needs to manage academic libraries and the millions of pieces of information that are produced every day in this digital age. To successfully use information technology in libraries, a library professional should have the knowledge and skills listed in this paper.

Further, **Akpelu et.al.(2022)**in theirstudy investigated the work performances and information and communication technology training of library professionals at the University of Port Harcourt and Rivers State University. For the study, a descriptive survey design was chosen. All librarians and paraprofessionals from the two universities under investigation made up the study's population. 51 employees of the library were chosen through the technique of purposive sampling. Data was gathered using a standardized questionnaire. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the data. Nevertheless, the study found that ICT training has a major influence on library professionals' job performance and that infrequent ICT training programs have an impact on staff productivity and efficient job performance at all times. Per the study, training sessions should be held at least twice a year.

Similarly, **Mahanta (2016)** explored the ICT proficiency of LIS professionals in Assam in connection with knowledge of ICT-based applications, knowledge of library automation software, knowledge of digital library software, knowledge of electronics resource management, knowledge of ICT-based library services, and knowledge of the barriers to learning ICT. The study recommends there should be a training program for all working professionals at adequate intervals so that the professionals can cope with the latest ICT-based applications**.**

Ahmed & Rehman(2016) in their paper investigated the level of ICT competency among library professionals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, as well as the training requirements for updating these competencies. The research methodology employed for this study was a descriptive survey. The study's sample consisted of 105 library professionals who were employed by Pakistan's 14 public universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The results of the survey showed that the region's library professionals' ICT proficiency is lacking. Their primary requirement for training is in the construction of institutional repositories and digital libraries. This study offers useful information about the degree of ICT proficiency as well as a framework for library professionals to improve their ICT proficiency.

Enakrire (2019) in thisarticle examined information technology-related training and support initiatives for information workers. This study used a quantitative research design. The quantitative method was a survey that used a questionnaire to gather information from respondents in a few African university libraries. The results showed that ICT-related training and support programs for information workers improved the way libraries operate today and provide services to patrons. Information workers are creating and harvesting knowledge as a result of the pedagogical learning phenomena, which makes re-skilling important. LIS Professionals can use the exposure, experience, knowledge, and abilities they have gained to defend themselves when applying and using ICT-related hardware and software in any situation.

Naheem (2015) discussed Perceptions of Library Professionals towards the Technology Skills & Competencies for Modern Librarianship. The study was conducted to investigate the level of importance of various technology skills and competencies to their professional duties like – perform routine activities, manage e-resources and provide IT based services using a restructured online questionnaire. Data collected were analyzed using different statistical techniques such as frequency count and percentile methods. The results of the study revealed LIS professionals who responded to this survey showed a favorable attitude towards all areas of technology skills and competencies.

Objectives:

This research paper aims to ascertain the participation of LIS Professionals in ICT Training Programmes. Below are the objectives of the present study:

A. To identify the mode of participation in ICT Training programmes
B. To determine the involvement of library professionals in different ICT-related activities
C. To determine an inclination towards active engagement with automation software
D. To investigate the challenges while attending the training

Scope and Limitations:

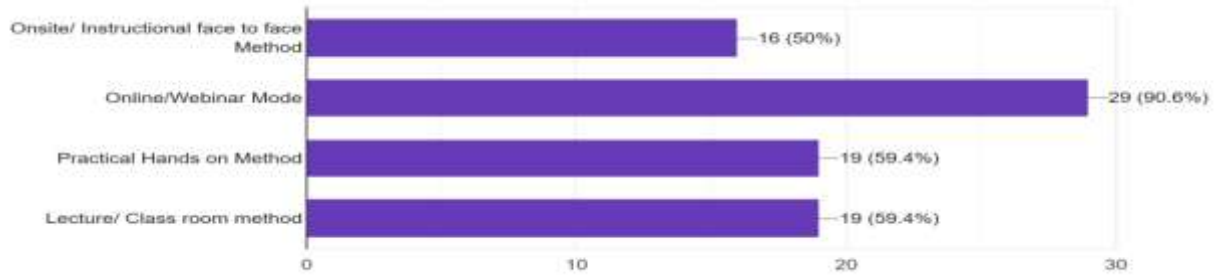
The scope of the study encompasses the participation of Library professionals in ICT training working in various institutes. The sample study was taken into consideration. There were 32 LIS Professionals participating in which 19 were Male and 13 were Female participants. Majority of the participants were from Maharashtra state This study was limited to identifying only ICT Skills adopted through various training programmes.

Methodology:

The methodology adopted here is descriptive research. A survey technique was used and questionnaires as a tool to collect primary data from the respondents. A structured questionnaire was designed and circulated among Library professionals. An online survey using Google Forms was used for data collection. The collected data was analysed and presented in the form of charts.

Data Analysis and Interpretation:

Fig 1: Mode of Training Methods



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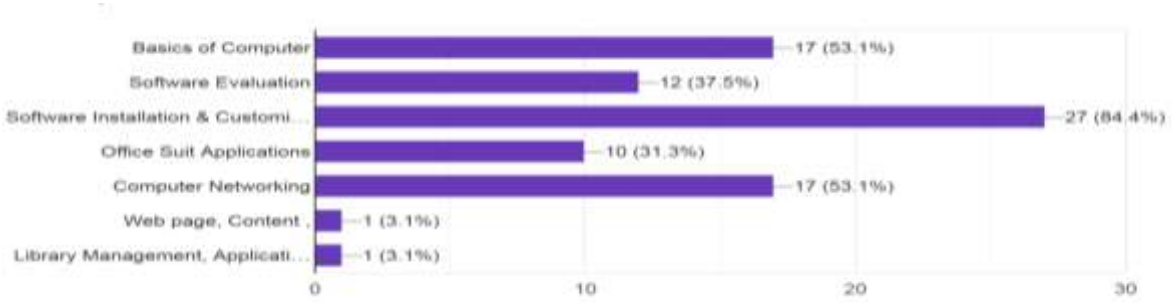
The above graph indicates the participation through the mode of training delivery methods. This graph shows that 29 (90%)LIS Professionals participated through Online mode, 19(54.4%) of LIS Professionals participated through the Practical as well as Lecture/Classroom method and 16 (50%) participated through the Onsite/Instructional face-to-face Method. The majority of participation is through Online Mode.

Fig 2: Participation of ICT Training



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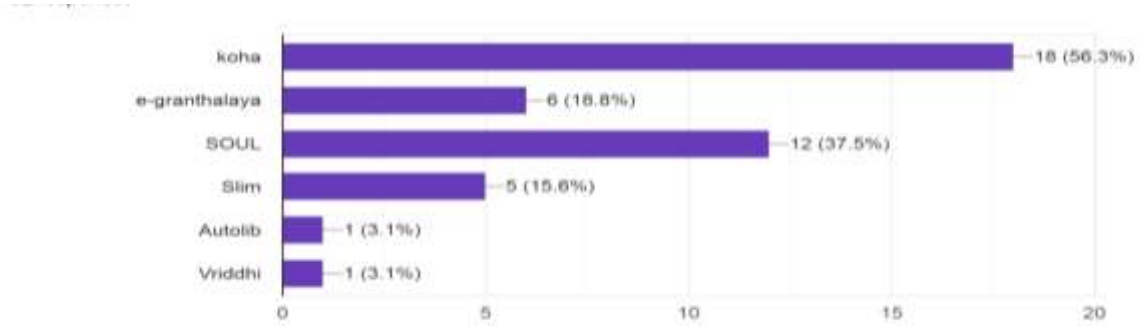
This graph shows the participation of LIS professionals in basic areas of ICT Training.

From the above graph, it is revealed that there is majority of LIS Professionals in software installation and customization i.e. 27(84.4%), followed by 17 (53.1%)) participated in Computer Networking and Basic Computer, 12(37.5%) Participation in Software Evaluation, 10 (31.3%) participation in Office Suit Applications and only 1(3.1%) participation in Library Management Webpage Training Application.

Fig 3: Training of Library Automation Software



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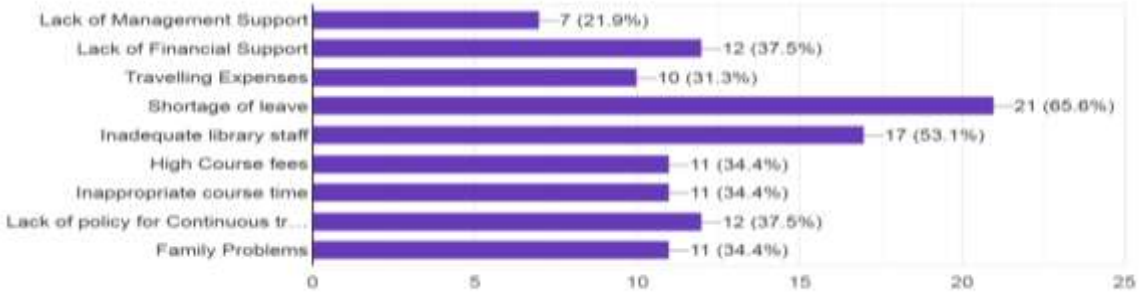
The above figure shows that the majority of LIS Professionals participated in the Koha training workshop i.e 18 (56.3%), followed by SOUL from INFLIBNET i.e. 12 (37.5%), e-granthalaya 6 (18.8%), Slim 5(37.5%) and Autolib and Vriddhi were only 01 (3.1%)

Fig 4: Challenges for attending the various training programmes



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The above graph shows the challenges faced by LIS professionals to attend the various training sessions. From the above figure, it is revealed that 21 (65.6%) face the biggest challenge to attend the training programme as a shortage of leaves, followed by 17 (53 %) as inadequate library staff, 12(37.5%) response showed Lack of Financial Support and Lack of Policy for Continuous training, 11 (34.4%) responded as High Course fees, Inappropriate Course timing and family problems, 10 (31.3%) responded Travelling Expenses and 7 (21.9%) responded Lack of Management Support. The majority of LIS Professionals revealed the issue of Shortage of Leave.

Observations and Findings:

From the data analysis, it is observed that LIS Professionals actively participate in various ICT-based training programs including the basic areas of ICT, and training of Library automation

software through online as well as offline mode. It is also observed that there are various challenges faced by LIS Professionals to attend the programs.

From the study, it is found that the Online mode of training has become convenient for LIS Professionals hence there is maximum participation through Online mode. Most of the LIS Professionals always give the highest preference to learn Software skills. Basics of computers, software evaluation and office suite applications were also in the most priority. Library Automation training has become essential and always in the top preference in ICT Training. It was found that there was a high preference for KOHA software and hence the majority of LIS professionals actively participated in the Library Automation software training program. There are various challenges faced by LIS professionals. In this study, it was found that the biggest challenge for LIS professionals was the shortage of leave.

After taking or attending the various training sessions, LIS professionals became confident to implement the various ICT tools and technologies in the library. The training programmes showed the positive impact among LIS Professions and this reflection was also in their professional as well as personal growth. Library automation using Library software was a major initiative. Creation of Digital library, Developed Library Webpage, Information Literacy Sessions organised for Staff and Students of the College. Institutional Repository was also developed with the help of DSpace Software. Google Scholar Profile was created and teachers were able to see their research impact and citation statistics. LIS Professionals also trained their library staff for library development and hence automation and digitization of libraries was easily done. This has resulted in library work culture. This enrichment in the work culture of the Library has changed the perspectives of users' towards the Library among the staff and students of the institution.

Recommendations:

ICT training has become an integral part of the LIS Profession. Libraries can be developed only when the Library Professionals are ICT literate and adopt ICT Skills. Hence this study recommends consistent upgradation of ICT Skills.

Conclusion:

ICT (Information and Communication Technology) training for library professionals is essential for modernizing library services and facilities. Libraries can now offer their patrons access to a vast array of digital information resources and value-added information service due to ICT tools. Regular training for library staff in evolving technology is unavoidable in the current environment, where ICT is being updated constantly and digital forms are replacing conventional ones. The library professional needs to be sufficiently knowledgeable about new ICT skills, such as web-based library services, e-resources management, content management, library automation, and the creation and upkeep of digital libraries and institutional repositories. These updates and upgrades in the library uplift the library profession and expand the horizons of the Library.

Suggestions:

This study suggests that library personnel should make investments in cutting-edge equipment and technology to advance both their professional development and libraries' reputation. Below are some recommendations for enhancing library personnel's ICT proficiency based on an extensive review of the current study.

After careful observation of the present study, some suggestions have been made below for the improvement of ICT skills of Library professionals.

- Authority should encourage Library professionals to participate in various ICT Based training programs
- Sufficient funds should be made available by the authorities for development of ICT infrastructures, Digital resources development and application of ICT-enabled services.
- Librarians have to work proactively for the Digital Development Library and expand the library horizons by applying the various ICT tools and technology.

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NEXT GENERATION LIBRARY SERVICES: INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY FOR ENHANCED USER EXPERIENCE

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Abstract: *Libraries are evolving to meet the changing needs of the next-generation users by integrating technology, interactive services, and personalized experiences The rapid evolution of technology and changing user expectations necessitate innovative library services tailored for next-generation users. Modern libraries must integrate digital resources, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and user-centric services to remain relevant. This paper explores emerging trends in library services, focusing on digital transformation, personalized experiences, and innovative service delivery, innovative library services tailored to digital natives, incorporating artificial intelligence (AI), virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR), personalized learning platforms, and collaborative spaces. The analysis presents how libraries can remain relevant in an increasingly digital world, ensuring accessibility, engagement, and lifelong learning opportunities. The study also highlights the role of technology in enhancing accessibility, engagement, and knowledge dissemination. By leveraging advanced tools and methodologies, libraries can create dynamic, inclusive, and efficient spaces that cater to the needs of future generations.*

Keywords:*Library innovation, Digital transformation, Next-generation libraries, Artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries, Virtual reality (VR) in libraries, Augmented reality (AR) in libraries*

Introduction:

Libraries have always been crucial in providing access to knowledge, education, and research. However, the digital revolution has significantly altered how users seek, consume, and interact with information. Next-generation users, primarily digital natives, demand more dynamic, personalized, and technology-driven library services. To meet these evolving needs, libraries must embrace innovation and adopt cutting-edge technologies. This paper examines modern library services and explores how libraries can adapt to serve the next generation effectively.

The rapid advancements in technology and the changing preferences of users have necessitated a transformation in library services. Traditional library models are being replaced by dynamic, technology-driven services that cater to the next generation, often referred to as digital natives. Libraries are no longer mere repositories of books but are evolving into interactive hubs for information access, digital literacy, and collaborative learning. This paper examines various innovative services that libraries are adopting to meet the demands of the modern user.

Objectives:

1. To explore emerging trends and innovations in library services.
2. To identify technologies that enhance user engagement and accessibility.
3. To analyze the role of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and digital platforms in modern libraries.

4. To recommend strategies for libraries to evolve and cater to next-generation users.

Library Services for the Next Generation:

Digital and Cloud-Based Libraries

- Implementation of digital repositories and cloud storage for easy access to information.
- Online databases and e-books providing remote access to library resources.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

- AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants for user support.
- Personalized recommendations based on user behavior and preferences.

Virtual and Augmented Reality

- Interactive learning experiences through VR-based educational programs.
- Augmented reality applications for enhanced library navigation and information retrieval.

Mobile and App-Based Library Services

- Development of mobile applications for book searches, reservations, and virtual consultations.
- Integration of push notifications for personalized alerts and updates.

Maker Spaces and Collaborative Learning Environments

- Establishment of innovation labs and maker spaces for hands-on learning.
- Encouraging collaborative research through digital tools and platforms.

Open Access and Digital Scholarship

- Promotion of open-access journals and resources.
- Support for digital research and publishing tools.

Gamification and Interactive Learning

- Use of gamification to enhance engagement and learning experiences.
- Implementation of digital badges and rewards for reading and research activities.

AI-Powered Library Assistants

- Virtual chatbots for instant queries and recommendations.
- AI-based book suggestions and automated cataloging.

Digital and Mobile Libraries

- Cloud-based access to e-books, journals, and databases.
- Mobile applications for remote library services.

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in Libraries

- AR for interactive storytelling and historical reconstructions.
- VR-based immersive learning experiences and virtual field trips.

Collaborative Learning Spaces

- Makerspaces with 3D printing, robotics, and coding workshops.
- Group study pods with digital collaboration tools.

Personalized Learning and Smart Library Systems

- AI-driven personalized learning modules.
- Smart shelves and RFID technology for efficient book tracking.

Open Educational Resources (OER) and Digital Repositories

- Access to open-source learning materials and research databases.
- Institutional repositories for scholarly publishing and knowledge sharing.

Data-Driven Decision Making in Libraries

- Analytics tools for understanding user behavior and preferences.
- Adaptive resource allocation based on data insights.

Table: Comparison of Traditional and Next-Generation Library Services:

Sr. No.	Feature	Traditional Libraries	Next-Generation Libraries
1	Information Access	Physical books & journals	Digital repositories & mobile apps
2	User Interaction	Librarian assistance	AI-powered chatbots & virtual assistants
3	Learning Experience	Reading & research	AR/VR-based immersive learning
4	Study Environment	Silent reading spaces	Makerspaces & collaborative hubs
5	Collection Management	Manual cataloging	Smart shelves & RFID tracking

Analysis:

The integration of technology into library services significantly enhances user experience and accessibility. AI-driven solutions offer personalized recommendations, reducing information overload. Mobile applications and digital repositories ensure that knowledge is available anytime, anywhere. The incorporation of AR/VR technologies enables experiential learning, making libraries more engaging. Collaborative spaces foster creativity and innovation, promoting active participation rather than passive consumption of information.

Conclusion:

To remain relevant and valuable, libraries must evolve by integrating emerging technologies and innovative services. Digital transformation, AI-driven assistance, virtual reality experiences, and mobile accessibility are essential components of next-generation libraries. By embracing these advancements, libraries can continue to support learning, research, and knowledge sharing effectively. Future library services should focus on accessibility, engagement, and adaptability to cater to the ever-changing demands of modern users.

The transformation of libraries into technology-integrated knowledge hubs is essential for catering to the next-generation users. By adopting AI, AR/VR, mobile technology, and personalized learning experiences, libraries can continue to be relevant and effective in the digital age. The future of libraries lies in their ability to innovate, adapt, and create engaging experiences that promote knowledge accessibility and lifelong learning.

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THE IMPACT OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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Abstract: *Open Educational Resources (OER) have emerged as a transformative force in the field of education globally, reshaping the way educational content is created, shared, and consumed. In particular, their impact on higher education and academic research has been profound. This paper explores the role of OER in enhancing access, equity, and collaboration within higher education systems, with a particular focus on India. As a developing country with a large and diverse educational landscape, India faces unique challenges and opportunities in the adoption of OER. The paper delves into the significance of OER in India's higher education sector, its potential to bridge educational gaps, and its role in advancing research collaboration, while also discussing the barriers to widespread adoption and strategies for overcoming these hurdles. By integrating insights into global trends with India-specific examples, the paper aims to offer a nuanced perspective on the impact of OER in a rapidly evolving educational environment.*

Keywords: *Open Educational Resources (OER), Higher Education, India, Access to Education, Cost Reduction, Pedagogical Innovation, Research Collaboration, Open Access, SWAYAM, NROER, Digital Divide, Educational Equity, Interdisciplinary Research, Educational Technology*

Introduction

Open Educational Resources (OER), defind by UNESCO (2012) as teaching, learning, and research materials that are freely available for anyone to use, adapt, and redistribute, represent a radical shift in the education sector. OER offer numerous advantages, including reducing costs for students, enhancing access to high-quality learning materials, and fostering collaborative approaches to teaching and learning. In India, where the higher education sector is one of the largest in the world, OER have the potential to address several key issues, such as the lack of access to high-quality textbooks, limited availability of up-to-date academic resources, and educational disparities between urban and rural areas. The government's emphasis on digital education and the increasing importance of information and communication technology (ICT) in teaching and learning make India a critical case for studying the impact of OER.

This paper examines the impact of OER on higher education and research in India, highlighting both the benefits and the challenges unique to the Indian context.

The Role of OER in Enhancing Higher Education in India

Improving Access to Educational Content

India's higher education system is characterized by both its large scale and its stark regional disparities. While top universities and institutions in metropolitan areas may have access to world-class educational resources, institutions in rural and remote regions often lack such privileges. OER offers a viable solution to this issue by making high-quality educational materials freely available online, overcoming physical and financial barriers to access.

The National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) launched by the Government of India under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is a notable example of an initiative that supports the use and development of OER. The NROER aims to provide free access to high-quality educational resources, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, thereby ensuring that students in under-resourced regions have access to world-class content.

Moreover, platforms like SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), a government initiative, provide an online portal for courses ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate levels, contributing to the democratization of education in India. SWAYAM offers OER in the form of video lectures, readings, assignments, and exams, all accessible for free. This initiative has made it possible for students in remote areas to access courses offered by top universities and institutions, breaking down the traditional barriers to higher education access.

Affordability and Cost Reduction

One of the most significant impacts of OER on higher education in India is the reduction of educational costs. India faces significant economic constraints, with a large proportion of students coming from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The high cost of textbooks and other educational resources often presents a financial barrier to higher education. According to a study by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), over 80% of students in India rely on textbooks for their studies, and the cost of these textbooks can constitute a substantial portion of a student's education expenses.

By providing free, openly licensed textbooks and other materials, OER can reduce or eliminate the financial burden on students, making higher education more affordable and accessible. A study by the Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources (2012) found that OER could significantly reduce the cost of textbooks, which is particularly important for students in India, where education costs are a major concern.

Promoting Pedagogical Innovation and Flexibility

OER allow educators to go beyond traditional textbook-based teaching by enabling them to remix, adapt, and create resources tailored to the specific needs of their students. This flexibility is especially beneficial in India, where there is a large diversity in student backgrounds, including varying levels of digital literacy, educational preparedness, and language proficiency. OER can be adapted to suit different teaching contexts, making learning more relevant and personalized.

For example, OER can be used to provide materials in multiple languages, addressing the linguistic diversity of India. This is crucial as English-language resources remain limited for many students whose first language is one of India's many regional languages. OER can also incorporate multimedia content, such as videos, animations, and simulations, to cater to a variety of learning styles and increase student engagement.

Fostering Collaboration and Research

OER have significant potential to enhance research collaboration in India, particularly in fostering interdisciplinary research. Open access to academic articles, data, and teaching resources can help researchers stay up-to-date with the latest developments in their fields. OER

also promote the sharing of research findings and data, which can help accelerate scientific discovery and innovation.

Several Indian universities, including IIT Bombay and Jawaharlal Nehru University, have initiated OER-based research collaborations with international institutions. These collaborations often involve sharing academic papers, datasets, and other resources, which contribute to a more open and transparent research ecosystem.

The Impact of OER on Research in India

Facilitating Open Access to Scholarly Publications

India's academic research ecosystem faces challenges related to access to scientific journals and publications, which are often behind expensive paywalls. This limits access to cutting-edge research for students, faculty, and researchers, particularly in public institutions that cannot afford expensive journal subscriptions.

OER contributes to the open access movement by providing free access to scholarly publications and research outputs. For example, India's National Digital Library (NDL) provides free access to millions of academic papers, books, and theses. This has significantly improved research accessibility for students and faculty in Indian universities, particularly in remote areas.

Additionally, several Indian journals are adopting open access models, allowing researchers to share their findings without financial barriers. The Indian Academy of Sciences, for instance, offers free access to its journals, thus contributing to the open access ecosystem.

Encouraging Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research

OER platforms facilitate interdisciplinary research by enabling the sharing of knowledge and resources across disciplines and geographical boundaries. India's large and diverse research community, spanning various disciplines, benefits from OER by engaging in collaborative projects, particularly in fields such as public health, climate change, and sustainable development, where cross-border collaboration is essential. Researchers in different parts of India, as well as globally, can use OER to share data and research findings, accelerating innovation and fostering a more inclusive research environment.

Challenges in the Adoption of OER in India

Digital Divide and Infrastructure Constraints

One of the major challenges for the widespread adoption of OER in India is the digital divide. While the government has made significant strides in expanding internet access, a significant portion of the population, especially in rural areas, still faces limitations in terms of internet connectivity and digital literacy. This creates a barrier to accessing OER, as students in these areas may lack the necessary infrastructure or skills to benefit from online resources.

Cultural and Institutional Resistance

Despite the clear advantages of OER, there remains a level of resistance to adopting these resources within the Indian higher education system. Faculty members may be hesitant to adopt OER due to unfamiliarity with the resources, lack of incentives, or concerns about the quality of available materials. In addition, traditional publishing models that rely on proprietary textbooks and subscription-based journals continue to hold sway in many institutions.

Sustainability and Quality Assurance

The long-term sustainability of OER initiatives in India remains a concern. While the government has launched several initiatives, such as SWAYAM and NROER, these projects require ongoing investment in infrastructure, content creation, and maintenance. Ensuring the quality of OER is another challenge, as content that is freely available may lack proper vetting or peer review.

Conclusion

The impact of Open Educational Resources on higher education and research in India is significant and transformative, offering potential solutions to many of the challenges faced by the country's educational system. By increasing access to quality educational content, reducing costs, fostering innovation, and enhancing research collaboration, OER are playing a pivotal role in the evolution of India's higher education sector.

However, the widespread adoption of OER in India requires addressing challenges related to infrastructure, digital literacy, quality assurance, and resistance to change. To fully realize the potential of OER, concerted efforts from the government, academic institutions, faculty, and students are essential. Continued investment in digital infrastructure, professional development for educators, and support for sustainable OER initiatives will be crucial to ensuring that the benefits of OER reach all corners of India.

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DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND THEIR FUTURE: TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Keywords: *Digital Transformation, Community Hubs, Data Literacy, Virtual Reality, Funding Constraints, AI Powered Services*

Introduction

In an era of rapid technological advancement and social development, the role of libraries has changed dramatically. Once seen primarily as centers of printed information, libraries are now at the forefront of change, embracing digital transformation, redefining social inclusion, and adapting to the changing needs of a diverse and connected world. The future of libraries is defined by a confluence of questions, challenges, and new solutions that mark the transition from the old paradigm to a new era in which libraries are places of information, learning, and culture. One of the elements that determine the future of libraries is the process of digital transformation.

With the advent of the digital age, a new era has begun in which information is increasingly available in digital format. Libraries are recognizing the need for timeliness and accessibility and are adding a wide range of digital materials to their collections. E-books, audiobooks, and digital archives have become an integral part of library services, providing users with easy access to information in a digital environment. This shift not only responds to changing reading habits, but also extends the reach of libraries beyond physical boundaries to meet the needs of a global audience. At the same time, libraries have transcended their traditional role as quiet rooms and become vibrant community centers. Given the importance of fostering community ties, libraries have become places of work that go beyond the concept of lending books. They organize workshops, discussions and various courses to meet the diverse interests and needs of the community. This change has made libraries an important cultural and social force in an age where connectivity is not limited to the virtual world. In our age of information overload, the ability to navigate and evaluate the web is essential. Libraries and library users (librarians) play

an important role in developing reading skills. Librarians are not only the guardians of books, but also guides who help users understand the vast ocean of information, teach them how to identify reliable sources and equip them with the skills they need to navigate this rich source of information. Libraries are using these technologies to create interactive and engaging learning experiences. Virtual library tours, learning simulations, and additional resources are examples of how the New Library is integrating technology to enhance the user experience and support learning in new and exciting ways. One of the biggest challenges is money. Many libraries face financial challenges that impact their ability to quickly adapt to new formats. Adequate budgets are needed to acquire digital resources, improve technology processes, and implement new strategies to meet the changing needs of consumers. Overcoming these financial challenges requires strong advocacy for increased funding and recognition of the important role libraries play in supporting education and public health. Librarians of the future will not only be librarians, but also skilled educators, knowledge creators, and community builders. This shift requires ongoing education and professional development to provide writers with the skills they need to play a more active role in the rapidly changing information environment. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into library services is improving user experience and efficiency.

AI algorithms support personalized recommendations, answer user questions, and increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of library services. By collaborating with other organizations, community groups, and technology companies, libraries can access shared resources, expertise, and new projects. Collaboration increases the impact of libraries, allowing them to offer a variety of services and meet the needs of different audiences. From eco-friendly design to implementing green initiatives like book recycling and community gardens, libraries are taking environmental stewardship to the next level. A commitment to sustainability not only serves a social purpose, it also supports a leadership role, making libraries not just repositories of information but also stewards of the environment.

The Evolution of Digital Libraries Digital libraries began with digitization projects and expanded with the rise of the Internet and cloud computing. Early projects such as Project Gutenberg and Google Books paved the way for more digital manuscripts. Advances in metadata standards, interoperability, and machine learning are strengthening digital libraries. Key Trends in Digital Libraries.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are increasingly integral to modern library operations, offering innovative solutions to enhance services and user experiences. These technologies enable libraries to manage vast digital collections more efficiently and provide personalized services to patrons.

Applications of AI and ML in Libraries:

Automated Cataloging and Metadata Generation: AI algorithms can analyze and categorize large volumes of information, streamlining the cataloging process. This automation ensures consistency and efficiency in organizing library resources.

Enhanced Information Retrieval: Machine learning models improve search capabilities by understanding user queries and retrieving relevant information more effectively. This leads to more accurate and user-friendly search results.

Personalized User Experiences: By analyzing user behavior and preferences, AI can offer tailored recommendations, helping patrons discover resources aligned with their interests. This personalization enhances user engagement and satisfaction.

Predictive Analytics for Collection Development: AI assists in predicting trends and user needs, guiding libraries in making informed decisions about acquiring new materials and managing existing collections.

Virtual Assistants and Chatbots: AI-powered chatbots provide immediate assistance to users, answering queries, guiding searches, and offering support services, thereby improving accessibility and user support.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data Privacy and Ethics: Implementing AI requires careful handling of user data to maintain privacy and adhere to ethical standards. Libraries must establish policies to protect patron information.

Resource Allocation: Integrating AI technologies can be resource-intensive, necessitating investment in infrastructure and staff training. Libraries must assess the cost-benefit ratio to ensure sustainable implementation.

Technological Obsolescence: Rapid advancements in AI and ML technologies may lead to quick obsolescence. Libraries need strategies for continuous updates and scalability to keep pace with technological changes.

Blockchain for Data Security: Digital libraries are exploring blockchain technology to ensure secure, tamper-proof access to records. Blockchain technology offers a decentralized and immutable framework that significantly enhances data security across various applications. Its unique characteristics provide robust solutions to common security challenges.

Key Features of Blockchain in Data Security:

Decentralization: Unlike traditional centralized databases, blockchain operates on a distributed ledger system where data is stored across multiple nodes. This decentralization eliminates single points of failure, reducing vulnerability to attacks.

Immutability: Once information is recorded on a blockchain, it becomes extremely difficult to alter or delete. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, ensuring that any attempt to modify data would require consensus from the entire network, thereby preserving data integrity.

Transparency with Controlled Access: Blockchain's transparent ledger allows participants to verify and audit transactions independently. However, through the use of permissioned blockchains and cryptographic techniques, access to sensitive data can be restricted to authorized users, maintaining confidentiality while ensuring accountability.

Applications in Data Security:

Identity Management: Blockchain enables secure and decentralized identity verification systems, reducing the risk of identity theft and unauthorized access. Users can have control over their digital identities without relying on centralized authorities.

Data Integrity Verification: Organizations can use blockchain to create tamper-evident logs of data transactions, ensuring that any unauthorized alterations are easily detectable. This is

particularly useful in supply chain management and financial services where data integrity is critical.

Secure Data Sharing: Blockchain facilitates secure data sharing among authorized parties by providing a transparent and immutable record of data access and modifications. This is beneficial in sectors like healthcare, where sensitive information needs to be shared securely among providers.

Challenges and Considerations:

Regulatory Compliance: Implementing blockchain solutions must be done in compliance with data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The immutable nature of blockchain can conflict with the "right to be forgotten" principle, necessitating innovative approaches to data management.

Energy Consumption: Some blockchain networks, particularly those using Proof-of-Work (PoW) consensus mechanisms, consume substantial amounts of energy. Transitioning to more energy-efficient consensus algorithms like Proof-of-Stake (PoS) can mitigate this concern.

Cloud Computing and Storage Solutions: Cloud computing and storage solutions have become integral to modern library operations, offering numerous advantages in terms of accessibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.

Benefits of Cloud Computing in Libraries:

Enhanced Accessibility: Cloud-based platforms enable patrons to access digital resources from anywhere at any time, facilitating remote research and learning.

Scalability: Libraries can easily adjust their storage and computing capacities to accommodate growing digital collections without the need for significant physical infrastructure investments.

Cost Efficiency: By utilizing cloud services, libraries can reduce expenses related to maintaining on-site servers and IT infrastructure, allowing for the reallocation of resources to other critical areas.

Collaboration and Resource Sharing: Cloud platforms facilitate seamless collaboration among library staff and with external institutions, promoting resource sharing and joint initiatives.

Challenges and Considerations:

Data Security and Privacy: Ensuring the protection of sensitive patron information and digital assets in the cloud is paramount. Libraries must implement robust security measures and comply with data protection regulations.

Vendor Dependence: Reliance on third-party cloud service providers may lead to challenges related to data ownership, service continuity, and potential vendor lock-in. It's essential to establish clear agreements and contingency plans.

Technical Expertise: Transitioning to cloud-based systems requires staff training and possibly new hires with specialized skills to manage and optimize these technologies effectively

Open Access and Digital Preservation: The push for open access ensures knowledge democratization, while digital preservation strategies safeguard historical records. Open Access and Digital Preservation are pivotal concepts in the modern information landscape, each playing a crucial role in the dissemination and longevity of scholarly and cultural materials.

Open Access : Open Access refers to the unrestricted online availability of scholarly research, allowing anyone to read, download, and utilize content without financial or legal barriers. This movement aims to democratize knowledge, making research outputs accessible to a global audience.

Digital Preservation: Digital Preservation involves the series of managed activities necessary to ensure continued access to digital materials for as long as necessary. This includes the preservation of both digitized analog materials and born-digital content, ensuring their usability over time despite technological changes.

The Intersection of Open Access and Digital Preservation:

The convergence of Open Access and digital preservation presents both opportunities and challenges:

Enhanced Accessibility and Longevity: Open Access initiatives increase the availability of digital content, while digital preservation ensures that this content remains accessible over time. Together, they work to maintain the scholarly record for future generations.

Resource Allocation: While Open Access removes access barriers, it often shifts the financial burden to authors or institutions. Simultaneously, digital preservation requires ongoing investment in technology and expertise. Balancing these demands necessitates strategic planning and resource management.

Legal and Ethical Considerations: Ensuring the long-term preservation of Open Access materials involves navigating complex intellectual property rights and ethical issues, particularly when dealing with sensitive or culturally significant content.

Challenges Ahead:

As libraries and institutions embrace Open Access and digital preservation, they must address several challenges:

Technological Obsolescence: Rapid technological advancements can render file formats and storage media obsolete, posing risks to the longevity of digital content.

Sustainability: Developing sustainable models for funding both Open Access publishing and digital preservation efforts is crucial to ensure their viability.

Quality Assurance:

Maintaining the integrity and authenticity of digital materials over time requires robust verification and validation processes.

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User-Centered Interfaces and Personalization: Libraries are adopting adaptive interfaces that enhance user experience and engagement User-centered interfaces and personalization are pivotal in enhancing the usability and engagement of digital libraries. By focusing on the specific needs and preferences of individual users, libraries can create more intuitive and effective digital experiences.

User-Centered Interfaces:

A user-centered interface is designed with the primary goal of meeting the needs, preferences, and behaviors of its users. This approach involves

User Research: Conducting studies to understand the target audience's requirements, challenges, and goals.

Usability Testing: Evaluating the interface with real users to identify areas of improvement and ensure ease of use.

Iterative Design: Continuously refining the interface based on user feedback and testing outcomes.

Personalization: Personalization in digital libraries tailors the user experience to individual preferences and behaviors. This can be achieved through:

Adaptive Interfaces: Modifying the layout and content presentation based on user interactions.

Content Recommendations: Suggesting resources that align with the user's interests and past activities.

Challenges and Considerations: While user-centered design and personalization offer significant benefits, they also present challenges:

Resource Intensive: Developing and maintaining personalized, user-centered interfaces require substantial investment in technology and expertise.

Balancing Personalization and Usability: Over-personalization can lead to a fragmented experience, so it's crucial to maintain a balance that serves both individual preferences and general usability.

Challenges in Digital Libraries:

Digital libraries have transformed the landscape of information access and preservation, providing unprecedented opportunities for users around the world. However, their development and maintenance present a multifaceted set of challenges that institutions must overcome to ensure effective service delivery.

Technical Issues: Infrastructure and Maintenance: Building and maintaining the technical infrastructure required for a digital library requires significant investment. This includes servers, storage solutions, and high-speed Internet connectivity. Regular maintenance and updates are required to keep up with ever-changing technology standards.

Interoperability: Ensuring that different systems and platforms work together seamlessly is important. Achieving interoperability between different digital library systems and formats can be complex, often requiring the adoption of standardized protocols and metadata schemas.

Financial constraints: Funding constraints: Ensuring adequate funding for the development, expansion, and maintenance of digital libraries is an ongoing challenge. Financial constraints can make it difficult to introduce new technologies, digitization projects, and hire qualified personnel.

Legal and Ethical Issues: Intellectual Property Rights: It is important to understand the complexities of copyright and intellectual property laws. Digital libraries must obtain appropriate permissions to digitize and distribute materials, and balance the need for access with the rights of creators. The Verge.com Privacy Issues: Protecting user data and ensuring privacy is paramount. Digital libraries must implement robust data security measures to protect personal information and usage patterns.

Preservation and Sustainability: Digital Preservation: Ensuring the long-term preservation of digital content is a significant challenge. Digital materials are subject to quality degradation, technological obsolescence, and data loss, requiring ongoing efforts in digital preservation strategies.

User Acquisition and Accessibility: Digital Divide: Bridging the gap between users with different levels of access to technology is a major challenge. Digital libraries must implement strategies to ensure inclusion and provide access to underserved and underserved communities.

User Education and Support: Providing appropriate education and support to users is essential to effectively utilize digital library resources. This includes providing tutorials, help desks, and user-friendly interfaces. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach that includes collaboration across stakeholders, continuous evaluation, and innovative solutions to ensure that digital libraries can effectively serve their communities now and in the future.

The Future of Digital Libraries:

The future of digital libraries is facing significant changes due to technological advancements, changing user expectations, and a commitment to sustainability. Key trends shaping this future include:

Integration of cutting-edge technologies: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: AI improves information retrieval through improved search algorithms and personalized content recommendations, making digital libraries more intuitive and user-friendly. Blockchain for data security. Blockchain technology is being studied to ensure data integrity and secure transactions in digital libraries, and to address issues related to data tampering and unauthorized access.

Focus on sustainable development: Environmentally conscious initiatives: Digital libraries implement energy-efficient technologies and promote digital collections to reduce their environmental impact while meeting the global Sustainable Development Goals.

Enhanced user interaction: Personalization: Using user data to provide tailored content and recommendations makes the digital library experience more relevant to individual needs, increasing user engagement and satisfaction. User-centered design: By focusing on intuitive interfaces and easy navigation, digital libraries remain accessible to a broad audience, including those with varying levels of digital literacy.

Commitment to Digital Equality: Bridging the Digital Divide: Initiatives such as providing Internet hotspots and digital literacy education help ensure that all community members have access to digital resources. Expanding Digital Collections: Exclusive Digital Content: Publishers partner with digital libraries to offer exclusive eBooks and audiobooks to enhance the diversity and appeal of their digital collections. As digital libraries follow this trend, they will also need to address issues related to data privacy, technological obsolescence, and the need for ongoing funding. By embracing innovation and remaining adaptable, digital libraries can continue to serve as vital hubs of information, learning, and culture in the digital age.

Conclusion Digital libraries have transformed the landscape of knowledge discovery and knowledge sharing. By embracing technological advances and addressing current challenges, they will continue to play a vital role in education, research, and society. The future of digital libraries lies in their ability to integrate new solutions while ensuring continuous access to knowledge.

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THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL LITERACY ON THE UTILIZATION OF E-RESOURCES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract:*The growing prevalence of digital technologies has transformed academic libraries, shifting from traditional print resources to electronic resources (e-resources) as a key element of scholarly research. This paper examines the impact of digital literacy on the utilization of e-resources in academic libraries, exploring how the ability to effectively navigate, evaluate, and use digital tools and platforms influences students' and faculty members' engagement with these resources. The study analyzes the correlation between digital literacy levels and e-resource usage, including factors such as information retrieval, access barriers, and user satisfaction. A mixed-methods approach, incorporating surveys and interviews from academic library users, is employed to provide quantitative data and qualitative insights. Results demonstrate that higher levels of digital literacy significantly enhance the utilization of e-resources, leading to improved academic performance and research outcomes. The paper concludes by discussing strategies for enhancing digital literacy programs in academic settings to foster better access and utilization of e-resources, thus supporting the evolving role of academic libraries in the digital age.*

Keywords: *Digital Literacy, E-Resources, Academic Libraries, Information Retrieval, User Engagement, Digital Skills.*

Introduction:

In the digital age, the rapid advancement of technology has transformed the landscape of academic libraries, altering how information is accessed, retrieved, and disseminated. One significant factor driving this transformation is digital literacy—the ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use digital information. As academic libraries increasingly adopt electronic resources (e-resources) such as e-books, online journals, databases, and digital repositories, the role of digital literacy in shaping their utilization becomes critical.

The impact of digital literacy extends beyond mere access to e-resources; it encompasses the skills required for students, researchers, and faculty to navigate complex digital environments, analyze digital content, and integrate these resources into their academic work. With the rise of open access content, institutional repositories, and user-friendly interfaces, academic libraries have the potential to significantly enhance learning and research outcomes. However, the extent to which these benefits are realized largely depends on the digital literacy skills of library users.

This research paper explores the relationship between digital literacy and the effective use of e-resources in academic libraries. It aims to assess how varying levels of digital literacy among library users influence their ability to access and benefit from the wealth of e-resources available. By examining this relationship, the study seeks to offer insights into how academic

libraries can better support users in developing the necessary digital competencies, thereby maximizing the value of their e-resource collections.

Objectives of the Research:

1) To examine the relationship between digital literacy and the utilization of electronic resources in academic libraries.
2) To assess the level of digital literacy among users of academic libraries.
3) To evaluate the utilization patterns of e-resources in academic libraries.
4) To determine the influence of digital literacy on the effective use of e-resources.
5) To identify barriers related to digital literacy that hinder the utilization of e-resources.

Literature Review:

The relationship between digital literacy and the utilization of e-resources in academic libraries has been a topic of significant research over the past two decades. Studies have highlighted the importance of digital literacy in maximizing the benefits of e-resources and addressing challenges and strategies for improving digital skills in academic settings. Gurstein (2003) emphasized the importance of "effective use" of digital resources, arguing that access to technology is not enough to empower users. Maughan (2001) found that despite increased access to e-resources, many students lacked the skills to efficiently locate and evaluate digital information. Chisenga (2004) identified challenges in the utilization of e-resources in African academic libraries, citing low digital literacy levels as a primary factor. Beetham and Sharpe (2010) introduced the "digital literacy framework," which aims to help educational institutions create strategies for improving users' digital competencies. Sharma and Sharma (2010) highlighted the importance of digital literacy programs in academic libraries, particularly in developing countries where many users are unfamiliar with e-resources.

The literature reveals that digital literacy is a fundamental prerequisite for the effective use of e-resources in academic libraries. Investing in digital literacy programs can empower users to access, critically evaluate, and apply digital information in their academic work. Future research should explore innovative approaches for developing digital literacy skills in diverse academic contexts to maximize the benefits of e-resources.

Research Methodology:

This study uses a mixed-method research design to examine the influence of digital literacy on e-resource usage in academic libraries. A structured survey has been used to collect numerical data on digital literacy levels and usage frequency. At the same time, in-depth interviews and focus groups have been conducted to gather qualitative insights. The target population includes students, faculty members, and library staff from selected academic institutions. A sample size of approximately 100 respondents was used for the quantitative survey, while 15-20 participants were selected for the qualitative component. Secondary data has been reviewed to supplement the primary data. Descriptive and inferential statistics have been used to analyze the study data.

The Impact of Digital Literacy on the Utilization of E-Resources in Academic Libraries:

Digital literacy is a multifaceted skill that goes beyond basic computer skills and is crucial for navigating the information-driven world. It enables academics to effectively engage with electronic resources, enhancing the research and learning process. Digital literacy involves navigating search engines and databases, evaluating the credibility of digital sources, managing digital data, citations, and references, and using advanced research tools.

As academic libraries shift towards digital collections, the importance of digital literacy has grown. E-resources now include e-books, digital journals, and online databases. However, without adequate digital literacy, users may face challenges such as information overload and difficulty distinguishing between scholarly and non-scholarly content.

Digital literacy is essential for maximizing the benefits of e-resources in academic settings. By developing these skills, users can more effectively engage with digital content, enhancing their learning and research outcomes. As academic libraries shift towards digital collections, the importance of digital literacy has grown more pronounced. By acquiring these skills, users can better utilize e-resources and enhance their learning and research outcomes.

Digital technology has significantly transformed the academic landscape, particularly in terms of access to information through electronic resources (e-resources) in academic libraries. These resources have become indispensable tools for learning, teaching, and research. However, their effective utilization depends on users' digital literacy, which encompasses skills such as using digital tools, navigating complex online databases, evaluating information credibility, and applying these resources in academic work.

Access to e-resources is not sufficient; users must possess the skills necessary to identify relevant sources, filter information, and integrate it into their academic work. Research suggests that users with low digital literacy may struggle to take full advantage of the vast digital collections available, leading to underutilization of these valuable resources.

Users with limited digital literacy face several challenges, including difficulties in navigating complex databases, assessing information credibility, and applying advanced digital tools. These challenges highlight the critical need for digital literacy training in academic institutions.

Academic libraries play a crucial role in promoting digital literacy by offering workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one training sessions to help users develop the necessary skills to effectively navigate and use digital information. By fostering digital literacy, libraries can bridge the gap between access and utilization, enabling users to better engage with digital content.

Higher levels of digital literacy correlate with more effective use of e-resources, contributing to better academic performance. As the demand for digital resources continues to grow, ensuring that users possess the necessary digital skills is essential for maximizing the impact of e-resources on academic success.

The impact of digital literacy on the utilization of e-resources in academic libraries is profound. While access to e-resources is important, the ability to effectively use them is largely dependent on users' digital literacy levels. Addressing gaps in digital literacy through targeted training and support is crucial for academic libraries to fully harness the potential of their e-resource collections, empowering students and researchers to thrive in the digital age.

The Role of E-Resources in Academic Libraries:

E-resources have significantly transformed academic libraries by offering vast, accessible collections of digital information. Key types of e-resources include e-books, online journals and

databases, institutional repositories, and open access resources. E-books offer a wide range of academic literature across various disciplines, providing flexibility for casual reading and in-depth research. Online journals and databases offer access to vast collections of peer-reviewed articles, scholarly publications, and historical archives, enabling researchers to stay updated in their fields. Institutional repositories showcase research outputs from within the academic institution, promoting knowledge sharing and preserving academic work. Open access resources provide free, unrestricted access to high-quality academic content, leveling the playing field for learners and researchers worldwide.

However, the effective use of e-resources depends on users' digital literacy skills. Users must be equipped with the necessary skills to navigate digital platforms effectively, conduct focused searches using advanced search techniques, critically evaluate the credibility and relevance of information, and integrate digital resources into their academic work using tools like citation management software. The vastness of e-resources available in academic libraries can be overwhelming, especially for users without strong digital literacy skills. Therefore, academic libraries play a crucial role in providing these resources and ensuring users are trained to make full use of them.

Impact of Digital Literacy on E-Resource Utilization:

The efficient use of e-resources in academic libraries is significantly influenced by the digital literacy levels of users. Users with advanced digital literacy skills can efficiently navigate, retrieve, and integrate digital content into their academic work, while those with lower digital literacy face significant challenges. Advanced search techniques, such as Boolean operators, filters, and citation tracking tools, can help users locate and access relevant information. However, users with lower digital literacy may struggle with these tools, leading to frustration and reliance on incomplete or irrelevant resources.

Digital literacy also empowers users to critically evaluate the credibility and reliability of information, which is crucial in academic settings. Users with higher digital literacy can recognize credible academic journals and publishers, identify non-scholarly or biased sources, and assess the relevance of articles based on citation counts, journal impact factors, and academic credentials.

Digital literacy also includes knowledge of tools that aid in managing and integrating digital resources into academic projects. Users familiar with reference management software like Zotero, EndNote, or Mendeley can easily organize citations, manage bibliographies, and ensure proper citation formats. Collaboration platforms like Google Scholar or ResearchGate can connect users with additional academic sources and peers for further research insights.

Lack of digital skills can make the research process more labor-intensive and prone to errors in citation management. This can lead to missed opportunities to enhance research with diverse sources.

Challenges in Digital Literacy and E-Resource Utilization:

Digital literacy is crucial for academic libraries, but low levels can hinder users' ability to fully utilize resources. Common challenges include navigational difficulties, information overload, and lack of critical evaluation. Navigational difficulties involve navigating complex interfaces, understanding metadata, and accessing full-text versions of documents. Information

overload can lead to unproductive time spent browsing irrelevant or redundant resources. Critical evaluation is also a challenge, as users may not be able to critically assess the quality or relevance of digital content due to a lack of training in identifying trustworthy academic sources. This can lead to using non-scholarly sources without recognizing their limitations, falling prey to information biases, and overlooking the credibility of the author or publisher. Therefore, promoting digital literacy within academic settings is essential to ensure all users can effectively engage with e-resources and produce high-quality academic work.

Academic Libraries' Role in Enhancing Digital Literacy:

Academic libraries are increasingly focusing on developing digital literacy to ensure efficient use of e-resources. They offer workshops and training programs to help users understand advanced search techniques, reference management software, and evaluating digital content. These hands-on experiences equip students, researchers, and faculty with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape confidently.

Online tutorials and guides are also available for users to improve their digital literacy at their own convenience. These modules cover topics such as navigating library databases, using academic research tools, and managing digital information and citations.

Personalized assistance is also offered through one-on-one consultations with library staff, providing tailored guidance on navigating specific e-resources, databases, or digital tools. This is particularly beneficial for users with unique or advanced research projects requiring specialized digital skills.

Librarian-led classes are also being delivered by many libraries in collaboration with academic departments. Librarians partner with faculty to incorporate digital literacy training directly into coursework, helping students build subject-specific digital competencies and learn how to effectively incorporate e-resources into their assignments and research projects.

Impact of Library Initiatives on Digital Literacy:

Academic libraries invest in digital literacy programs to enhance access to e-resources and maximize potential. This leads to improved learning outcomes, research efficiency, and teaching quality. Students and faculty can efficiently locate and evaluate high-quality academic materials, while faculty members with strong digital literacy can guide students and integrate up-to-date resources into their teaching. This fosters a digitally literate academic community, supports lifelong learning, and advances scholarly research.

Conclusion:

Digital literacy is a crucial skill in academia, affecting the use of e-resources in academic libraries. Users with strong digital literacy can access relevant information, assess source credibility, and use advanced tools for research management. However, those with limited skills face challenges in leveraging the wealth of information available, leading to frustration and reliance on subpar resources. Academic libraries play a vital role in enhancing digital literacy through structured training programs, online tutorials, personalized support, and collaborative teaching efforts. These initiatives empower users, enhance the educational experience, and foster a culture of informed research and critical thinking. As the academic community embraces digital resources, libraries must remain proactive in promoting digital literacy. This will ensure

all users can navigate the digital landscape confidently and effectively, leading to improved learning, teaching, and research outcomes. Digital literacy will serve as a cornerstone for academic success in the digital age.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN INDIAN LIBRARIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Abstract: *The rapid growth of digital technologies has drastically changed the environment of Indian libraries, altering their functions, services, and the overall experience for users. This paper examines the effects of digital transformation on libraries in India, with a particular emphasis on the integration of emerging technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and digital repositories. It discusses how these innovations improve accessibility, operational efficiency, and resource management, while also tackling issues such as digital literacy, infrastructure limitations, and financial constraints. Additionally, the study emphasizes the role of government initiatives like the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and digitization efforts led by both academic and public libraries. By reviewing recent progress and case studies, this research sheds light on the evolving function of libraries in the digital era and suggests strategies for facilitating a smooth shift towards fully integrated digital library systems. The findings provide valuable insights into how Indian libraries can harness digital transformation to enhance the distribution of knowledge, information accessibility, and user interaction.*

Keywords*: Digital Transformation, Indian Libraries, Library Automation, ICT, Digital Resources, Government Policies*

Introduction:

Historically, libraries in India have served as physical repositories for books, manuscripts, and academic resources. However, the swift advancement of digital technologies has reshaped their function, enabling the integration of cutting-edge technologies to streamline library operations, increase accessibility, and foster greater user engagement. Technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, and blockchain are being utilized to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of libraries across India. Digital repositories, e-learning platforms, and virtual reference services are now embedded in library systems to meet the changing demands of users. Open-access initiatives and digital libraries at institutions are critical in closing the knowledge gap, especially in rural and underserved regions.

Government initiatives, including the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), DELNET, INFLIBNET, and e-ShodhSindhu, have played a pivotal role in driving the digital transformation of libraries. Despite these efforts, challenges like inadequate digital infrastructure, insufficient funding, a lack of trained staff, and gaps in digital literacy still hinder the widespread adoption of digital technologies. Public libraries, particularly those in rural areas, often face issues like poor internet connectivity and limited access to necessary digital resources.

The importance of digital transformation in libraries has become even more apparent in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, which hastened the need for online education and digital access to information. This research paper examines the changing landscape of digital transformation in Indian libraries, highlighting key technologies, challenges, opportunities, and policy interventions. It offers suggestions for improving digital adoption, ensuring inclusivity,

and addressing existing challenges to create a sustainable and efficient library ecosystem in the digital age.

Objectives of the Research :

1) To analyze the impact of digital transformation in Indian libraries and explore the opportunities, challenges, and future prospects of integrating digital technologies into library systems.
2) To examine the current state of digital transformation in Indian libraries
3) To identify key technologies driving digital transformation
4) To assess the impact of government initiatives on library digitization
5) To evaluate the benefits of digital transformation in libraries

Literature Review:

The digital transformation of Indian libraries has been widely explored in scholarly research, with studies spanning from the early 2000s to the present, documenting the evolution of digital library initiatives, challenges, and emerging trends. Mahesh (2008) provided one of the earliest overviews of digital library initiatives in India, emphasizing the growth of digitization efforts post-1995 and their advantages. Agrawal (2024) explored the interplay between technology, education, and information access, outlining both opportunities and challenges in the transition from traditional librarianship to digital services.Several studies focused on the practical aspects of this transformation. Bhabhor (2023) analyzed the challenges faced by libraries in adapting to new technologies and proposed strategies within Information and Library Science to address them. Meena (2024) examined ICT applications in college libraries, offering best practices for improving services. The perspectives of librarians were explored in Kumari (2023), who assessed digital literacy, ICT integration challenges, and perceived benefits. Technological advancements, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), have also been recognized as crucial for library modernization. Hussain (2023) detailed AI's transformative role in library services, including intelligent information retrieval and enhanced decision-making in research.Collectively, these studies highlight significant advancements in digital library initiatives while also identifying persistent challenges such as infrastructure limitations, metadata management, and the need for standardized practices. The research underscores the necessity of continued strategic efforts, policy support, and technological innovations to fully realize the potential of digital transformation in Indian libraries.

Research Methodology:

This research seeks to examine the digital transformation of Indian libraries by employing a mixed-method approach, integrating both qualitative and quantitative research methods. It focuses on evaluating the current state of digital transformation, the influence of emerging technologies, the challenges and opportunities involved in adopting digital technologies, and the effects of government initiatives on the growth of digital libraries. Data has been gathered through surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions. Additionally, the study reviews existing literature, government reports, and online databases to gain insights into trends and best practices in the adoption of digital libraries.

Digital Transformation in Indian Libraries:

Digital transformation in libraries represents a fundamental shift aimed at improving access to information, automating workflows, and enhancing user experience. In India, this transformation is vital for modernizing libraries, making information more accessible, and streamlining library operations. The adoption of key technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, blockchain, and digital repositories is driving these changes in Indian libraries.

The demand for digital transformation in Indian libraries has been fueled by the rising need for online learning and remote research, technological progress, government initiatives, the effects of the pandemic, and the desire to preserve knowledge. Important technologies driving this shift include cloud computing, AI and machine learning, big data analytics, blockchain, digital repositories, open access platforms, and the Internet of Things (IoT).

Numerous government and institutional efforts are advancing the digital transformation of Indian libraries, such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network Centre), DELNET (Developing Library Network), e-ShodhSindhu (which provides access to e-journals, databases, and scholarly resources), Shodhganga (a digital repository for Indian theses and dissertations), and the Digital Library of India (DLI). These initiatives aim to make information universally accessible and enhance the efficiency of knowledge sharing.

Despite these efforts, Indian libraries face several obstacles in embracing digital technologies, including limited digital infrastructure, funding challenges, digital literacy gaps, concerns regarding data security and privacy, resistance to change, and issues related to copyright and licensing.

The advantages of digital transformation in Indian libraries include enhanced accessibility, more efficient information retrieval, cost savings, preservation of rare materials, and improved opportunities for learning and research. Future prospects of digital transformation in these libraries include the integration of AI and automation, expansion of open access initiatives, the use of blockchain for copyright management, enhanced mobile and cloud-based library services, and the introduction of virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) technologies.

Government policies and increased investment in digital infrastructure will play a critical role in ensuring that all libraries, including those in remote regions, benefit from these advancements. The future of Indian libraries depends on embracing digital technologies to establish smart, inclusive, and globally connected knowledge hubs.

Digital Initiatives in Indian Libraries:

Libraries are integral to the spread of knowledge and research, and digital technologies have enabled Indian libraries to modernize through various government-driven and institutional efforts. These initiatives aim to improve accessibility, resource sharing, and academic

cooperation, while also ensuring the preservation of valuable academic and research materials for future generations.

Significant initiatives include the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), launched by the Ministry of Education as part of the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). The NDLI provides access to millions of educational resources, including books, research papers, articles, and multimedia content, catering to students, researchers, and academicians across various disciplines, with materials available in multiple languages.

Shodhganga, a digital repository developed by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, hosts and provides open access to research theses and dissertations from Indian universities. This initiative promotes transparency and enhances the quality of research by making scholarly work accessible to a broader audience.

DELNET, founded in 1988, is a vital initiative aimed at connecting libraries across India to enable resource sharing and interlibrary loans. It offers a unified platform for member libraries to access and share bibliographic databases, books, journals, and research materials, enriching the research experience and fostering collaboration among institutions.

INFLIBNET, an autonomous inter-university center under the University Grants Commission (UGC), supports access to electronic resources and library automation in academic institutions. It manages several sub-projects, such as Shodhganga and E-ShodhSindhu, which aim to improve digital access to scholarly resources.

E-ShodhSindhu, initiated by the Ministry of Education, provides academic institutions with access to high-quality electronic journals, e-books, and databases. With the help of digital technology, Indian libraries are transforming into dynamic knowledge hubs that address the diverse needs of students, researchers, and academicians.

Challenges in Digital Transformation of Indian Libraries :

Indian libraries encounter numerous obstacles in their digital transformation, especially in rural and semi-urban regions. These challenges include inadequate infrastructure, the digital divide, a shortage of skilled professionals, copyright and licensing issues, and concerns about data security and privacy.

Inadequate infrastructure is a major barrier to the implementation of digital services like e-books, online databases, and automated cataloging systems. The lack of sufficient funding for technological upgrades and maintenance exacerbates this issue, limiting the reach and effectiveness of digital library initiatives.

The digital divide continues to be a significant obstacle to the widespread adoption of digital library services. While urban areas have experienced substantial improvements in digital literacy and internet access, rural areas still face challenges with limited technology access. Socio-economic inequalities also contribute to this divide, as individuals from lower-income backgrounds often lack the necessary devices or internet connections to utilize digital library resources.

A shortage of skilled professionals is another critical challenge in the library sector, particularly in areas like digital cataloging, cybersecurity, and database management. Traditional librarians often lack formal training in managing digital resources, and opportunities for upskilling are often scarce. Without sufficient human resources, even well-funded digital transformation efforts may struggle to achieve their desired results.

Copyright and licensing issues present another hurdle in the digital transformation process for libraries. Many digital resources, such as e-books, research papers, and academic journals, are protected by stringent copyright laws and expensive licensing agreements. Libraries must navigate complex legal frameworks to ensure they can provide lawful access to digital content without violating copyright laws.

Data security and privacy are critical concerns as libraries store significant amounts of sensitive user data. Many libraries lack robust cybersecurity measures, leaving them vulnerable to data breaches and unauthorized access. Strong policies regarding data privacy and user consent are essential to safeguard library users' information and prevent misuse.

Addressing these challenges is vital for Indian libraries to transform into modern, accessible knowledge centers that effectively serve the diverse needs of their users.

Opportunities and Future Prospects in the Digital Transformation of Indian Libraries :

The digital transformation of libraries in India offers a wealth of opportunities for improving knowledge accessibility, research capabilities, and library management. By harnessing advanced technologies and adopting innovative strategies, Indian libraries can improve their services and extend their reach. Some of the key opportunities include greater accessibility, enhanced research and learning, integration with emerging technologies, collaborative resource sharing, and policy support.

One of the main benefits of digital libraries is improved accessibility, as they provide round-the-clock access to information from anywhere, which is particularly valuable for students, researchers, and professionals in remote or underserved regions. These platforms can also offer content in various languages, ensuring that information is available to a wide range of users across India.

Digital libraries are essential resources for academic and research communities, offering access to vast global knowledge, such as digitized historical documents, scientific papers, open-access journals, and educational videos. This access fosters increased research output, encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and promotes lifelong learning. Interactive learning tools like virtual labs and multimedia tutorials significantly enhance comprehension and knowledge retention.

The integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, cloud computing, and VR/AR can further improve library management and the user experience. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants can help users navigate digital resources, suggest relevant books, and respond to inquiries efficiently. Blockchain ensures transparency and reliability in managing digital rights, while cloud computing provides seamless storage, retrieval, and sharing of digital content. VR/AR can offer immersive educational experiences.

Another significant benefit of digital libraries is collaborative resource sharing. By joining digital networks and consortia, libraries can collectively access and distribute knowledge, reducing redundancy and maximizing cost efficiency. Initiatives like Institutional Repositories, Inter-Library Loan Systems, and Open Educational Resources (OER) support both students and educators.

The Indian government has launched several policies and initiatives to foster the development of digital libraries, such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), E-ShodhSindhu, the Digital India Programme, and initiatives from the UGC and AICTE. As India continues to transition towards a digital-first knowledge ecosystem, libraries will play a pivotal role in democratizing education, advancing research, and preserving cultural heritage for future generations.

Conclusion:

The digital transformation is revolutionizing Indian libraries, bridging the gap between traditional knowledge repositories and modern technological innovations. By integrating digital resources, cloud-based systems, and emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain, libraries can significantly enhance accessibility, boost research capabilities, and offer smoother user experiences. However, challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, the digital divide, a shortage of skilled manpower, and concerns over data security must be addressed for the transformation to succeed. Collaborative efforts among government agencies, academic institutions, and technology providers are essential in overcoming these barriers. Initiatives like the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), E-ShodhSindhu, and the Digital India Programme are already laying the foundation for a more inclusive and resource-rich digital ecosystem. Moving forward, the future of Indian libraries depends on their ability to adapt to evolving technological advancements while staying true to their core mission of knowledge dissemination. By strategically investing in infrastructure, training professionals, and ensuring equitable access to digital resources, libraries can transform into vibrant knowledge hubs, benefiting both current and future generations. The digital transformation of libraries is more

than an upgrade; it is a critical step in empowering education, research, and lifelong learning in the digital era.

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HYBRID LIBRARIES: INTEGRATING PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL RESOURCES

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Abstract : *A digital library is a combination of text, numbers, scanned photos, graphics, audio and video recordings that allow customers to easily access information from digital collections. Recent advances in computer storage and processors, communication technology, e-products, networking and internet usage have radically changed the way libraries and their services operate. The current study discusses a working collection of textbooks, documents, newspapers and audiovisual resources. Stored and organized in a library where anyone can read them. Information and communication technology (ICT) has had a significant impact on libraries. The concept of traditional libraries has changed in which printed and paper materials are the primary components of the system. Libraries are transforming into digital libraries to meet the immense information explosion and the increasing demand for information. With the digitization of library materials and the rapid advancement of technology, a new type of library has emerged: the virtual library. Most of us are often confused by the jargon of libraries. In this work, we try to explain the language used in these libraries in a professional manner. Such libraries will increase the efficiency of education in the coming times.*

Keywords: *Hybrid Library, Physical and Digital Integration, Library Technology, Digital Resources, Library Management Systems (LMS), Open Access Resources.*

1. Introduction

A hybrid library seamlessly integrates physical and digital resources to provide users with a comprehensive and flexible learning environment. It combines traditional print collections with digital databases, e-books, and online journals, providing increased accessibility and convenience. Using technology, hybrid libraries meet the needs of diverse users, enabling remote access to information while maintaining the value of physical collections. This integration supports research, teaching, and lifelong learning by providing multiple formats for information retrieval. As libraries evolve, hybrid models bridge the gap between traditional and digital resources, ensuring inclusivity, efficiency, and adaptability in the modern information landscape.

2. Evolution of Library Systems

Library systems have evolved from the clay tablets of ancient Mesopotamia to the Alexandrian scrolls, medieval manuscript collections, and the printing press revolution. 19th-century public libraries expanded access, followed by digital catalogs and online databases. Today, AI, cloud storage, and e-books shape modern library services, increasing global access to information.

3. Components of a Hybrid Library

- Physical Collections – Books, journals, newspapers.
- Digital Resources – E-books, databases, online journals.

- Library Management System (LMS) – Cataloging and circulation.
- Computing Infrastructure – Servers, cloud storage.
- User Services – Reference desks, online help.
- Networking & Access – Wi-Fi, remote login.

4. Benefits of a Hybrid Library Model

The hybrid library model combines digital and physical resources, providing greater accessibility, convenience, and efficiency. It supports remote access, enhances research capabilities, reduces space constraints, and allows for cost-effective resource management. Hybrid libraries enhance inclusivity, collaboration, and sustainability while preserving traditional reading experiences with modern technological advancements.

5. Challenges and Limitations

- Digital Divide and Access Inequality
- Copyright and Licensing Issues
- Preservation of Digital and Physical Resources
- User Adaptation and Training

6. Case Studies of Successful Hybrid Libraries

- Examples from Universities, Public Libraries, and Research Institutes
- Best Practices in Implementation and Resource Management

7. Future Trends in Hybrid Libraries

- AI and Machine Learning in Library Management
- Virtual and Augmented Reality in Research
- Open Access and Collaborative Resource-Sharing

Conclusion

The hybrid library model represents a significant evolution in the way information is stored, accessed, and accessed. By integrating physical and digital resources, these libraries provide a flexible and inclusive learning environment that supports teaching, research, and lifelong learning. Rapid advances in technology, including AI, cloud computing, and open-access initiatives, are further shaping the future of library services.

Despite challenges such as digitalization, copyright issues, and resource conservation, hybrid libraries are increasing accessibility and efficiency in information management. As technology evolves, hybrid libraries will play a critical role in bridging the gap between traditional and digital information, ensuring that knowledge remains widely available and adaptable to the needs of diverse users.

By adopting best practices in library management and leveraging emerging technologies, institutions can create sustainable and user-friendly hybrid libraries that contribute to the advancement of education and research in the digital age.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL SKILLS AND DIGITA LLITERACY IN THE LIBRARY PROFESSION

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Abstract : *The rapid evolution of technology has transformed the library sciences profession. Today, library professionals must possess a comprehensive understanding of technical skills and digital literacy to manage, preserve, and disseminate information effectively. These skills ensurelibraries continue toserveas centreforlearning, research, and community engagement in the digital age. This article examines the significance of technical skills and digital literacy in library sciences, outlining their historical development, current relevance, challenges, and need for continuous research and training.Furthermore, it explores futured irections for the integration of technology in library sciences and how the profession can adapt to emerging trends.*

Keywords:*Technicalskills,digitalliteracy,librarysciencеprofession.*

Introduction

The library sciences profession has undergone substantial transformations due to advancements in technology and the increasing demand for digital content. Library professionals, traditionally skilled in cataloguing and information retrieval, now face the necessityofmasteringawiderangeoftechnicaltools,digitalresources,andsoftwaresystems. The importance of technical skills and digital literacy extends beyond just using new technologies; it includes understanding how to assess, manage, and protect information in a digital ecosystem.

In an era where data is omnipresent and technology is continuously evolving, the role of libraries has expanded beyond physical collections to include digital archives, online databases, and even virtual learning environments. Therefore, the need for digital literacy and technical expertise among library professionals is now a central concern.

Definition:

Technical Skills: "Technical skills are the abilities and knowledge needed to perform specific tasks. They are practical, and often relate to mechanical, information technology, mathematical, or scientific tasks. (Schwalbe, K, 2015).

Literacy: "Digital literacy" "Digital literacy is the ability to effectively and critically navigate, evaluate, and create information using a range of digital technologies. It requires a working

knowledge of current high-technology, and an understanding of how it can be used. (Hockly, N., & Dudeney, G, 2014).

History

The relationship between libraries and technology can be traced back to the advent of the printing press. However, the modern-day transformation began in the mid-20th century withtheintroductionofcomputersintothelibraryenvironment.Inthe1960sand1970s, automatedcataloguingsystemsbeganreplacingcardcatalogues.The1990ssawtheriseofthe internet, which radically altered the way information was stored and accessed. More recently, libraries have embraced cloud computing, big data analytics, and open-access platforms to enhance their services.

The growth of digital media and the increasing reliance on electronic databases have madedigitalliteracy anecessityinlibraries.Theroleofdigitalliteracyinlibraries firstgained academic attention in the early 2000s, coinciding with the expansion of online databases and the rise of eBooks, digital libraries, and other digital resources (Lupton, 2014).

Literature Review

The literature on the importance of technical skills and digital literacy in library sciences reflects thetransformation oflibraries in thedigital age.Thefollowing reviewsynthesizes the key findings from the provided references, highlighting the evolution of library technology, digital competencies, and their impact on library services and staff.

Borgman (2007) discusses the integration of digital technologies into scholarly communication and library management, highlighting the challenges of preserving digital content and ensuring the integrity of information systems. Similarly, Casey and Savastinuk (2006) emphasize the concept of Library 2.0, which focuses on user participation and technology integration, arguing that library staff must become proficient in emerging digital toolslikesocialmediatoenhanceuserengagement. Dempsey and Maloney (2016) identify a gap between the skills taught in library schools and those needed in the professional workforce,advocatingforcurriculumreformstointegratetechnical skilldevelopment.Farkas (2017) also emphasizes the role of social media in modern library services, advocating for training in social media management. Gorman (2013) and Heath (2015) underscore the necessity of technical expertise in areas such as digital archiving and data management, and theimportanceofprioritizingstafftrainingindigitalliteracydespite funding constraints.

Moreover,Johnson(2020)highlightstheimportanceofdataprivacyandsecurityinlibrary settings, emphasizingtheneed fordigital literacy related to datasecurity. Lai and Liao (2018) suggest comprehensive professional development programs to address the need for digital skills in areas such as e-resources management and digital curation. Liu and Zhang (2021) explore how libraries can support open access initiatives, stressing the importance of digital literacy in open-access publishing. Tennant (2017) examines the future of library technology, advocating for the integration ofAI and machine learning in library services and

highlighting the need for technical skills in these areas. Winn (2018) discusses the potential of augmented reality(AR)andvirtualreality(VR)inlibraries,emphasizingtheneedfortechnicalknowledge to implement and maintain these technologies effectively. Collectively, these studies underscore the critical role of technical skills and digital literacy in the evolving landscape of library sciences.

ResearchMethodology

The research methodology for this article employs a qualitative research approach, supplemented by literature review and case study analysis. This methodology is appropriate for exploring the evolving role of technical skills and digital literacy in the library sciences profession, as it allows for in-depth exploration of existing knowledge, theories, and practical applications.

The research methodology employs a qualitative approach, complemented by literature review and case study analysis, to explore the role of technical skills and digital literacy in librarysciences.Theliteraturereviewsynthesizescurrentknowledge,identifyinggaps,trends, challenges, and opportunities, using sources from trusted databases like Google Scholar and JSTOR. Case study analysis provides practical examples of how libraries have implemented technicalskillstraininganddigitalliteracyprograms,demonstratingeffectivemodelsforstaff professional development. Although not included in this article, future research could incorporate surveys or interviews with library professionals to gather primary data on their experiences. Content analysis of reports and educational materials will identify patterns and best practices in teaching technical skills and digital literacy within library science curricula.

ResearchObjectives

The primary objectives of this research article are:

Evaluate the Importance of Technical Skills and Digital Literacy: This objectiveseeks to establish the significance of technical skills and digital literacy in enhancing library services, information retrieval, digital archiving, and user engagement.

xplore the Historical Evolution of Technology in Libraries: This objective aims to track the technological transformations within libraries, from the introduction of computers to digital resources, and highlight key milestones.

Identify Challenges in Acquiring Digital Literacy: This objective examines barriers faced by library professionals in acquiring digital literacy, including resource constraints, insufficient training programs, and rapid technological advancements, and explores potential solutions.

Assess the Current State of Digital Literacy in Library Education: This objective evaluates the incorporation of digital literacy and technical skills training in library science education and identifies gaps between academic competencies and professional requirements.

Investigate the Role of Libraries in Promoting Digital Literacy Among Users: This objective explores how libraries empower users to navigate the digital world, especially underserved communities, and ensure equitable access to technology and information.

explore Future Trends and Directions in Digital Literacy and Library Sciences: Thisobjectiveidentifiesemergingtrendslikeartificialintelligence,machinelearning,and virtual reality, and discusses their impact on future library services and required competencies.

Suggest Strategies for Implementing Technical Skills and Digital LiteracyPrograms: The final objective proposes strategies for enhancing staff technical skills and digital literacy through professional development programs, collaborations with educational institutions, and open-access resources.

Significance

Information Management: Digital tools such as integrated library systems (ILS),content management software, and electronic resource management help library professionals manage large amounts of digital information efficiently (Gorman, 2013).

Preservation of Digital Content: Digital literacy is crucial for preserving digital content by understanding metadata standards, digital archiving methods, and backup systems, ensuring digital assets are protected from technological obsolescence (Borgman, 2007).

Facilitating User Engagement: Proficiency in digital systems is essential for librarystaff to assist users effectively, as libraries have become digital information hubs providing access to digital resources, online catalogues, and databases (Casey & Savastinuk, 2006).

Research and Collaboration: Digital literacy is vital for librarians supporting research, as research increasingly relies on digital tools for data analysis, content sharing, and collaboration, extending to the importance of digital reference services (Tennant, 2017).

Equity in Access to Information: Libraries ensure equitable access to information, and digital literacy equips library staff to help underserved communities develop the skills needed to navigate and participate in the digital world (American Library Association, 2018).

Challenges

Constant Technological Change: One of the primary challenges faced by library professionals is keeping up with the fast pace of technological advancement. Continuous learningandprofessionaldevelopmentarerequiredtostayupdatedonnew tools, systems, and best practices (Farkas, 2017).

Resource Constraints: Many libraries, especially in public and rural areas, may have limited budgets to invest in technology and training. This can hinder the ability of library staff to acquire the necessary technical skills (Heath, 2015).

Digital Divide: There remains a significant gap between those who have access to the necessary technology and those who do not. Libraries must bridge this divide, both for their users and their staff, ensuring equal access to technology and training

Privacy and Security Concerns: As libraries manage sensitive information, they must also understand the nuances of digital security and privacy laws. This presents an additional challenge for library professionals in an increasingly connected world.

Need for Research

There is a growing need for research into the effective implementation of technical skills and digital literacy training in library science education and practice. Studies show that there is a gap between the skills taught in library schools and the skills needed in professional practice (Dempsey & Maloney, 2016). Research is also required to better understand how library staff can develop and retain digital competencies amidst rapid technological change. Furthermore, the effectiveness of different training methods, such as workshops, online courses, or on-the-job training, needs to be explored (Lai & Liao, 2018).

Implementation

To address the need for technical skills and digital literacy, libraries can implement the following strategies:

Professional Development Programs: Libraries should offer regular workshops, webinars, and conferences focused on emerging technologies and digital trends. These programs will help staff stay abreast of developments in areas such as digital archiving, eBooks, and web-based reference services.

Collaborations with Academic Institutions: Libraries can collaborate with universities and other educational institutions to develop curricula that integrate both traditional library science and technical skills, preparing future librarians for the evolving needs of the profession.

Self-Directed Learning: Encouraging librarians to engage in self-directed learning through online platforms like Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, or other tech-related courses can help them develop proficiency in specific tools and systems.

FutureDirections

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning: Libraries will increasingly rely on AItomanagecollections,recommendresources,andenhanceuserexperiences.Technical skills related toAI and data analytics will become vital for future librarians.

Digital Curation and Open Access: The growing emphasis on open access publishing and digital curation will require libraries to expand their knowledge of these concepts and how they can support them (Liu & Zhang, 2021).

IntegrationofAugmentedandVirtualReality: AsimmersivetechnologieslikeARand VR become more common, libraries will need to integrate these into their services, offering new ways for patrons to engage with resources (Winn, 2018).

Conclusion

Thesignificanceoftechnicalskillsanddigitalliteracyinthelibrarysciencesprofession isparamount aslibraries transition intothedigitalage.Libraryprofessionals must continually evolve to incorporate new technologies, overcome training challenges, and invest in research andcollaboration.Thisevolutionensureslibrariesremainpillarsofknowledgeandcommunity support. The literature emphasizes the central role of technical skills and digital literacy in managing digital collections, engaging users, and ensuring resource security. Despite challengeslikelimitedresourcesandthedigitaldivide,ongoingprofessionaldevelopmentand emerging technologies such asAI and VR will reshape the profession, making digital literacy essential for library education and practice. The article provides actionable recommendations for developing digital literacy competencies to meet evolving demands.

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THE ROLE OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract: *This paper examines the transformative influence of Open Educational Resources (OER) in global education, highlighting their role in reshaping research, teaching, and learning. OER, freely available online, provide invaluable opportunities for both learners and educators worldwide, with platforms such as offering significant access to educational content. The paper classifies OER into categories including online courses, e-books, academic journals, and multimedia, and explores their pivotal role in promoting innovation, accessibility, and equitable learning across the globe. By emphasizing the contributions of prominent OER platforms, this study underscores the potential of OER to enhance educational outcomes on a global scale.*

Keywords : *Open Educational Resources (OER), SWAYAM, DOAJ, DOAB, National Geographic Kids*

Aim and Objectives

- To explore the impact of open-access educational resources on global education.
- To assess the advantages of integrating OER in research, teaching, and learning

Methodology

This research adopts a qualitative approach, utilizing case studies and secondary data from reputable sources, such as academic journals, government reports, and educational organizations. The study analyzes existing OER platforms, repositories, and educational initiatives, showcasing their role in various educational settings

Introduction

Open Access Educational Resources (OER) are reshaping education by providing free access to materials that can be used, modified, and shared globally. These resources include textbooks, articles, research papers, multimedia content, and software that are available to everyone with internet access.

In the digital age, OER lowers educational barriers, providing high-quality resources without the cost of traditional textbooks or subscriptions. These resources not only benefit students but also empower educators with customizable materials that can be adapted to various teaching contexts. The collaborative nature of OER promotes innovation, knowledge sharing, and contributes to the advancement of education globally. As technology evolves, the importance of OER in fostering inclusive, equitable, and accessible learning experiences will continue to grow.

The Open Education Movement

The Open Education Movement promotes transparency, collaboration, and inclusivity to tackle global educational challenges. This movement supports the creation and distribution of resources that are universally accessible, with a focus on overcoming barriers related to geography, economy, and society. Key initiatives within this movement include:

- Open Source Software

- Open Knowledge
- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Open Data, Open Research, and Open Content

What is Open Access E-Resources?

Open Access (OA) refers to the free availability of academic materials, enabling users to access, share, and reuse them without financial constraints. These materials range from peer-reviewed articles and e-books to teaching resources and research data. OA content is provided without subscriptions or pay walls, ensuring free and legal access. As Peter Sober defines it, Open Access literature is "digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions."

Key characteristics of Open Access e-resources include:

- **Free Access**: No cost for accessing the full text.
- **Public Availability**: Openly available to global users through OA platforms and repositories.
- **Creative Commons Licenses**: OA content often uses licenses that allow sharing, reuse, and remixing under specific conditions.
- **Enhanced Collaboration**: Open resources contribute to knowledge sharing across disciplines, fostering research, education, and innovation.

Open-Access Repositories and Platforms Overview:

1. . National Digital Library of India (NDLI):

NDLI is a government initiative aimed at making educational resources accessible to all. It serves as a vast repository of academic content, ranging from books to research papers and multimedia, supporting learners across India.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Free access to educational materials for students and researchers.
- **Variety of Resources:** Textbooks, research papers, videos, and more.
- **Multilingual Search:** Content available in multiple languages and formats.
- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with universities and research institutions to digitize resources.
- **Digital Preservation:** Ensures long-term accessibility of academic content.

2. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ):

The DOAJ is a comprehensive online directory providing access to high-quality, peer-reviewed open access journals across a variety of disciplines. Launched in 2003, it aims to promote the visibility and accessibility of open access research globally.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Freely accessible journals with no subscription or payment barriers.
- **Quality Assurance:** Rigorous evaluation of journals for editorial quality and peer review.
- **Wide Coverage:** Includes diverse subjects, from sciences to humanities.
- **Search and Filter Options:** Allows for customized searches by subject, language, publisher, and country.
- **Advocacy:** Supports the global movement for open access to academic research.

3. Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB):

The DOAB provides free access to thousands of peer-reviewed academic books, offering valuable

resources for both the academic community and the general public.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** All books are freely available for reading and downloading.
- **Peer-Reviewed:** Books are reviewed for academic rigor before being listed.
- **Searchable Database:** Search by title, author, publisher, and more.
- **Metadata:** Detailed information on each book, including abstracts and licensing details.
- **Wide Subject Range:** Covers disciplines like social sciences, humanities, and more.

4. e-Gyankosh:

Managed by IGNOU, e-Gyankosh is a digital platform offering open educational resources for distance learning in India. It hosts a wide range of academic content across subjects like humanities, science, and social sciences.

Key Features:

- **Open Access:** Provides freely accessible course materials and educational resources.
- **Supporting ODL:** Designed to enhance open and distance learning across India.

5. SWAYAM:

SWAYAM is a platform developed by the Government of India to offer free online courses from school to postgraduate levels, aiming to improve access to quality education for underserved populations.

Key Features:

- **Wide Range of Courses:** Covers subjects from engineering to humanities.
- **Interactive Learning:** Includes quizzes, discussions, and assignments.
- **Free and Paid Options:** Free access to courses with paid certification options.
- **Certification:** Allows learners to earn certificates, which are recognized by institutions.

6. EPG Pathshala:

EPG Pathshala provides online courses for postgraduate students, primarily in India, aligning with university curricula to offer interactive learning tools and resources.

Key Features:

- **Curriculum-Aligned Content:** Courses designed according to Indian university syllabi.
- **Interactive Tools:** Includes quizzes, assignments, and self-assessments.
- **Accessibility:** Freely available to students, particularly those in remote areas.

7. National Geographic Kids:

National Geographic Kids is an educational platform offering engaging content for children aged 6-14. It covers a range of topics like animals, geography, and environmental issues through fun and interactive media.

Key Features:

- **Engaging Content:** Educational articles, stunning visuals, and interactive games.
- **Focus on Nature and Science:** Promotes environmental awareness and exploration.

8. Khan Academy:

Khan Academy provides free online educational resources, including instructional videos and practice exercises, catering to learners from elementary school to college level.

Key Features:

- **Wide Range of Subjects:** Includes math, science, humanities, and economics.
- **Personalized Learning:** Features dashboards to track progress.
- **Free Access:** All content is freely available, with no financial barriers.

9. MIT Open Course Ware (OCW):

MIT OCW offers free access to a wide range of educational materials from MIT courses, including lecture notes, assignments, and multimedia content.

Key Features:

- **Free Access:** No registration or payment required for materials.
- **Variety of Courses:** Available across disciplines such as engineering, physics, and humanities.
- **Self-Paced Learning:** Content is available for learners to study at their own pace.

10. OpenStax:

OpenStax offers peer-reviewed, openly licensed textbooks that are freely available to college students. The platform's mission is to reduce the financial barriers to quality education.

Key Features:

- **Free Textbooks:** Covers a wide range of subjects including physics, economics, and biology.
- **Peer-Reviewed:** Textbooks are carefully reviewed for academic quality.

Other Educational Resources:

Numerous additional free online educational resources exist, supporting diverse learning styles and subjects. These platforms aim to make learning accessible and enhance the educational experience for individuals of all ages.

Outcomes:

The research underscores the significant global impact of Open Educational Resources (OER) in reshaping education by providing accessible, high-quality materials that break down financial and geographic barriers. OER enhances equity by offering free resources to underserved and remote populations, fostering inclusive learning environments. It promotes innovation and collaboration by enabling educators and learners to adapt and share content, supporting diverse teaching and learning styles. The study highlights how OER improve teaching and learning by offering customizable, engaging content. Additionally, OER play a vital role in lifelong learning, offering ongoing educational opportunities across all life stages. OER also contribute to sustainable educational development through initiatives like the National Digital Library of India, ensuring long-term access to valuable materials. Finally, by offering open access to research, OER encourage collaboration and transparency within the academic community.

Conclusion:

Open-access educational resources are revolutionizing global education by providing free, high-quality learning materials. The growing availability of OER offers lifelong learning opportunities and promotes educational equity. Integrating OER into academic curricula supports better accessibility and long-term preservation of scholarly work, enhancing opportunities for learners of all backgrounds. As the use of OER continues to expand, it will play a crucial role in shaping the future of education, making knowledge accessible to all. The paper presents a comprehensive view of how Open Educational Resources are revolutionizing education by promoting accessibility, equity, collaboration, and innovation across the globe.

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INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCY USER RELATION OF MODERN LIBRARIES

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Abstracts : *Information Literacy Competency & Libraries demonstrates why libraries are so important because it instructs users how to find and understand information in a modern digital world. Effective development of skills assures that the academic field and professional sphere are not setbacks but successes, and assures personal development as a success story. Today, there are emerging educational programs that teach information literacy competencies to learners who are capable of arming themselves with tools to explore the Complex Info-Role in Lifelong Learning landscape. Public libraries therefore occupy an essential space in the fight for the promotion and defence of lifelong learning through their essential services. Information literacy competency is of great importance in this role as it empowers people the ability to both get information and select options and meet today's information needs.*

Key Word: - *Information Literacy Competency, User Relation, Modern Libraries & Society*

Introduction

Information literacy enables the evolution of technologies from artificial intelligence to machine learning and big data to become understandable as it teaches people how to use current tools on new information formats. Promoting Lifelong Learning: Through information literacy people are taught to refresh and upgrade their learning capabilities through their lifecycle so the culture of lifelong learning is developed. This advancement is driven by library leadership in giving anyone at any age access to learning services. Guiding Ethical Information Use: Through guidance libraries help their users build ethical practices for proper source citation and intellectual property regulations. But humans will become better informed while staying ethical truthful people who are responsible for what they choose to do.

1. for Students and Learners

- **Improved Research Skills**: Information literacy competencies development led to enhance how efficiently a student discovers and evaluates information which leads to improve their performance in academic research and tasks application.

- Critical Thinking Development: Information literacy mastery leads to increased critical thinking through the ability to separate the best and the worst evidence in source material and the purveying of analytical thought.

- Better Decision-Making: Students' mastery of strong information literacy competencies ensures that they acquire the ability to make both scholarly and real-life choices, by insisting on proper assessments of the reliability of the information source, and its potential biases.

2. for Educators and Academic Institutions

- Enhanced Teaching Practices: When information literacy is taught by educators, positive learning outcomes occur and students' scholarly and lifelong skills continue to grow and

develop. This approach succeeds in delivering more efficient instruction about such research components and writing skills as well as citation standards.

- **Support for Curriculum Integration**: Together with their librarians, libraries and their librarians' partner with educational staff to weave information literacy skills directly into the curriculum and make the use of library resources practical for students in separate university semester subjects.

- **Improved Student Success**: The superior student success achieved by categories of institutions that include information literacy as the centre of their institutions is in recognition to the fact that proficiency in such a subject directly results in improved study results and advanced research competence as well as efficient learning strategies.

3. for Libraries and Library Professionals

- **Core Library Mission**: Library users require empowerment through literacy learning to obtain and properly assess information resources to perform this basic function of libraries. Educational hub libraries function to support their mission by teaching information literacy programs.

4. for Society and the Wider Community

- **Combating Misinformation**: In this age of information literacy is vital, because everything is dissimulated and spread with information that could be misinformation or disinformation. Library based instruction on recognizing an inaccurate material teaches users how to tell facts from opinions.

- **Supporting Democratic Participation**: Information literacy allows people to participate in civic life with the use of sound information. When we teach people how to get trustworthy political and economic and social information, we train people to make wise political and other decisions through active democracy.

- **Promoting Digital Literacy**: Information literacy in contemporary environment focuses on the digital characteristics of our contemporary environment information literature incorporates digital literacy as users learn to make use of digital tools effectively and also, as they operate in and around digital systems securely. Libraries provide individuals (especially from underserved communities) with the resourceful digital skills through library programs.

5. for the Future of Education and Workforce

- **Workplace Relevance**: Information literacy is an essential competence that is required at this time as the workplace requires a fundamental skill. Information literacy enables people to access essential data and then create excellent reports from the data, thoroughly analyzed, for job decision making.

6. for Policy and Advocacy

- **Supporting Informed Policymaking**: Well informed citizens comfortably navigate and evaluates information and can actively partake in policy debate by supporting researched choices. This includes access to the information libraries provide public from which to educate citizens about issues.

- **Influencing Educational Standards**: This necessary integration of information literacy components is a realization beyond just educators alone, but need a combination of both government officials and educators already on board to bring into cognitive and formal reality, national and international education standards.

1. Types of Information Literacy Competencies

- Digital Literacy: Knowledge of efficient digital tool operation and proper handling of digital information.

- Media Literacy: Media literacy helps people assess various forms of content, and detect falsified information as a defence mechanism for mass communication impacts.

- Data Literacy: We need to develop skills to understand and analyze information and for responsible ethical data usage practices.

- Critical Thinking in Information Evaluation: People have to understand what information applies and where the source biases lie, and in addition, they need skills to evaluate information sources for source credibility.

- Civic Literacy: Our power to review information of affairs of state together with political matters and the work of governance is democracy.

2. Role of Libraries in Promoting Information Literacy

- Library Instruction Programs: This evaluation explores the ways in which information literacy instruction is provided through workshops, tutorial sessions, and through educational online courses by different methods libraries.

- Academic Libraries' Impact on Research Skills: It is this discussion, which explores how academic libraries help students with acquisition

- Public Libraries and Information Literacy: Information literacy is served to a diversity of groups including all ages and background populations through public libraries.

- Librarians as Information Literacy Educators: While librarians still guide information literacy education that teaches users how to be proficient in using information in an effective way, information literacy education became information literacy education.

3. Libraries and Information Literacy in the Digital Age

- **Navigating the Information Overload**: Today they need libraries, to help them with the huge amount of digital content.

- **Fighting Misinformation and Disinformation**: There is an urgent need of library assistance to analyzing analytically the information accessed by the users through social media portals and digital platforms.

- The Changing Role of Libraries in the Digital Environment: Digital resources and the increase of online databases, which have transformed their core role in education and information literacy, constitute such a reason for change.

4. Challenges in Information Literacy and Libraries

- Access to Information: This paper looks at how digital divides as well as uneven availability of resources affects information retrieval for libraries and the strategies that it can use to overcome these issues.

- Information Literacy in the Age of AI: This section an analysis of how Artificial Intelligence and automated information retrieval systems will potentially disrupt the learning of information literacy skills.

- Cultural and Linguistic Challenges: The provision of information literacy programs to different communities of which their members belong to have a mix of cultural identity and multiple languages background, must be understood by library staff.

5. Best Practices for Teaching Information Literacy in Libraries

- Collaborative Learning Models: Library partnerships with educational institutions play a critical role in providing a seamless information literacy education amongst different programs in the university.

- Active Learning Strategies: Interactive educational methods combining both workshops and peer to peer learning amid practical applications are a feasible way of providing information literacy skill.

- **Assessment of Information Literacy Skills**: However, library personnel should be able to discern how well their information literacy programs work, not only in pleasing their patrons, but in advancing their educational understanding.

6. Future Directions for Information Literacy and Libraries

- **Evolving Technologies and Library Services**: Three emerging technologies can integrate to take the ability of information literacy instruction based in a library into the future: artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and virtual reality (VR).

- Global Perspectives on Information Literacy: Library approaches to instruction in information literacy in educational, social, and cultural contexts around the world.

- Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Information literacy skills are to learn by all people from all age groups and they are developing beyond formal educational experiences.

7. Ethics and Information Literacy

- Plagiarism and Academic Integrity: It teaches students about ethical information use through lessons that include lessons that teach appropriate citing practices as well as methods to prevent academic dishonesty.

-Copyright and Fair Use: In fact, the mission of libraries is to educate their users on copyright legislation and fair use in environments where there is a lot of information.

-Information Literacy Competency: Information literacy skills are a necessary part of a person's life who needs to be able to know when information is required and search for usable information which they can evaluate and use effectively. Important, people do indeed have extensive, often unreliable, initial information at their disposal.

Information literacy encompasses several key skills:

1. Identifying Information Needs: First, a person should figure out, based on this information type, what query or problem solution or information requirements can this information type answer.

2. Locating Information: At the same time, students are to learn information search methods while working with databases catalos and internet resources.

3. Evaluating Information: Exams of the quality standards and the relevance and credibility, as well as potential bias elements, of the information sources are needed in order to carry out a critical evaluation of information sources.

4. Using Information Effectively: Practical purposes identifying information that will serve as a means of help in tasks that require professionalism, solve or enhance educational progress.

5. Ethical Use of Information: Being able to learn about intellectual property rights and how to be aware of proper sources citation and plagiarism prevention strategies.

Role of Libraries in Promoting Information Literacy:

Together with all institutions with library collections, academic libraries are important learning platforms to advance information literacy skills in its student and faculty member, and broader

community members. Educational materials and guidance, plus useful research tools to develop the skill, are available through these facilities. Key roles libraries play includes.

1. Providing Access to Resources: Thousand can be found online in libraries, libraries provide collection including books, journal, databases and multimedia resources and so on. These materials have undergone a selection process that verifies both their value and reliability.

2. Teaching Information Literacy: Libraries assist their users by way of workshops and tutorials alongside one on one educational lesson to build powerful info literacy skills. Librarians train students in both search techniques and source quality assessment techniques to guard students against misinformation.

3. Supporting Research and Inquiry: Users get better research results when enlisting library expertise to learn how to use appropriate tools and fine tune their search strategy across a range of resource types, in order to draw conclusions.

4. Providing Research Guides and Tutorials: Libraries create specific subject guides and research specific guides to help users learn how to research and how they work as research tools.

5. Promoting Ethical Use of Information: A copyright instruction as well as plagiarism detection and appropriate citation conventions for legal information consumption is provided by the library staff to the patrons.

6. Creating Digital Literacy Programs: How to use electronic resources safely and appropriately and manage the use of information is taught through libraries' digital literacy initiatives and lead Navigator.

Conclusion

As a fundamental competency, libraries are actively developing world information literacy in the present world. Through its resource provisions and educational programs and operational assistance, Libraries allow users to develop critical information consumption skill and creative information generation abilities.

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Hybrid Libraries: The Next Chapter in Information Access

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Abstract: *The purpose of this article is to help readers understand the roles and competencies that librarians will require in the future to satisfy the evolving needs of library patrons. This term refers to hybrid libraries that prioritize integrating technology into their services, improving accessibility, offering services to patrons, enhancing instruction, encouraging teamwork, ensuring digital preservation, and staying up to date with emerging technologies. Transforming the function of librarians by incorporating new learning models and technology into librarianship practices. The rise of hybrid library management is a reflection of how information workers' roles and duties have changed.*

Keywords:*Blended Librarianship, Future Roles of Librarians, Evolutionary and Revolutionary Skills, Knowledge Revolution,*

Introduction

A professional who combines knowledge of new technology and digital resources with library skills is known as a hybrid librarian. The term "hybrid" describes how traditional and digital libraries combine their research methodologies. In order to improve traditional library services, hybrid libraries integrate digital tools and resources with their expertise in physical research and virtual libraries. These libraries frequently assist educational institutions in incorporating technology skills, digital literacy, and information literacy into information systems. They might collaborate with educators to create and present classes that blend digital resources with conventional science. Additionally, hybrid libraries support open-access programs, manage and organize digital collections, and keep up with emerging technologies and trends in the information industry. The idea of hybrid libraries is based on the development of libraries in the digital era, with an emphasis on offering consumers integration and combination even when they use online resources or physical libraries. The term "hybrid library management" refers to how libraries have evolved to include new technology and learning models with their traditional library operations. The rise of hybrid library management is a reflection of how information workers' roles and duties have changed. At the nexus of library practices with the growth of digital resources and technology, hybrid libraries provide a dynamic and varied approach to library services. This new approach blends a thorough awareness of the demands of the digital age with the most recent advancements in library management.

In the current era of information and digital convergence, hybrid libraries—leaders in both physical and virtual space—are crucial in developing reading materials, incorporating technology into library services, and satisfying the various needs of audiences. We comprehend the nature of hybrid library management in this study and look at how it has changed over time in the contemporary information environment.

Review of Literature

Gail Z. Eckwright and Mary K. Bolin (2001)explore the evolving role of the hybrid librarian, emphasizing the affinity between collection management and technical services in academic libraries, which is often overshadowed by the traditional alignment of subject librarians with reference services. A more flexible and collegial organizational model is advocated, where individual expertise takes precedence over rigid departmental structures. This perspective aligns with the idea that academic librarianship should function programmatically rather than within strict functional boundaries. Integrating reference and cataloguing functions has been shown to enhance service efficiency, while reorganization strategies in academic libraries increasingly favour collaborative models. Shifts in collection development emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary approaches and research-driven management, reinforcing the need for greater synergy between bibliographers and cataloguers. Such integration strengthens collection quality and service delivery, ultimately breaking down traditional library silos, fostering cross-functional collaboration, and enabling individualized assignments that maximize both organizational efficiency and professional satisfaction among librarians.

Bell (2004) introduced the concept of the "blended librarian," emphasizing the integration of traditional library skills with information technology and instructional design to actively enhance the teaching-learning process. Similarly, Sinclair (2009) explored the transformation of academic libraries into learning commons, highlighting their role as collaborative spaces that integrate digital and traditional resources. He underscored the importance of blended librarians in these settings, providing expertise and support to students and faculty.

Watstein (2008) and O'Gorman (2009) discussed the evolving role of reference services in academic libraries, advocating for a shift from traditional reference desks to blended service models that incorporate digital tools and interactive learning. These discussions align with the American Library Association's (2000) "Information Literacy Competency Standards," which emphasize the critical skills needed to evaluate, manage, and use information effectively, core objectives of hybrid library systems.

Corral, S. (2010) examined how hybrid information affects beginning and ongoing professional education through the creation of library course materials and, specifically, the use of pre-existing i-School modifications. The founders of integrative librarianship, Bell and Shank (2004), contend that for libraries to be successful, they must be receptive to new materials, knowledge, and concepts.

Cherinet (2018) identified the evolving and revolutionary roles of librarians in meeting the dynamic needs of modern library users. Using a qualitative approach and methods like the Delphi technique and in-depth interviews, the study revealed that the future role of librarians involves transforming the knowledge revolution into an informed society by reshaping and educating younger generations. The findings emphasized that a blend of passion, knowledge, cultural intelligence, and professionalism is essential for librarians to thrive in the changing landscape. Furthermore, the study highlighted the importance of "unlearning" alongside learning as a critical skill for future librarians. This research provided a unique perspective by focusing on a synergy of attributes rather than conventional skills assessments, offering valuable insights into the future demands of the profession.

A Hybrid Librarian: What Is It?

It has long been believed that librarians are the custodians of books, knowledge, and knowledge. But as technology has developed and knowledge has been digitized, librarianship has grown to be a challenging and multidimensional profession. The rise of the hybrid librarian: librarians who are educated in both digital and traditional library management.

Hybrid librarians are professionals who blend traditional library skills, such as cataloguing, reference services, and collection development, with digital expertise. They use technology to enhance library services by efficiently accessing, organizing, and distributing resources to library patrons. These librarians play a vital role in promoting digital literacy by teaching users how to evaluate information, perform effective searches, and utilize digital tools for storing and organizing information.

Adaptability and efficiency are key traits of hybrid librarians, enabling them to collaborate with other professionals—such as educators, instructional designers, and IT specialists—to create effective learning experiences. They integrate digital technologies into research and instruction while guiding others in their use. This collaborative approach ensures that libraries continue to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

A defining characteristic of hybrid librarians is their commitment to continuous learning. They stay updated on emerging trends and innovations in library management, always seeking new resources and ideas to enhance their services. As technology evolves, so do the skills required for success in the field, making hybrid librarians not only tech-savvy but also forward-thinking in their approach to library operations.

Additionally, hybrid libraries are crucial for advancing digital literacy. Hybrid libraries assist curators in working with digital resources in a world where information is abundant yet unreliable. It instructs clients on how to assess pertinent information, conduct efficient searches, and manage and organize information using digital technologies. To ensure that everyone has access to the tools they need to flourish and to help bridge the digital divide, hybrid libraries are crucial.

Blended Librarians' Purpose:

The objective of hybrid libraries is to employ technology to enhance library services and offer a better user experience that adapts to users' changing demands. The following are the particular objectives of hybrid libraries:

1. Technology integration: The primary goal of hybrid libraries is to combine digital technologies with effective and efficient library services. Digital technology should be incorporated into library services (such as instruction, collection, and use).
2. Increase accessibility: Hybrid libraries should make sure that all patrons, particularly those with impairments or who will encounter other obstacles to library use, can access their text and digital services.
3. Offering services to patrons: Hybrid libraries seek to offer services in accordance with patrons' requirements and preferences. Tothey must adhere to the standards set by the patrons in order to develop and offer a quality library service.
4. Improving instruction: By utilizing technology, hybrid libraries should aim to enhance their

instruction.
To improve learning, they must produce innovative instructional materials that use multimedia elements like films and interactive lessons.
5. Using their resources and expertise to deliver high-quality library services, hybrid libraries aim to foster cooperation between library employees and other stakeholders (such educators and IT specialists).
6. Teaching library science in a classroom setting.

Blended Librarianship: What Is It?

In January 2004, Steven Bell and John Shank originally suggested the concept of running a shared/hybrid library. In Month Four of 2004, the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Group and the Association of University and Research Libraries sponsored three workshops on hybrid library management. In November 2005, they also talked about a conference call on hybrid library management at the College of DuPage's Flying. To the symposium on excellence. With the assistance of the Learning Times Network, hybrid online learning community libraries were also introduced in April 2004. The village had a population of over 4,900 as of the middle of 2012. The College & Research Library Journal's July/August 2004 issue featured an article about the "hybrid librarian.". The phrase "Hybrid Library Management" describes how libraries have evolved to integrate contemporary technology and education with library procedures. This kind of library management places a strong emphasis on the need for librarians to possess a wide range of abilities and integrate their understanding of technology and instructional design with library procedures. It necessitates combining expertise in ethical norms and library management with information and communication technology and tools.

Blended Librarianship: Why?

1. An electrical engineer
2. Coordinator of Electronic Materials, Online Librarian, Chapter
3. Librarian of Information
4. Officer of Digitization and Copyright
5. Librarian for digital projects
6. Professionals in this industry look up to digital project managers.

Consequently, the new idea of hybrid library administration is quite advantageous for the Indian setting while taking into account the aforementioned benefits.

IFLA and Upcoming Libraries:

Professionals in information and libraries are taking on new tasks outside of libraries. Jobs will probably shift to more linked devices as well. You can outsource. There are existing businesses that pay for services like registration or supply library employees, but there are no outsourcing services for information and libraries. There may never be as much uncertainty about the future (IFLA Trends Report, 2021). Managing and providing research services, a small special library, a library branch, or a department within a bigger library are typical future duties for a copywriter or data manager. Oversee and mentor staff. Create, carry out, and oversee services to satisfy

client demands. Offer expert guidance or assistance regarding information management issues. Create suggestions for the budget;create strategic goals and general management principles. Oversee big projects like IT applications and systems in certain domains. Offers leadership, business, and management. Creating promotion and marketing plans for information management or library services. Giving guidance or advice. Given IFLA's outlook for the future, the interactive library concept must be accepted and embraced by the Indian library sector as a last resort for survival.

Conclusion:

Currently, hybrid libraries are only a concept. We don't fully comprehend its advantages or all of its repercussions, both good and bad. We believe it would be a mistake if we did not admit that we were unsure if it could be made into a notion that all college students could use. Nonetheless, we think that now is the ideal moment to take action that will strengthen the alignment of our work with higher education's mission. All of our colleagues are welcome to collaborate with us.

India's librarianship confronts numerous obstacles in the future. Management difficulties are now just as significant for libraries as concerns about technology integration and adoption. Managing change is a difficult task in and of itself. Disseminating information, allocating funds, hiring more staff, and offering technological support all require special management. To guarantee that patrons are happy with the services and information products they receive, libraries must increase their expertise. Taking advantage of professional development opportunities is the most effective and efficient method for librarians to stay current with these changes. They must possess the same level of technological sophistication as their clientele. Higher education must adopt a hybrid mind-set if it is to maintain its significant contribution to the management of knowledge and research. Consequently, the idea of hybrid In India, library management and hybrid library management ought to be embraced and viewed as advantageous for both business and library administration. This is not a curse; rather, it needs a special response. The evolution of Technology's revolutionary potential is inextricably related to hybrid librarianship. As libraries transition into the digital era, technology has emerged as a tool for offering flexible, practical, and cutting-edge services. In order to keep libraries alive, relevant, and essential in the evolving built environment, hybrid library administration combines traditional principles with contemporary resources. Technology plays a part in this transformation by not only supporting but also altering and reshaping the characteristics of the librarian of the twenty-first century.

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USE OF ICT IN DIGITAL REFERENCE SERVICES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES :A STUDY

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Abstract : *This paper investigates the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in reference services within academic libraries, with a particular focus on libraries in developing countries like Nigeria. Reference services have historically been vital in delivering library services, especially in academic institutions. The integration of ICT has brought significant changes to how these services are provided, transforming traditional reference systems.*

Despite these advancements, many libraries in developing countries have yet to fully integrate ICT into all their operations and services. This study examines the current state of ICT deployment in reference services, specifically focusing on how reference librarians' ICT skills affect service delivery.

The findings of the study indicate that academic libraries are utilizing ICT tools such as computers, the internet, and online databases to provide reference services. However, the level of ICT integration into reference services remains average. The study also reveals a significant relationship between the use of ICT and the effectiveness of reference services. Furthermore, the study addresses the gap in previous research on the use of ICT-based knowledge management (KM) tools in academic libraries, particularly in India, and offers guidelines for librarians, policymakers, and organizations like the University Grants Commission of India to enhance ICT adoption in libraries.

Key words*:- Digital reference services, information communication technology (ICT)*

Introduction

The Role of Libraries in Education and Information Systems

Libraries play a crucial role in the world's educational systems, as well as in the storage and retrieval of information. Unlike other information systems, libraries do not merely select, organize, store, and retrieve information; they also create access to information, protect intellectual freedom, and offer direct assistance and instruction to users in utilizing library resources.

In recent years, new technologies and communication tools have significantly transformed the way library services are delivered. The methods of accessing and distributing information have become far more diverse. While libraries are not at risk of being replaced, they must adopt new methods and technologies to leverage these new tools effectively.

Academic libraries, often described as the "heart" of the learning community, provide vital platforms for students and faculty to conduct research. These libraries are established to support teaching, learning, and research activities, as well as to promote a culture of knowledge-sharing within their parent institutions. Their mission is aligned with the overall objectives of these institutions, ensuring their contribution to academic success.

Key activities in academic libraries include collection development, reference services, document delivery, and access to resources (Ghuloum and Ahmed, 2011). The advent of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has had a significant impact on academic libraries, greatly enhancing their ability to access, store, and process information. Moreover, ICT has brought about substantial changes in the concept, organization, functioning, and management of library and information systems.

In many academic libraries in developed countries, Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) have largely replaced traditional card catalogs. OPACs offer enhanced search capabilities for accessing local collections and often include the holdings of other regional or area libraries. Many libraries have also created web-based interfaces for their library and information systems, which include direct links to electronic journals, books, and other internet resources (Mohsenzadeh and Isfandyari-Moghaddam, 2009).

ICT supports academic library functions and services in two key ways:

1. It provides the tools needed to acquire, organize, store, retrieve, and disseminate information (Sabashini et al., 2012).
2. It connects library users with librarians and services through web-based tools that facilitate communication and the sharing of information (Jain, 2007; Yuan et al., 2013).

Common ICT tools used in academic libraries include:

- **Communication tools**: such as email, instant messaging, telephones, teleconferencing, intranets, and videoconferencing.
- **Long-standing tools**: such as databases and institutional archives.
- **Social media tools**: including wikis and blogs.

Elements of Reference Service

There are three basic elements of the reference service:

1) The user

2)Information or Knowledge base

3)Informational professional/librarian

4)Electronic resources(including web resources, CD based resources & other digitized materials

Types of Reference Services There are two types of Digital/Virtual reference services:

1 Asynchronous :-Virtual Reference Service: It is a type of virtual reference service in which user/patron/client submits a question and the librarian responds after some time. In other words there is a time delay between the question being posed by the user and the answer being given by the librarian. Asynchronous virtual reference service takes the form of the following

1.1 Email reference service:

In this type of reference service a user sends a request in the form of email to librarian or specifically designed reference email Id by reference service section of the library. The user specifies his/her specific information need in the email. The librarian responds to the query accordingly. This is the simple, cheap & cost effective method of virtual reference service. Email reference service is the most widely service used among users as users can pose a question even if library is closed & it doesn't require any additional software to use the service. This service is available free of cost and no additional effort is required on the part of the librarian to implement the service. The email reference service is very much useful for the users have poor oral communications skill

2 Synchronous:

In synchronous digital reference service the exchange of information takes place in 'real time'with an immediate response to the question.In this case there is a live interaction between the user and the reference librarian.It is therefore called as real-time digital reference service.

2.1 Chat using instant messaging:

Instant messaging or online chat is one of the most common forms of web communication. It is more instant than an email reference service. The exchange of information between user and reference librarian takes place in real time i.e there is live communication between user and the reference librarian. In this case same scenario is adopted to answer the question as in real reference desk. The digital reference librarian prefer web based electronic resources or electronic resources as these sources are easy to access, easy to keep & easy to share with the users. Speed of this service is faster than e-mail service as the users do not need to wait for the response. This service can be offered round the clock. Reference librarian tries to keep the interaction short to prevent the system from logging off and users from getting bored while introducing themselves. This should be taken into consideration

2.2 Video based reference service/video conferencing/web camera service:

It is a video based virtual reference service. It is also called as video help. It was introduced to overcome the communication problems inculcated in text based services. This mode of communication involves visual elements where the reference librarian and the user can use both text and voice transactions & they can see & hear each other in the same manner as in face to face interview.Video conferencing is useful in distance learning, online lectures, research and reference applications. It is also useful in off campus library services of university libraries. Now a days viva voce examinations & interviews are conducted via video conferencing.

2.3 Digital/Virtual Reference Robots :

It is an artificial intelligence based service & is used to respond the questions during the unavailability of the reference librarian.The service involves the use of software to search the databases.

3 Use of ICT-based tools for communication and knowledge sharing in

ICT-Based Tools in Academic Libraries

Academic libraries are increasingly adopting various ICT-based tools to facilitate communication with their staff, library users, and other libraries. These technologies include communication channels, repositories, databases, and interactive social media platforms that enable collaboration between different roles within the library.

Almost all libraries use email and telephone calls as part of their communication systems. However, newer methods, such as videoconferencing, have also become an effective interactive communication tool. Additionally, resource discovery tools—relatively new technologies designed to search large metadata collections—are now being used to facilitate easier navigation and retrieval of information.

These ICT tools can be used by libraries to personalize outreach services, enabling them to engage more actively with users. With the help of these technologies, users can also participate in tasks that were traditionally the responsibility of the library. For example, users can contribute to cataloging through folksonomy (user-generated tags) or provide feedback on books through blogging.

4 Computerised library operations and services:

The mere availability of ICT or software in a library is not enough, unless these technologies or systems are put to use for solving problems of work environment. The indicate the functions and services of their library, which are based on ICT applications. To obtain a benchmark on the progress of implementing integrated library management system for housekeeping operations, the computerised operations in their libraries. Three libraries indicated that RFID systems for theft control in their libraries are under process. The data analysis reveals that the majority of libraries surveyed have various operations automated. Further, respondents were asked to indicate the use of ICT-based services provided by the libraries to their users. libraries provide access to in-house-developed library databases provide access to electronic resources (e-books, e-journals, e-databases, etc.) web-based reference or other information services. However, other technology-based services such as online tutorials .

1. Staff Training: Staff training includes the virtual reference training. The library staff is being trained regarding the fundamentals of virtual reference services & the means by which it is provided to users.

2. Recruting new librarians: The new recruitments are made in the libraries taking into consideration the new comers which possess extra ordinary skills in terms of providing digital reference services.

3. Interface Design: Interface design or an online reference desk is designed to allow the users to access various resources. The interface allows to provide expertise to greater number of people irrespective of their language, technical capabilities & physical impediments.

4. Prototype: Creating & Testing the Service Virtual/digital reference service need to be pre-tested before final implementation and making it available to users.

5. Legal Issues: It is mandatory for all information professionals to familiarize themselves with the current state of public information legislation in their state and when & where it affects the scope of digital reference services offered to share the information with their users.

Methods of evaluation of Digital/Virtual Reference Service

The evaluation of the service is an essential and necessary step in making the service a boon in the digital era. There are various methods of evaluation of digital reference service. They include User feedback:

The users are asked to give their feedbacks regarding the digital reference service provided by the library.

Rating:

The faculty members and staff are asked to give ratings to the services provided by the library and accordingly we can evaluate a service.

Survey and Questionnaire:

Survey by means of collecting data through questionnaires is also used as a method of evaluating digital reference service.

Interviews:

Interview method can also be used to evaluate a particular digital reference service.

Case Studies: Case studies can also be used as an effective method of evaluating digital reference service.(R. Shimray, 2018)

Conclusion:-

Digital reference services form a backbone of the information services in the libraries. They have transformed the entire skeleton of the reference services. The digital reference service has proved to be an efficient information service in the present digital era serving the users to their expectations.

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SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW ON INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES: A CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

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Abstract: *This paper coved the review the literature on Institutional Repository. This paper mainly focused on the growth and development of IR around the world. This literature review will explain the Institutional Repository started in various countries. The current study covered various aspects related to the creation and maintenance of an IR and their use in various academic and Research institutions. The study is based on the review of available literature to find out the answers of some questions like cost factures and software requirement and other infrastructure needed for creating IR.*

Keywords: *Institutional Repository (IR), Open access repository (OER), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT's), and IIM's Open Source Software's*

Introduction:

Libraries in the 21 st century are now changing its traditional methods and services to fulfill the dynamic demands of the user community by providing various modern or new technological based services and sources. Libraries are important resources for individual as well as for communities and organization. For centuries libraries have been regarded as depository of books, manuscripts, Journals, Newspapers and other forms of the printed materials. But in new technological environment process of recording the information has changed and it's reflected in the growth that is institutional repositories.

An Institutional Repository is an online archive for collecting, preserving and disseminating digital copies of the intellectual output of an institution, particularly a research institution. Institutional repository may be defined as information systems capable of capturing preserving and providing access to the intellectual output produced by the members of an institution.

Institutional repository provides tools that help faculty, students and researchers to disseminate the institutional repository work to audiences outside the institutions. The main purpose of the institutional repository is to bring together and preserve the intellectual output of laboratory departments, university, and research institute or any other institutions.

Objectives of the study:

Study is based on following Objectives:

1) To search and analyze research articles related to keywords.

2) To Review concept of Institutional Repositories mentioned in the literary work.

3) To find out factors affecting to creating or developing IR.

4) To analyze which software's used for creating IR.

Research Methodology:

This research work is non empirical and traditional in nature, where in electronic databases, print material used for searching the literary work. Time frame of the work reviewed 2002-2021. Around 25 scholarly articles were found relevant to the topic of the research paper after careful analysis.

In research work, literature review is one of the most important tasks. With the help of a literature review, we can evaluate the earlier effort and work done in the related area or subject. Literature review gives us a general idea of the research topic and helps get a better understanding of the same.

This literature review will provide a clear insight of the origin and the consequential development of the field of Institutional Repository. There is not much written about institutional repository in India. It has been hardly two decades that the term was defined properly. Within the limitation of time and available resources, the researcher has made an attempt to justify the work.

Concepts of Institutional Repositories:

Crow was the first to define the concept of IR as Institutional repositories--digital collections capturing and preserving the intellectual output of a single or multi-university community. Raym Crow, in his paper entitled 'The Case for Institutional Repositories: A SPARC Position Paper', said that increasing access to the literature is one goal of institutional repositories. He feels that, by taking at least some control over the dissemination of scholarship, repositories can increase competition in the market place and reduce the monopoly power of journals. Further he believes that institutional repositories cannot provide all of the functions of traditional publishing (registration, certification, dissemination, and archiving), whereas IRs taking the role of scholarly publishing and it may keep publications out of the hands of third-party publishers and place it back in the hands of the academy **(Crow, 2002).**

According to **Lynch (2003)** "A university based institutional repository is a set of services that a university offers to the members of its community for the management and dissemination of digital materials created by the institution and its community members.

Foster and **Gibbons (2004)** defined Institutional Repository as "an electronic system that captures preserves and provide access to the digital work products of a community.

RaymCrow (2004) defined as institutional repository as a digital archives of intellectual product created by the research staff and students of an institution and accessible to end user.

Drake, (2004) highlighted causes of building an IR at educational institutions. Repositories offers services to the faculty, researchers and administrators who want to archive research, historic and creative materials. The open access and open archives movement need changes in scholarly communication to remove barriers to access, and to increase awareness that universities and research institutions are losing valuable digital and print materials and it leads to begin establishment of institutional repositories. Metadata standards and digital rights

managements established using open archive models thus important new information sources are seeing the light of day and becoming more generally available.

Yung Reih Soo, Markey, Jean, Yakel, & Kim, and co-workers and others (2007), discussed five key components of IRs leaders, funding, content, contributors, and systems that are perceived by IR staff at academic institutions where IRs have been implemented, pilot-tested, and planned

Several other authors have highlighted the repository development of few Asian countries like China **(Fang & Zhu, 2006).** The other researcher **Mukarami& Adachi (2006)** described the repository movement in Japan whereas another expert **Matsuura (2008)** concluded that Japan has been placed as the fourth biggest contributor in the world as per the total number of institutional repositories **(OpenDOAR, 2012).** Another study by **Lee (2008)** showed the growth and development of institutional repository systems in Japanese and Korean universities.

Meanwhile in India as well there were some writers who were interested in writing about IRs and one of them was Ashalatha and team who worked on ISRO HQ Institutional Repository and explored ways to develop and execute ideas. He also discussed the traditional library functionalities and their limitations. And this study suggested promoting IRs to overcome the space problems and to facilitate better service. One more study by John C. Kelly supported the same, and discussed that with the limited financial and technological resources, IRs can be built by the parent organization.

Ghosh (2008) reported that Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai created the first electronic thesis and dissertation repository. He examines various ETD repositories and the story of their development to know the possibility of creating one national repository of India. IISC Bangalore was the first institute to develop an IR in India. **Das &*et al.* (2007)** focused their study on policy making, different strategic dimensions, and analyzed some of existing repositories of that time like Vidyanidhi. On 25th July 2003, the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore initiated a project to develop an institutional repository called Vidyanidhi. Shodhganga@ INFLIBNET. It is a repository that facilitates users to deposit their thesis for open access. And they concluded that in India, ETD repositories are at a developing stage. There should be some policies for developing IRs. One more study by Vijay Kumar agreed on the same point that government's lack awareness of IRs was the main reason behind the slowinitiatives of IRs in Indian universities.

Mohmmad, Nazim & Maya Devi (2008) discussed open access and institutional repository as well. They explained that open access will not give much burden on your library budget but it will have a very high impact on information handling. Somehow, it is cost effective too. It can be an alternative to the traditional subscription-based publishing model, made possible by new digital technologies and networked communications. By open access movement, we can have access to scholarly output throughout the world. It is almost free of cost or there will be some nominal charge for it. Open access facilitates minimal restrictions on users and uses. It can enhance the global visibility of the scholarly output of the institutes.

In the year 2008, 37 IR registered on Open DOAR& ROAR. And one of the studies by Khan B. examined the status of IR. He collected data from the Depository of Open Access Repository (OpenDOAR) and Registry of open access repository (ROAR). There were some limitations of data collection. Only humanities and social Sc. Repositories were taken for study. He further explained the functioning of IR System. He believed that it is very important to know system functioning for better understanding of the system.

Gohain, Rashmi, Rekha (2011) has worked on Institutional repository of universities and research institution of India. Her research was based on primary and secondary, both kinds of data. She had taken data from Institutional websites, ROAR and OpenDOAR. After checking all the links of repositories, she found that 79 IRs of different universities and institutions were actively working and they would facilitate open access. Her research reveals that DSpace and EPrints were dominating as the leading software for repository development in India. She suggested that in developing countries like India, where infrastructure is not so good and because of financial problems, most people go for open access software as it is almost free of cost and has a low maintenance cost. They should establish IRs for better visibility of scholarly output of the institution.

Factors affecting: IPR and Copy Right, cost effectiveness and other issues

The RoMEO project (2003) has extensively considered the copy rights issues of open access publishing. They recommend the use of 'Creative Commons' licenses to express the rights attached to individual research papers **(Gadd, 2003).**

Heery and Anderson Pinfield *et al*. (2005) emphasized that intellectual property rights are a major limiting factor to the authors considering posting their work on IRs, and this has resulted in several repositories being populated with bibliographic records rather than full text. Observed that it is important to note that authors are discouraged from signing away their copyright to publishers (IR: Materials placed in an institutional repository will be subject to intellectual property rights. These may be owned by the institution, the author or in the case of a post print a publisher **(Gadd, 2003).** The author can self-archive his/her publications if, he/she holds the copyright for the pre-refereeing preprint or authors can try to revise copyright transfer agreement to obtain the right to self-archive the post print, or failing to that can append or hyperlink with preprint (E-print copyright, 2006).

Swan, Needham, & Brown, Rowlands *et al.* (2005).Mentioned that 'authors' views on copyright may be characterized as a mixture of indifference, ignorance and principled resentment aimed primarily at commercial publishers ("information should be free"). Joint Nicholas opines that attitudes and policies need to be clarified so that a coherent approach to a range of different opinions but related Intellectual Property Right (IPR) matters such as plagiarism, self-archiving on research repositories and respect for commercially owned copyright material is uniformly developed. Debate must be differentiated from policy which in turn must be implemented via the information literacy (IL) syllabus (Joint, Institutional repositories, self-archiving and the role of the library, 2006).

Nicholas Joint (2006) says attitudes and policies need to be clarified so that a coherent approach to a range of different but related intellectual property (IP) matters such as plagiarism, self-archiving on research repositories and respect for commercially owned copyright material is uniformly developed.

M. Krishnamurthy & T.D. Kemparaju (2011) studied 20 institutional repositories (IRs) in use in Indian universities and research institutes. According to them, an IR is a natural extension of an academic institution's role as a generator of primary research. IRs are a practical, cost-effective, and strategic means for universities to build partnerships with their faculty to advance scholarly communication. IRs are built on growing faculty practices of posting research output online, often on personal websites, but also on institutional websites or in disciplinary repositories, suggesting an increasing desire for expanded exposure of, and access to, their work. Furthermore, IRs allow universities to offer secure digital hosting and Archiving services combined with more effective web dissemination, while the

Universities can benefit from the enhanced visibility of their research outputs and the prestige that this confers. The emerging economies among the developing countries are not far behind in building up the necessary information structure, essential for sustainable economic development. These emerging countries, however, have limitations in terms of bridging the digital divide within their societies, due to the co-existence of marginalized and privileged communities. IRs expands access to research, facilitate control over the research output of universities and institutions of national importance, and provide a sustainable management system for digital content.

Baishya, Kankana (2016), carried studies on 'Management of Indian institutional repositories: an evaluative study' for her doctoral research at Gauhati University. The main objective of the study found out the existing online institutional repositories which are being functional and study its present scenario in India; explore the issues related to institutional repositories and find out the problems and future prospect of institutional repositories in India. This study depicts a clear-cut picture of the existing status of institutional repositories in India. It highlights the challenges and issues faced by the other IR managers in India. Moreover, the Registry of Indian Institutional Repository which is an outcome of the present research can be a reliable source for aspirants to gather all kinds of IR related information from a single interface. A researcher suggests that advisory body of an IR should be constituted with highly qualified subject experts for all time assistance with explicit and clear policy including deposit, copyright, metadata, preservation, and distribution and license policies

Software's and Technology for IR

Hey (2004) describes how user needs have influenced the evolutionary development of E-Prints Soton' [IR@university of southampton] as the University of Southampton Research Repository. The work of this programme has been inspired by the success of the Open Archives Initiative a simple mechanism that allows metadata about resources to be harvested into services that can be searched by staff and students.

(Heery & Anderson, 2005) discussed the implementation and maintenance of an IR requires technical support. Some argue that the free open source software upon which most IRs run is too restrictive in its functionality and its future is too uncertain It is generally agreed that the technical challenges and the costs of installing IR software are relatively minor issues when compared with the time and effort required to persuade users to populate it with their work **(Foster & Gibbons, 2005).** Cultural rather than technological factors limit the use and development of IRs **(Hubbard, 2003).** Suthradhar provides guidelines to assist those in setting up an IR. Appropriate staffs are required to administer and run the IR smoothly with proper hardware, software and sound infrastructure **(Sutradhar, 2006).**

Cox (2005) describes appropriate technologies to create knowledge based institutional repositories and to deliver government information in more consistent digital formats, compatibilities with course management software, distance delivery platforms and other larger technology-based services should be the main criteria for setting up of IRs. The success of the institutional repository depends on appropriate communication with faculty, a deep understanding of the publishing process, identifying appropriate partners, designing a flexible technology infrastructure and engaging in active collaboration with key players **(Kervit & Crays, 2007).**

Hulse *et al*. (2007). finds that while a shared implementation of an institutional repository does present significant challenges that would not be present for a single institution, the collaborative approach also presents significant benefits in drawing on the breadth of expertise available among the consortium and utilizing a shared information technology infrastructure

Thorat & Patil, (2011) finds that DSpace and other allied software's are available through open source and free of cost. Among them Dspace is user friendly software to establish IR. It also requires the training and knowledge regarding installation of this software and uploading of data then it can help you to work with digitization. For this purpose, scanner, digital camera, internet connection (for internet data upload and web hosting of this project) some dedicated skilled manpower etc. will help to carry on the digital library project as well as to help the internal and external users enormously.

Roy, Mukhopadhyay & Biswas, (2011), studied in details on 'An analytical study of institutional digital repositories in India'. In this analytical study it is found that more than 60 academic and research institutions set up their institutional repositories as indicated by ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repository). In this research, the investigator had recorded 60 repositories for their studying, whereas 42 repositories which are hosted on the internet and provided information regarding a number of records, software used, no of the subject covered, type of content etc, in these repositories, are considered for this study. Researchers found that per year growth rate of institutional repositories in India is quite low in comparison to other developed countries. The researcher suggested that there was scope for developing a best practices guideline for designing institute oriented institutional repository.

Gohain (2011), et al published a research paper, entitled 'Current trend and development of institutional repositories in India', the researcher identified 79 institutional repositories had open access facility in India. The researcher found that most of the institutions in India prefer to use Open Sources Software (OSS) for developing institutional repositories. Most of the operational instructional repositories in India are Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) compliant and are indexed by search engines. Research paper author suggests that all the universities, R & D institutions in India establish their own repositories to make their research widely accessible to the scholarly community throughout the world and to ensure its long-term preservation for future use and they must be registered with open access registries such as ROAR, Open DOAR, and federated search services such as OAIster.

Jeelani Sofi Gh Mohinuddin Jeelani & Mir Haamid Amin (2016), in their research paper titled 'Institutional repositories in India an evaluative study' explored various kind of documents available in these repositories. The scope of the study was limited to 43 institutional repositories in India. The main objective of this paper was to enlist the Indian institutional repositories & the software being used by the institutions for building these repositories. . Researcher found that Indian Academy of Science largest repository in India, it contains 91995 document/items and DSpace@GGSIPU is smallest institutional repository with only 137 documents/items; The researcher suggests if an institutional repository is properly developed and maintained, it advocates in realizing the goals of an institution, and addresses an impressive range of needs.

Discussion:

While developing IR different stages are followed. Installing the software is the first step in establishing an IR. Different institutions need different inputs and outcomes from their IR, but most are agreed that at least one of the key content layers of an IR should be the refereed research output of an institution. Implementing IR in an incremental way may allow institutions to speed up their IR implementations and learn from their own (and others) implementations. There are many software's available, both open source and commercial and Dspace is a comparatively more used and found best and user-friendly of them. It is also used by number of academic institutions such as universities, research organizations, industries etc. to preserve, organize, and disseminate their research output / information to its Right Users at Right Time in Right Format. It is noticed that there is a need to assess the different issues related to IR before installation, so as to maintain the repository efficiently.

Conclusion :

It is satisfying to note that good numbers of institutions in the country are aware about IR developments and plan to set up IRs in their respective organizations. There is a lot of scope in India to develop IRs at institutional level under various apex bodies like CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, DRDO, ISRO, DST, UGC, IITs and IIM's etc,. It is advisable to have repositories at institutional level with harvesting facilities at apex body and national level. The literature review study concludes with a positive note as the current global momentum for Open Access is picking up results in setting up of good number of institutional repositories and there by realizing the goal of making freely available the intellectual output created using public funds.

The copyright restrictions of publishers discourage the authors to submit their papers to IR. However, many publishers including the commercial ones have relaxed their attitudes in this regard by allowing the copy of the final referred manuscript of the paper accepted for depositing in IR. The SHERPA's RoMEo Project serves as a directory of copyright policies of different publishers. Both IR Managers and the users recognize the important role of library professionals in the IR development.

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REVOLUTIONIZING LIBRARY SERVICES: MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF LIBRARY USERS

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Abstract: *The rapidly changing digital environment has changed user expectations, leading to the creation of innovative library services that meet the needs of the next generation of users. Modern libraries need to evolve with technological advances, diverse learning preferences, and changing user needs. This article examines the creative services that libraries are implementing to meet the expectations of a technology-savvy, diverse, and socially conscious clientele and remain relevant. By incorporating digital resources, customized services, and community-focused policies, libraries are shaping their societal roles. This research reviews case studies of libraries globally, demonstrating effective initiatives in user engagement, digital capabilities, and collaborative learning environments. It highlights the need for adaptability, inclusivity, and user empowerment in the conceptualization and provision of library services.*

Keywords: *Innovative library services, digital literacy, library transformation, user engagement, personalized services, community-based libraries, technological integration.*

Introduction

The function of libraries in society has changed significantly in response to the quick development of technology. Libraries increasingly function as centres of learning, technology, and community involvement in addition to their original function of giving people access to tangible books and information. The distinct demands and expectations of the next generation of library patrons—mostly digital natives—present a challenge for libraries looking to innovate and adapt. This study investigates cutting-edge library services created to meet the needs of this changing user base. This article illustrates how libraries are reinventing their services to remain relevant and satisfy the needs of future patrons by concentrating on important areas including technological integration, personalized experiences, and community-focused projects.

Changing Landscape of Library Users

Digital resources are gradually replacing—or supplementing—the traditional library usage paradigm, which is based mostly on print materials and in-person visits. Millennials and Generation Z make up the majority of the next generation of library patrons, who have grown up in an era of instantaneous information access, personalized material, and technology integration. These patrons want libraries to offer collaborative, tech-savvy, and entertaining spaces in addition to books and resources. Therefore, libraries need to be creative in order to draw in and keep these patrons.

Furthermore, the backgrounds and requirements of library patrons today are more varied than ever before. Libraries must serve patrons from various socioeconomic, cultural, and educational backgrounds, necessitating services that are adaptable, inclusive, and customized for each user. For libraries to continue to be viable and important in their communities, they must transition from a one-size-fits-all paradigm to customized, user-centered services.

Innovative Library Services for the Next Generation User

- **Digital Literacy Programs**

  The next generation of users now considers digital literacy to be a fundamental ability. Digital literacy is currently being incorporated into the basic services offered by libraries, which have long been recognized for encouraging information literacy.

Programs for digital literacy give consumers the abilities they need to access and assess digital resources including e-books, social media, and online databases.

These programs aim to equip users with a comprehensive understanding of how to use digital tools effectively, safely, and ethically. For example, the *National Digital Library of India* (NDLI), an initiative by the Indian government, provides access to a vast repository of resources for students, researchers, and academics across the country. The platform uses AI and machine learning to provide personalized recommendations, making it a key player in the digital transformation of Indian libraries.

- **Personalized Library Services**

  Libraries are using technology for offering users with specialized services in response to the growing need for individualized experiences. Personalized resources, personalized library notifications, and suggestions based on reading preferences are examples of personalized library services. Numerous libraries provide individualized reading lists, events, and digital resources through the use of Library Management Systems (LMS) with integrated artificial intelligence.

  For instance, Koha has been used by the Delhi University Library System (DULS) to automate the management of library resources, increasing productivity and improving user experience. For the next generation of library patrons, these systems also make remote access to services possible.

- **Virtual and Augmented Reality**

  The next generation of users is highly engaged with immersive technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR). Libraries are capitalizing on this trend by incorporating VR and AR into their services. These technologies create immersive learning environments that can enhance educational programs and provide interactive experiences that were once unimaginable in a traditional library setting. Similarly, libraries around the world are developing AR-based scavenger hunts, gamified learning modules, and digital storytelling experiences to engage younger users and encourage active participation.

- **Collaborative and Flexible Learning Spaces**

  The next generation of user's values collaboration, teamwork, and flexible learning spaces that cater to diverse needs. Libraries are responding by transforming traditional reading rooms into dynamic and multifunctional spaces that facilitate group work, multimedia projects, and social interactions.

  Moreover, libraries are embracing open-plan designs and mobile furniture, allowing spaces to be easily reconfigured to meet the specific needs of users. This adaptability not only attracts next-generation users but also fosters a sense of ownership and community within the library.

- **Online Library Services and Remote Access**

  The growing reliance on online services and remote access to resources has driven libraries to enhance their digital offerings. The rise of e-books, online journals, and streaming services has made it essential for libraries to provide robust digital collections that users can access from anywhere, at any time.

  Libraries such as the IIT Kharagpur Library have expanded their digital collections and e-services to offer users access to audiobooks, e-books, and research databases remotely.

Furthermore, many libraries are offering virtual reference services, allowing users to chat with librarians in real-time or schedule video consultations for research support. This transition to online services enables libraries to reach a broader audience and cater to users who may not be able to physically visit the library.

- **Community-Centered Programs and Services**
  Libraries have long served as community hubs, and in the next-generation model, they continue to play a crucial role in fostering community engagement. Libraries are increasingly focusing on programs that are tailored to the needs of local populations, such as services for marginalized groups, educational programs for all ages, and resources for social and civic engagement.
  For example, libraries are partnering with local schools, nonprofits, and businesses to provide resources and programs that support lifelong learning, entrepreneurship, and community well-being

Case Studies of Innovative Library Services

In this section, we will review a few Indian libraries that have successfully integrated innovative services to enhance user experience.

1. **The *National Library of India* (Kolkata)**
   The National Library of India in Kolkata is an example of a traditional library evolving to meet the demands of modern users. The library has introduced digital lending services, allowing users to borrow e-books and access digitized collections from anywhere. The library has also incorporated interactive kiosks for easy navigation of its physical and digital resources.
2. **The *State Central Library* (Thiruvananthapuram)**
   The State Central Library in Kerala is a notable example of a library that has embraced digital transformation. The library provides digital reference services and offers an online catalogue to users. It has also integrated Wi-Fi and computer terminals for public use. Additionally, the library conducts virtual book discussions and seminars, engaging the community in a manner that meets the needs of both urban and rural users.
3. **The *University of Mumbai Library***
   The University of Mumbai Library has implemented a variety of innovative services for its academic community. It provides access to digital repositories, offers remote access to journal databases, and has an automated circulation system. The library also holds regular workshops on digital literacy, aiming to equip users with skills to navigate the vast amount of online information.

Conclusion

The next generation of library users is shaped by the digital era, with expectations that libraries adapt and provide innovative, personalized, and inclusive services. Through the integration of digital literacy programs, collaborative spaces, and immersive technologies, libraries are positioning themselves as centres of learning, innovation, and community engagement. By embracing these innovations, libraries ensure their continued relevance and vital role in society, empowering users with the tools and resources they need to thrive in an increasingly complex and connected world.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES ACROSS DIFFERENT REGIONS OF INDIA, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract: *Institutional repositories (IRs) play a crucial role in the digital preservation of scholarly output and the dissemination of academic knowledge. In India, institutional repositories have witnessed significant growth, but disparities persist across regions. This study aims to provide a comparative analysis of IRs in different regions of India, focusing specifically on Maharashtra. By examining factors such as accessibility, technological infrastructure, policies, and user engagement, the study highlights the strengths and challenges of IRs in India. The findings are based on a review of existing literature, analysis of case studies, and interviews with repository managers. Recommendations for improving IR practices are proposed to enhance scholarly communication nationwide.*

Keywords : *Institutional repositories, Digital preservation, Scholarly output, Disparities, Accessibility, Technological infrastructure,*

1. Introduction

Institutional repositories (IRs) are pivotal in the digital age, acting as repositories for academic and research institutions to preserve and disseminate their intellectual output. These digital archives store a wide range of academic resources, including research papers, theses, datasets, and multimedia materials, ensuring their long-term accessibility and availability. By fostering open access, IRs democratize knowledge, providing researchers, students, and the public with free access to valuable academic content. This open-access nature enhances the visibility of researchers and institutions, increasing their impact and contribution to the global academic community.

In India, IRs have gained momentum over the past two decades, driven largely by academic institutions such as universities, research organizations, and government agencies. These efforts align with global trends promoting open access, particularly following international initiatives like the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI). Several prominent institutions, including the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), have established exemplary repositories that serve as benchmarks for others. However, the adoption and development of IRs in India are uneven, reflecting regional disparities in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, funding, and awareness among stakeholders.

Regions with a strong focus on higher education and research, such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, have been able to establish robust IR systems. These regions benefit from better infrastructure, higher investments in education, and supportive institutional policies. In contrast, northern and northeastern regions face significant challenges in developing IRs due to limited resources, weaker institutional frameworks, and technological gaps.

Maharashtra stands out as a leader in fostering IRs, bolstered by its well-established educational ecosystem. Home to some of India\u2019s premier institutions, such as the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Savitribai Phule Pune University, and the University of Mumbai, Maharashtra has embraced digital archiving and open-access practices. These institutions have developed IRs that are not only comprehensive but also user-friendly and technologically advanced. However, challenges persist even in Maharashtra, including ensuring sustainability, raising awareness among researchers, and expanding repository content.

This study undertakes a comparative analysis of IRs across India\u2019s regions, with a special focus on Maharashtra. It seeks to identify key drivers and barriers to IR development and propose actionable strategies to address disparities. By examining factors such as accessibility, technological infrastructure, policies, and user engagement, the study aims to enhance the overall effectiveness of institutional repositories and support scholarly communication nationwide.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Institutional Repositories: A Global Perspective

Institutional repositories (IRs) have gained global recognition as a critical component of the academic publishing ecosystem, addressing the limitations of traditional publishing models. These repositories emerged as a direct response to the need for improved access, preservation, and dissemination of scholarly outputs. The Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI) of 2002 was a pivotal moment in the evolution of IRs, as it emphasized the importance of open access and advocated for institutions to create digital archives of their intellectual output (Suber, 2012). BOAI's principles laid the groundwork for the open-access movement, promoting free and unrestricted access to scholarly literature for researchers, practitioners, and the public.

Globally, IRs have contributed significantly to enhancing the visibility and reach of academic research. By making scholarly outputs accessible beyond the confines of traditional paywalled journals, IRs enable broader dissemination, foster collaboration, and increase citation impact. For example, the University of California's e-Scholarship repository and MIT's DSpace are exemplary platforms that showcase the success of institutional repositories in enhancing access and preserving academic resources. Additionally, IRs support long-term preservation by providing secure, organized, and technologically advanced systems for storing scholarly materials. This feature ensures that knowledge remains available for future generations, irrespective of the lifecycle of journals or external publishers.

IRs also align with funder mandates for open access, as many funding agencies worldwide require grantees to deposit their research outputs in publicly accessible repositories. This requirement has driven institutions to prioritize the development of robust repository systems to comply with such mandates (Swan, 2010). Despite their global success, the adoption and effectiveness of IRs vary across regions due to differences in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, and cultural attitudes toward open access.

2.2 The State of Institutional Repositories in India

India has made commendable progress in the development of institutional repositories, particularly in response to the growing global demand for open access. The establishment of repositories by leading academic and research institutions reflects the country's commitment to enhancing access to scholarly literature. Prominent examples include the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ePrints repository, which provides open access to a wide range of research outputs, and the Digital Library of India, a collaborative effort aimed at digitizing and preserving the country's cultural and academic heritage (Mishra & Vijayakumar, 2020).

The benefits of IRs in India are significant, including improved visibility for Indian researchers, enhanced global collaboration, and long-term preservation of academic resources. Despite these advantages, the growth and adoption of IRs in India remain uneven. Factors such as resource constraints, lack of institutional awareness, and limited technical expertise have created disparities in repository development across regions. Southern states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have taken the lead in establishing robust repository systems, owing to their strong focus on higher education and research infrastructure. Conversely, northern and northeastern regions face challenges in terms of funding, technical support, and policy implementation.

Another critical issue in India is the lack of a unified national framework for IR development. While some institutions have independently established repositories, the absence of a coordinated strategy hinders the broader adoption of open-access practices. Additionally, concerns about intellectual property rights and plagiarism deter some researchers from contributing to IRs. Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from policymakers, academic institutions, and funding agencies.

In conclusion, while India has made significant strides in establishing IRs, regional disparities and systemic challenges persist. A more coordinated national approach, along with enhanced

awareness and investment in technological infrastructure, is essential to ensure that the benefits of IRs are accessible to all regions and institutions. This will not only bolster India's academic landscape but also contribute to the global open-access movement.

3. Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods research approach to provide a comprehensive understanding of institutional repositories (IRs) across India, with a particular focus on Maharashtra. The mixed-methods approach combines both quantitative and qualitative data to capture the nuanced dynamics of IR development, adoption, and impact.

3.1 Quantitative Data Collection

A nationwide survey was conducted to collect quantitative data from institutional repositories across different regions of India. The survey targeted repository managers, librarians, and institutional stakeholders, gathering data on repository size, usage statistics, types of materials archived, technological infrastructure, and policy frameworks. This data offers a comparative snapshot of regional variations in IR development.

3.2 Qualitative Data Collection

To supplement the survey findings, qualitative insights were obtained through in-depth interviews with repository managers and librarians. These interviews explored key challenges, success factors, and strategies for improving repository operations. This approach provided a richer context for understanding the practices and perceptions associated with IRs.

3.3 Case Studies

Detailed case studies of selected institutional repositories, particularly from Maharashtra, were conducted to examine best practices and identify unique challenges faced by institutions in the state. These case studies include repositories from notable institutions like the University of Mumbai and Savitribai Phule Pune University.

3.4 Literature Review and Repository Directories

A systematic review of existing literature and repository directories such as Open DOAR and ROAR offered additional context, enabling comparisons with international standards and trends. This mixed-methods approach ensures robust and well-rounded findings.

4. Comparative Analysis of Institutional Repositories in India

4.1 Regional Disparities in IR Development

India\u2019s socio-economic and educational diversity has created notable regional disparities in the development of institutional repositories (IRs). These disparities are largely influenced by variations in technological infrastructure, institutional policies, and funding. The southern and western regions, including states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, have taken significant strides in IR development. These regions benefit from a strong emphasis on higher education, a robust technological ecosystem, and the presence of leading academic and research institutions. In contrast, northern and northeastern states face significant barriers, including limited access to technology, insufficient funding, and a lack of institutional awareness regarding the importance of IRs.

4.2 Factors Influencing IR Development

4.2.1. Technological Infrastructure

Reliable internet access and advanced IT infrastructure are critical for establishing and maintaining institutional repositories. Southern states, which have well-established IT sectors and greater access to technological resources, have a distinct advantage. In regions with weaker infrastructure, institutions often struggle to create functional and accessible repositories, limiting their ability to store and disseminate scholarly content effectively.

4.2.2. Institutional Policies

The presence of clear and enforceable institutional policies is another key factor influencing IR development. Institutions that mandate open access and prioritize repository creation tend to have more advanced IR systems. These policies encourage faculty and researchers to contribute to repositories and facilitate their long-term sustainability.

4.3.3. Funding and Resources

Uneven funding allocations across regions and institutions further exacerbate disparities in IR development. States with higher investments in education and research are better equipped to establish robust repository systems, while others struggle due to inadequate resources. Addressing these funding gaps is essential for promoting equitable access to scholarly communication across India.

5. Institutional Repositories in Maharashtra

Maharashtra stands out as a leader in fostering institutional repositories (IRs) in India, leveraging its advanced educational ecosystem and proactive policies to promote open access. With a significant concentration of premier academic and research institutions, Maharashtra has been at the forefront of IR development, providing models for other states to emulate. Institutions like the University of Mumbai, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) have developed repositories that showcase best practices in digital archiving and dissemination of academic knowledge.

5.1 Case Studies

5.1.1. Savitribai Phule Pune University Repository

- Overview: Established in 2008, the institutional repository of Savitribai Phule Pune University has evolved to become a significant platform for hosting a wide variety of academic materials. These include research articles, conference proceedings, theses, dissertations, and datasets, catering to a diverse academic community.
- Strengths: The repository benefits from strong institutional support and a user-friendly interface that allows seamless access to resources. Continuous updates and the integration of new features make it accessible to both novice and experienced users.
- Challenges: Despite its potential, there is limited awareness among faculty and students about the repository's value and its role in enhancing the visibility of academic work. A lack of training programs further contributes to underutilization. Efforts to increase awareness and incentivize contributions are necessary to fully realize its potential.

5.2.2. Tata Institute of Social Sciences Digital Library

- Overview: The TISS digital library stands as a benchmark for institutional repositories, offering an extensive collection of research materials across disciplines, including social sciences, public policy, and development studies. It supports open access and aims to bridge the gap between research and practice.
- Strengths: The TISS repository is recognized for its high-quality metadata standards, ensuring precise and efficient retrieval of resources. Its robust technical infrastructure allows seamless scalability and ensures the repository remains operational with minimal downtime. A dedicated team of repository managers and IT professionals provides continuous support and maintenance.
- Challenges: A major challenge faced by the TISS digital library is securing sustainable funding to maintain and expand the repository. As repositories grow, operational costs, including server maintenance and staff salaries, increase. Developing a sustainable funding model is crucial to ensure long-term viability.

6. Overall Insights

Maharashtra's IR ecosystem exemplifies the impact of institutional commitment, policy support, and technical innovation. However, to maintain its leadership position, the state must address challenges like funding sustainability and awareness. By implementing targeted outreach and

capacity-building initiatives, Maharashtra can further strengthen its repositories, serving as a model for other regions in India.

7. Challenges Facing Institutional Repositories in India

Institutional repositories (IRs) in India, despite their potential to democratize access to scholarly resources, face numerous challenges that hinder their widespread adoption and effective functioning. Among these, issues related to awareness, sustainability, policy, and technology remain the most pressing.

7.1.1. Lack of Awareness and Training

A significant barrier to the growth of IRs in India is the lack of awareness among stakeholders, including faculty, researchers, and students, about their benefits. Many institutions do not fully understand how IRs enhance research visibility, citation impact, and global collaboration. Additionally, there is a shortage of skilled personnel with the technical expertise to establish and manage repositories. Training programs and workshops for librarians, IT staff, and academic leaders are often sporadic or absent,further compounding the problem. Without targeted efforts to educate stakeholders, IRs are underutilized and fail to achieve their full potential.

7.2.2. Sustainability Issues

The sustainability of IRs is another major challenge, with institutions struggling to secure consistent funding and resources. Establishing and maintaining repositories require significant investments in infrastructure, software, and staffing. Many IRs are dependent on short-term grants or limited institutional budgets, making their long-term viability uncertain. A lack of dedicated financial support often leads to outdated systems, reduced accessibility, and inefficient operations.

7.3.3. Policy Gaps

India lacks a unified national policy mandating open access or supporting the systematic development of IRs. While some institutions have implemented localized policies, the absence of a coherent framework limits progress at a national level. This lack of policy direction results in inconsistencies in repository development, quality, and usage across regions.

7.4.4. Technological Barriers

Institutions in rural and remote areas face significant technological challenges, such as unreliable internet connectivity and limited access to modern IT infrastructure. These barriers make it difficult to develop, maintain, and utilize IRs effectively. Bridging this technological divide is essential to ensure equitable access to knowledge and resources across all regions of the country.

Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort involving policymakers, academic institutions, and funding agencies to promote awareness, ensure sustainable funding, and develop a robust technological infrastructure.

8. Recommendations for Enhancing Institutional Repositories in India

8.1. National Policy Framework

India urgently needs a comprehensive national policy to promote open access and institutional repositories (IRs). Such a policy should mandate that publicly funded research outputs be deposited in open-access repositories to maximize their visibility and impact. A clear framework would provide guidelines on repository management, metadata standards, intellectual property rights, and compliance requirements. National-level support could ensure uniformity in repository quality and facilitate resource allocation to underdeveloped regions.

8.2. Capacity Building

To address the lack of technical expertise and awareness, capacity-building programs must be prioritized. Regular workshops, training sessions, and certification programs should be conducted for librarians, IT staff, and faculty. These programs can focus on repository

management, metadata curation, copyright issues, and open-access advocacy. Engaging professional organizations and international collaborators can further enhance these efforts.

8.3. Collaborative Initiatives

Fostering collaborations among institutions is essential to optimize resources and share best practices. Regional consortia can be formed to pool technical expertise, infrastructure, and funding. For example, universities with advanced repositories can mentor those in the early stages of development. Collaborative networks can also standardize metadata practices and facilitate interoperability between repositories.

8.4. Technological Investments

Investments in IT infrastructure are critical, particularly in underdeveloped and rural regions. Establishing high-speed internet connections, providing affordable access to repository management software, and creating centralized cloud-based repository platforms can address technological gaps. The government and private sectors should collaborate to bridge this digital divide.

8.5. Sustainability Models

Sustainable funding models are vital for the long-term viability of IRs. Institutions can explore diverse funding sources, including government grants, private partnerships, and subscription-based services for value-added features. Establishing endowments and leveraging public-private partnerships can provide consistent financial support.

8.6. Awareness Campaigns

National campaigns to promote the benefits of IRs can raise awareness among faculty, students, and researchers. Highlighting success stories, conducting open-access week events, and creating engaging online resources can drive adoption.

8.7. Integration with Global Platforms

To enhance the visibility and impact of Indian research, IRs should integrate with global platforms like Open DOAR, ROAR, and BASE. This integration can facilitate international collaboration and ensure Indian repositories adhere to global standards.

8.8. Monitoring and Evaluation

Developing a robust monitoring and evaluation system can ensure that repositories meet their objectives. Regular audits of repository performance, user satisfaction surveys, and feedback mechanisms can help institutions refine their strategies and maintain high-quality repositories.

8.9. Open-Source Solutions

Promoting the use of open-source repository software, such as DSpace and EPrints, can reduce costs and enhance accessibility. Collaborative development of customizations tailored to Indian contexts can further enhance repository functionality.

Implementing these recommendations requires a collective effort by policymakers, academic institutions, funding agencies, and other stakeholders. A concerted strategy to address these challenges can transform the IR landscape in India, fostering equitable access to knowledge and supporting the global open-access movement.

9.Conclusion

Institutional repositories (IRs) represent a transformative force in India's academic landscape, enabling open access to scholarly output and fostering more inclusive scholarly communication. By providing a platform for the preservation and dissemination of research, IRs empower researchers, students, and the wider public with equitable access to knowledge. Maharashtra stands out as a leading example, with its robust IR systems supported by strong educational institutions and proactive policies. However, the study reveals significant disparities across regions, highlighting the need for a more equitable and inclusive IR ecosystem nationwide.

Key challenges such as the absence of a national policy framework, limited awareness, inadequate funding, and technological gaps must be addressed to unlock the full potential of IRs in India. A coordinated national effort that promotes capacity building, fosters collaboration, and

invests in technology is essential. By overcoming these barriers, India can ensure that institutional repositories contribute meaningfully to global academic discourse and bolster its position in the open-access movement.

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USE OF RESOURCES BY USERS IN THE LIBRARIES OF PHARMACY COLLEGES IN VIDARBHA: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT : *This study explores the utilization of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across the Vidarbha region. It examines the patterns, preferences, and challenges faced by students, faculty, and researchers in accessing and effectively using library materials. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative data from user surveys with qualitative insights from interviews and observations. Key findings highlight the frequency of library visits, the most accessed resources, and the impact of digitalization on user behavior. The study also identifies gaps in resource availability and suggests strategies to enhance the library experience and support academic and research activities in pharmacy education.*

Keyword: *Resources, Library User, Pharmacy College & Vidarbha.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Libraries serve as vital hubs of knowledge and information, playing a pivotal role in supporting academic and research activities in educational institutions. Pharmacy colleges, in particular, require libraries to provide specialized resources that cater to the diverse needs of students, faculty, and researchers engaged in pharmaceutical education and research. The Vidarbha region, known for its growing network of pharmacy colleges, presents a unique opportunity to study the dynamics of library resource utilization in this context. This study focuses on understanding the use of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across Vidarbha. It aims to analyze how effectively these resources are accessed and utilized, the preferences of users, and the challenges they encounter. Additionally, the study explores the role of technological advancements, such as digital libraries and online databases, in shaping user behavior and enhancing accessibility.

By identifying patterns and gaps in resource utilization, this research seeks to provide insights that can guide the development and management of library services in pharmacy colleges. The findings will be instrumental in ensuring that libraries remain relevant and effective in meeting the evolving academic and research needs of their users.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Rajawat, K. (2019) this article presents findings from a study on information-seeking behavior among Pharmacy College users in Rajasthan, based on a survey of 495 respondents. This underscores the significant role of personal interaction and expertise in fulfilling information needs within the context of Pharmacy education in Rajasthan. **Wilson (1999)** the author presents an outline of models of information seeking and other aspects of information behavior , showing the relationship between communication and information Behavior general with information seeking and information searching in information retrieval systems. They concluded that it provides a basis for relating the models in appropriate research strategies. **Patade N. S. (2016)** investigates the information needs and seeking behavior of research scholars at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University. The study reveals that scholars primarily utilize various resources, with the library being a prominent source for acquiring

information. Their focus is often on job-related and research-specific information, emphasizing a reliance on formal, informal, electronic, and non-book sources.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The study aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To analyze the patterns of library resource utilization by students and faculty in pharmacy colleges in the Vidarbha region.
- To identify the most frequently accessed resources, including books, journals, digital databases, and other reference materials.
- To assess user satisfaction with the availability, accessibility, and quality of library resources.
- To evaluate the role of library infrastructure and services in supporting academic and research activities in pharmacy education.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The established studies have explored the behavior of students and faculty in three state universities of pharmacy colleges in Vidarbha. Thirty-two colleges of pharmacy are affiliated with three state universities—Nagpur University, Amravati University, and Gondwana University-so these 32 colleges have been selected for this study. Data for the study were collected from students and faculty in pharmacy colleges using both hard-copy and web-based questionnaires. The questionnaire items were primarily adapted from existing literature. To ensure content validity, subject experts from information systems and library and information science reviewed the statements and suggested minor clarifications. The questionnaire underwent pilot testing with 71 respondents (who were not part of the main study) using a web-based format. Subsequently, a web-based questionnaire link was distributed to potential respondents via email, and hard copies were distributed to respective pharmacy colleges. The demographic information of the participants is shown in Table 4.1. The data were analyzed using a Likert-type scale item analysis approach, with mean and standard deviation calculated and priority ranked.

Table 4.1 Sample Characteristics

Socio-demographic characteristics (N = 1033)		
Users Category	**Questionnaires received**	**Percentage (%)**
Students	886	85.77
Faculty	147	14.23
Total	**1033**	**100**

5. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

The data collected through the questionnaire has been analyzed based on the opinions of students (N-886) and faculty (N-147)

5.1 Purpose of visits to the College Library (Multiple choice Answer)

Table 5.1 presents the analysis of users' responses regarding their purpose for visiting the college library.

Table 5.1 Purpose of visits to the College Library

Sr. No.	Purpose of visits	Frequency (Each-1033)	Percentage (%)
1	Borrowing Books	693	67.09
2	To refer periodicals	416	40.27
3	Access reference resource	570	55.18
4	To refer project / thesis	445	43.08
5	Question bank	533	51.60
6	Access online resource	397	38.43
7	To gather general knowledge	419	40.56
8	Read news paper	384	37.17
9	Access back volumes	212	20.52

The question analyzed in Table 5.1 was allowed to have more than one answer for users. According to the information obtained, it is evident that, 67% of respondents visited the library for borrowing books. Subsequently, 40.27% visited to refer to periodicals. Similarly, 55.18% visited the library for accessed reference resources. Additionally, 43% come to refer to project/thesis, and 51.60% come for the Question Bank. Moreover, 38.43% visited for online resources, and 40.56% visited for general knowledge,. Only 37.17% visited the library for read newspapers. Lastly, only 20.52% visited the library for access back volumes. As a result, the majority of users, accounting for 67.09%, visited the library for borrowing books, while the lowest of users, at 20.52%, come in library to access back volumes.

5.2 Preferred Sources for Obtain Information in the Library

Table 5.2 analyzes the preferred sources for obtaining information in the college library based on user opinions.

Table 5.2 Preferred Sources for Obtain Information in the Library

Source	Most Frequently	Frequentl y	Occasionally	Rarely	Not Used	Total

Books	565 (54.70)	223 (21.59)	134 (12.97)	63 (6.10)	48 (4.65)	1033 (100)
Reference sources	438 (42.40)	335 (32.43)	144 (13.94)	64 (6.20)	52 (5.03)	1033 (100)
Periodicals	347 (33.59)	269 (26.04)	236 (22.85)	101 (9.78)	80 (7.74)	1033 (100)
E-resources/ e-database	377 (36.50)	313 (30.30)	187 (18.10)	97 (9.39)	59 (5.71)	1033 (100)
Thesis / dissertations	361 (34.95)	272 (26.33)	227 (21.97)	101 (9.78)	72 (6.97)	1033 (100)
Patent/ standard/maps	320 (30.98)	234 (22.68)	183 (17.72)	141 (13.65)	155 (15.00)	1033 (100)
Back volumes	311 (30.11)	224 (21.68)	188 (18.20)	159 (15.39)	151 (14.62)	1033 (100)
News papers	422 (40.85)	292 (28.27)	150 (14.52)	96 (9.29)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)

Table 5.2 highlights the preferred sources of information among library users in pharmacy colleges. Books are the most favored, with 54.70% of users selecting them as their top choice, followed by reference sources (42.40%), e-resources (36.50%), and newspapers (40.85%). Periodicals, theses, patents, and back volumes also show varying levels of preference, with a notable portion of users utilizing them frequently or occasionally. These findings emphasize the diverse needs of users and the importance of maintaining a comprehensive library collection to meet their preferences.

5.3 Sources of Information Preferred for updating current affairs knowledge

Table 5.3 analyzes the preferred sources of information for updating current affairs knowledge based on user opinions across various options.

Table 5.3 highlights user preferences for sources to update current affairs knowledge. Newspapers are the most preferred, with 41.82% of users selecting them as their top source, followed by journals/magazines (39.21%), current awareness services (37.85%), and e-resources (36.01%). Conferences and workshops also play a significant role, with 32.53% of users favoring them. These findings emphasize the varied preferences of users and the importance of providing diverse resources for staying informed about current affairs.

Table 5.3 Sources of Information Preferred for updating current affairs knowledge

Sources	MF-5	F-4	O-3	R-2	NU-1	Total

Journals / magazine	405 (39.21)	257 (24.88)	197 (19.07)	98 (9.49)	76 (7.36)	1033 (100)
News paper	432 (41.82)	258 (24.98)	199 (19.26)	94 (9.10)	50 (4.84)	1033 (100)
E-resources/ e-database	372 (36.01)	305 (29.53)	223 (21.59)	77 (7.45)	56 (5.42)	1033 (100)
Current awareness service	391 (37.85)	282 (27.30)	204 (19.75)	83 (8.03)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)
Conferences/ workshops	336 (32.53)	294 (28.46)	211 (20.43)	108 (10.45)	84 (8.13)	1033 (100)

5.4 Utilization of the Library Services Offered

Table 5.4 analyzes the utilization of library services based on user opinions.

Table 5.4 Utilization of the Library Services Offered

Sr. No.	Library Services	Used	Not used	Total / Percentage
1	Circulation service	789 (76.38)	244 (23.62)	1033 (100.00)
2	OPAC service	641 (62.05)	392 (37.95)	1033 (100.00)
3	Reference service	831 (80.45)	202 (19.55)	1033 (100.00)
4	Current awareness service	694 (67.18)	339 (32.82)	1033 (100.00)
5	Wi-Fi/ internet service	816 (78.99)	217 (21.01)	1033 (100.00)
6	Question bank service	831 (80.45)	202 (19.55)	1033 (100.00)
7	Book bank services	577 (55.86)	456 (44.14)	1033 (100.00)
8	Digital library service	775 (75.02)	258 (24.98)	1033 (100.00)
9	Reprography service	614 (59.44)	419 (40.56)	1033 (100.00)
10	Inter-library loan services	527 (51.02)	506 (48.98)	1033 (100.00)
11	Library orientation service	768 (74.35)	265 (25.65)	1033 (100.00)

Table 5.4 indicates the utilization of library services based on user opinions. The data reveals that the majority of users utilize services such as the Question Bank (80.45%) and

Reference (80.45%) almost equally. These are followed by Wi-Fi/Internet (78.99%), Circulation (76.38%), Digital Library (75.02%), Library Orientation (74.35%), Current Awareness (67.18%), OPAC Service (62.05%), Reprographic Services (59.44%), Book Bank (55.86%), and, finally, the least utilized service, Inter-Library Loan (51.02%).

5.5 Users' responses to the library offered services

From Table 5.5, it is evident that the majority of users rate the circulation services as excellent compared to all other services. Respondents rated circulation at 53.53%, followed by Reference at 44.24% and the Question Bank at 44.05%. However, the majority of users rated the OPAC services as good, with respondents giving it a rating of 41.72%. Notably, 15.30% of users indicated a need for improvement in Inter-library loan services, 12.58% expressed a similar need for Wi-Fi/Internet services, and 12.20% identified a need for improvement in Current Awareness services.

Table 5.5 Users' responses to the library offered services

Library Services	E-5	Good-4	Poor-3	VP -2	NI-1	Total & %
Circulation	553 (53.53)	301 (29.14)	55 (5.32)	28 (2.71)	96 (9.29)	1033 (100)
OPAC	371 (35.91)	431 (41.72)	82 (7.94)	42 (4.07)	107 (10.36)	1033 (100)
Reference	457 (44.24)	317 (30.69)	130 (12.58)	31 (3.00)	98 (9.49)	1033 (100)
Current awareness	409 (39.59)	354 (34.27)	90 (8.71)	54 (5.23)	126 (12.20)	1033 (100)
Wi-Fi/ internet	386 (37.37)	325 (31.46)	132 (12.78)	60 (5.81)	130 (12.58)	1033 (100)
Question bank	455 (44.05)	372 (36.01)	63 (6.10)	40 (3.87)	103 (9.97)	1033 (100)
Book bank	426 (41.24)	340 (32.91)	93 (9.00)	52 (5.03)	122 (11.81)	1033 (100)
Digital library	418 (40.46)	358 (34.66)	80 (7.74)	51 (4.94)	126 (12.20)	1033 (100)
Reprography service	395 (38.24)	328 (31.75)	133 (12.88)	70 (6.78)	107 (10.36)	1033 (100)
Inter-library loan	349 (33.79)	309 (29.91)	120 (11.62)	97 (9.39)	158 (15.30)	1033 (100)
Library orientation	412 (39.88)	372 (36.01)	86 (8.33)	58 (5.61)	105 (10.16)	1033 (100)

*Excellent (E-5); Very Poor (VP-2) Needs Improvement (NI-1)

5.6 Uses of ICT facilities available in your library

The library employs various ICT facilities to enhance and streamline information-seeking. Table 5.6 presents users' opinions on the usefulness of these ICT facilities in the library.

Table 5.6 Uses of ICT facilities available in your library

ICT facilities	Most Frequentl y Used	Frequently Used	Occasionally Used	Rarely Used	Not Used	Total & %
Multimedia	340 (32.91)	249 (24.10)	190 (18.39)	143 (13.84)	111 (10.75)	1033 (100)
Wi-Fi / Internet	345 (33.40)	305 (29.53)	168 (16.26)	120 (11.62)	95 (9.20)	1033 (100)
E-database: DELNET, N-List, PubMed	318 (30.78)	248 (24.01)	197 (19.07)	148 (14.33)	122 (11.81)	1033 (100)
e-resources: E-Book & E-Journal	259 (25.07)	226 (21.88)	204 (19.75)	179 (17.33)	165 (15.97)	1033 (100)
Photocopying	290 (28.07)	231 (22.36)	221 (21.39)	153 (14.81)	138 (13.36)	1033 (100)

Table 5.6 reveals that the highest percentages of users, 33.40%, most frequently utilize the internet. Following closely behind are Multimedia at 32.91%, E-database at 30.78%, Photocopying at 28.07%, and Remote access to e-resources at 25.07%. However, a notable portion of users, 15.97%, do not use Remote access to e-resources facilities, with 13.36% do not use Photocopying, followed by E-database at 11.81%, Multimedia at 10.75%, and Wi-Fi / Internet at 9.20%.

5.7 Users Suggested Strategies for Accessing Information More Effectively

Table 5.7 presents an analysis of the strategies suggested by users for accessing information more effectively, as detailed below.

Table 6.7 Users Suggested Strategies for Accessing Information More Effectively

Strategies	MSS-5	SS -4	AS-3	WS-2	NS-1	Total
Conduct orientation programmes	534 (51.69)	247 (23.91)	153 (14.81)	55 (5.32)	44 (4.26)	1033 (100)
Lib. catalogue facility available	458 (44.34)	288 (27.88)	178 (17.23)	53 (5.13)	56 (5.42)	1033 (100)

Conduct book exhibitions programme	404 (39.11)	224 (21.68)	258 (24.98)	92 (8.91)	55 (5.32)	1033 (100)
Open access facility	448 (43.37)	256 (24.78)	185 (17.91)	93 (9.00)	51 (4.94)	1033 (100)
Web-OPAC facility available	396 (38.33)	211 (20.43)	250 (24.20)	103 (9.97)	73 (7.07)	1033 (100)
Virtual facility available	291 (28.17)	200 (19.36)	251 (24.30)	168 (16.26)	123 (11.91)	1033 (100)
Conduct lib. lectures once in a week	362 (35.04)	252 (24.39)	251 (24.30)	96 (9.29)	72 (6.97)	1033 (100)

* Most Strongest Suggest (MSS-5), Strongest Suggest (SS-4), Average Suggest (AS-3), Weakest Suggest (WS-2), Non Suggest (NS-1)

Table 6.7 highlights user-suggested strategies for improving library information access in pharmacy colleges. Organizing orientation programs was the top recommendation, with 51.69% supporting it, followed by 44.34% favoring the enhancement of library catalogue facilities and 43.37% suggesting the implementation of open access facilities. Additionally, 28.17% recommended virtual facilities for effective resource access. These strategies reflect user preferences for improving library accessibility and usability.

6. FINDINGS

- The data reveals that 67% of respondents visit the library primarily to borrow books.
- Books are the most preferred source of information among library users in pharmacy colleges, with 54.70% selecting them as their top choice.
- Newspapers are the most favored source for updating current affairs knowledge, with 41.82% of users identifying them as their primary choice.
- A significant majority of users utilize library services such as the Question Bank (80.45%) and Reference Services (80.45%) almost equally.
- The majority of users rated the circulation services as excellent, with 53.53% giving it the highest rating.
- The internet is the most frequently utilized service, with 33.40% of users reporting regular usage.
- Organizing orientation programs emerged as the top recommendation for improving library access, supported by 51.69% of users.

7. SUGGESTIONS

Users have suggested valuable improvements for relevant practices. Enhance Resource Availability: Increase the collection of relevant books, journals, and digital databases to meet the diverse academic and research needs of users. User-Centric Services: Organize workshops and orientation programs to familiarize users with available resources and services. Upgrade Infrastructure: Improve library facilities, including seating, lighting, and internet connectivity, to

create a conducive learning environment. Feedback Mechanism: Establish a regular feedback system to understand user needs and improve library services accordingly.

8. CONCLUSION

This study highlights the patterns and challenges in the use of library resources by users in pharmacy colleges across the Vidarbha region. While libraries play a critical role in supporting academic and research activities, gaps in resource availability, infrastructure, and user awareness were identified. Enhancing resource collections, upgrading infrastructure, promoting digital access, and implementing user-focused initiatives can significantly improve the library experience. Addressing these areas will ensure that library services effectively meet the evolving needs of students, faculty, and researchers, fostering a robust academic environment.

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BALANCING TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL LANDSCAPE IN LIBRARIES: A CASE STUDY OF NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract: *In the modern era, libraries are experiencing a paradigm shift from traditional physical spaces to digital platforms, with technological advances leading to new ways of managing, accessing, and distributing information. This paper examines the balance between traditional and digital landscapes in libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The research explores how libraries in the region are integrating digital technologies while preserving the core values of traditional library practices. Through surveys, interviews, and literature review, this study provides insights into the challenges, opportunities, and strategies adopted by libraries in Nagpur for balancing these two domains effectively.*

Keywords*: Traditional libraries, digital transformation, library resources, e-books, digital cataloging, user engagement, Nagpur libraries, digital divide, library services, information access, technological adoption, Maharashtra libraries.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been custodians of knowledge, providing access to a wide range of information resources to their users. Traditionally, libraries have operated as physical spaces where users could access books, journals, and other printed materials. However, the rise of digital technologies has profoundly transformed library services and how information is accessed. Digital libraries, e-books, databases, and online resources have become essential parts of library services. In Nagpur, a city in Maharashtra, the transformation of libraries is an ongoing process that seeks to reconcile traditional methods with digital advancements.

The purpose of this paper is to explore how libraries in Nagpur are managing this transformation by balancing the traditional and digital landscapes, ensuring that both remain complementary rather than competing. The paper investigates the strategies that libraries are adopting, the challenges they face, and the potential for further integration of digital services in Nagpur's libraries.

Literature Review

The Evolution of Libraries

Libraries have evolved from mere repositories of books to multifaceted institutions that offer a variety of services. According to Shree (2017), the integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into library systems has significantly improved access to information. Digital libraries enable users to access resources from anywhere at any time, expanding the reach of libraries beyond their physical walls.

However, despite the growth of digital libraries, there is a continued reliance on traditional library practices. Khullar and Sharma (2019) argue that physical books and face-to-face interactions remain crucial for library users who prefer tangible resources over digital formats.

Digital Transformation in Libraries

The digital transformation of libraries has involved the adoption of various technologies,

including digital catalogs, e-books, online journals, and digital archives. Libraries now provide access to electronic resources such as e-books, audiobooks, and online databases, which have increased the speed of information retrieval and access. According to Pawar (2020), public libraries in Maharashtra have embraced these technologies to meet the demands of their users.

However, the transition to digital landscapes comes with its own set of challenges. As Gopalan (2022) points out, digital divide issues such as limited internet access, lack of digital literacy, and the high cost of digital infrastructure can hinder the effective implementation of digital services.

Traditional Library Practices

Traditional library services remain relevant, as they promote physical interaction with books, journals, and other printed resources. According to Gupta (2018), traditional libraries continue to play an essential role in fostering community engagement, providing spaces for quiet study, and supporting educational institutions.

In Nagpur, traditional libraries maintain their appeal due to the deep cultural value placed on physical books and the social role libraries play in the community. Traditional libraries also provide a necessary space for individuals who may not have access to digital devices or reliable internet connections.

Objective:

The objective of this study is to explore the integration and balance between traditional and digital landscapes in libraries, focusing on the case study of Nagpur, Maharashtra. This research aims to:

1. Examine the role of traditional library resources (books, print media, etc.) in the digital age.
2. Assess the adoption of digital resources and technologies (e-books, online databases, digital cataloging systems) in libraries in Nagpur.
3. Identify the challenges and opportunities faced by libraries in maintaining a balance between traditional and digital media.
4. Explore user preferences, perceptions, and the overall impact of digital transformations on library services in Nagpur.
5. Recommend strategies to improve library services by fostering a synergy between traditional and digital library resources.

Hypothesis:

1. H1 (Alternative Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, have successfully integrated digital resources and technologies, while maintaining the importance of traditional resources to meet the diverse needs of their users.
2. H0 (Null Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, have faced significant challenges in balancing traditional and digital resources, resulting in limited

integration and reduced effectiveness in serving their users.

3. H2 (Alternative Hypothesis): The adoption of digital technologies in libraries in Nagpur has led to an increase in user engagement, with more patrons utilizing digital resources over traditional materials.
4. H3 (Alternative Hypothesis): Libraries in Nagpur face infrastructure, budget, and training challenges that hinder their ability to fully integrate traditional and digital landscapes.

These hypotheses aim to explore the extent to which libraries in Nagpur are balancing both landscapes and how this impacts their effectiveness and user satisfaction.

Methodology

Data Collection

This study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques. Surveys were distributed to library users across public, academic, and private libraries in Nagpur. Additionally, in-depth interviews were conducted with library staff, administrators, and technology experts involved in the integration of digital services in libraries.

Surveys: A questionnaire was developed to assess user preferences regarding traditional and digital library services, their frequency of use, and the challenges they face in accessing digital resources.

Interviews: Library staff provided insights into the challenges faced during the integration process, the strategies used to balance both traditional and digital services, and the impact of this integration on library operations.

Sampling

The study targeted a representative sample of libraries in Nagpur, including government-run public libraries, academic libraries (colleges and universities), and private libraries. A total of 150 survey responses were collected, and 15 interviews were conducted with library staff and administrators.

Results and Discussion

User Preferences and Trends

The survey results revealed that a significant number of library users in Nagpur prefer using both traditional and digital resources. While younger users are more inclined toward digital formats, such as e-books and online databases, older users and those with limited digital literacy express a preference for physical books and in-person library visits. This highlights the need for libraries to continue offering both options, allowing users to choose the most suitable format based on their preferences.

The findings also indicate that digital access has improved in Nagpur's libraries, but challenges remain. For instance, limited internet bandwidth, a lack of awareness about available digital resources, and inconsistent quality of digital services were noted as key

barriers. Despite these challenges, the growing trend toward digital services is evident, especially among students and professionals who benefit from instant access to research materials and journals.

Challenges Faced by Libraries

Several challenges were identified in the transition to a more digitally integrated library system:

Infrastructure Issues: Many libraries in Nagpur still face difficulties in implementing robust digital infrastructure. This includes inconsistent internet access, outdated hardware, and insufficient funding for digital resources.

Digital Literacy: A significant portion of library users lack the necessary digital skills to effectively utilize digital resources. This digital divide prevents equal access to the advantages of digital libraries.

Maintenance and Preservation: Digital resources require continuous maintenance, updates, and preservation, which can place additional financial and technical burdens on library staff.

Library Space Management: Libraries also face spatial constraints. While digital resources allow for virtual access, there remains a need for physical spaces where users can engage in social and academic activities.

Opportunities and Strategies for Integration

Libraries in Nagpur are adopting several strategies to balance traditional and digital services. Some of the key strategies include:

Hybrid Library Models: A combination of physical and digital resources is increasingly common. Hybrid libraries provide access to physical books, printed journals, and digital platforms, allowing users to access information in a way that suits their needs.

Community Engagement Programs: Libraries are offering digital literacy programs and workshops to help users become comfortable with digital tools. These programs focus on training older users, students, and professionals to better navigate the digital landscape.

Mobile Library Services: Some libraries have implemented mobile platforms that allow users to access digital resources through smartphones, offering a more flexible and portable solution to accessing library services.

Collaboration with Educational Institutions: Libraries collaborate with educational institutions to provide digital resources for students and faculty, ensuring that academic libraries remain at the forefront of digital integration.

Conclusion

Balancing traditional and digital landscapes in libraries is an ongoing challenge but also an opportunity for growth. Libraries in Nagpur, Maharashtra, are navigating this balance by adopting hybrid models that integrate both traditional and digital services. While

digital resources provide convenience and expand access, traditional libraries continue to play a vital role in maintaining community engagement, providing tangible resources, and ensuring inclusivity.

To achieve a sustainable balance, libraries in Nagpur need to invest in improving digital infrastructure, digital literacy programs, and collaborative efforts with educational institutions. By doing so, they can ensure that they cater to the diverse needs of their users while preserving the core values of traditional library services.

Recommendations

1. Libraries should invest in upgrading digital infrastructure, including faster internet, modern hardware, and training for library staff.
2. Government funding should be directed toward improving digital accessibility, especially for users from underprivileged backgrounds.
3. Libraries should continue to offer physical resources alongside digital ones to accommodate users who may not have access to technology.
4. Digital literacy initiatives should be expanded to ensure that all library users can effectively utilize digital resources.

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माहितीचास्फोट, कमीहोतजाणारेबजेटआणिनवीनमाहितीसंप्रेषणतंत्रज्ञानामुळेग्रंथालयाचीभूमिकाबदलली. याघटकांमुळेवापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्यावाढतआहेत, परंतुपारंपारिकलायब्ररीवापरकर्त्यांच्यायागरजापूर्णकरूशकतनाही. यासमस्यासोडविण्यासाठीलायब्ररींनीडिजिटललायब्ररीम्हणूनरूपांतरितकेलेआहे डिजिटललायब्ररीडिजिटलयुगातज्ञानसाठवणे, प्रवेशकरणेआणिप्रसारितकरण्याच्यापद्धतीबदलतआहेत.
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हापेपरडिजिटललायब्ररीचीसंकल्पनापरिभाषितकरण्याचाप्रयत्नकरतो. त्यातीलआवश्यकघटकांचेवर्णनकेलेआणिडिजिटललायब्ररीचेफायदेआणितोटेओळखले

कीवर्ड:- डिजिटललायब्ररी, डिजिटललायब्ररीचेघटक, आव्हाने

परिचय:

डिजिटललायब्ररीहाशब्दलायब्ररीच्याकार्येपारपाडण्याच्यानवीनपद्धतीचासंदर्भदेतेज्यामध्येनवीनप्रकारचेइलेक्ट्रॉनिक्समाहितीसंसाधने , संपादनकरण्याचानवीनमार्ग, इतरलायब्ररीच्यासंग्रहातप्रवेशकरणेआणितेसामायिककरणेसमाविष्टआहे.
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व्याख्या:

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1) डिजिटललायब्ररीचेमहत्त्व

1.1 सुलभप्रवेश

डिजिटललायब्ररींच्यामदतीनेजगाच्याकोणत्याहीभागातूनकधीहीमाहितीमिळवतायेते. ग्रामीणभागातील, अपंगव्यक्तींसाठीकिंवापारंपरिकग्रंथालयेनसलेल्याठिकाणीडिजिटललायब्ररीअधिकउपयुक्तठरतात. डिजिटललायब्ररीकधीही, दिवसाचे 24 तासआणिवर्षाचे 365 दिवसप्रवेशकरतायेतात.
एकलसंसाधनकिंवादस्तऐवजएकाचवेळीअनेकवापरकर्त्यांद्वारेप्रवेशकेलाजाऊशकतो.
डिजिटललायब्ररीयूजरफ्रेंडलीइंटरफेसप्रदानकरेल,
कोणत्याहीभौतिकसीमावापरकर्त्यासजगभरातीलकोणत्याहीमाहितीमध्येप्रवेशनाही.
1.2 ज्ञानाचेजतन
डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येपारंपारिकलायब्ररीपेक्षाअधिकमाहितीसाठवण्याचीक्षमताअसते, डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येमुद्रण, साठवणआणिइमारतीच्याखर्चाचीगरजकमीहोते.
अनेकसंस्थांनासबस्क्रिप्शनद्वारेप्रचंडज्ञानसंपदामिळवतायेते.प्राचीनहस्तलिखितेआणिदुर्मिळग्रंथडिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येसंरक्षितकेले जातात. त्यामुळेहीमौल्यवानसामग्रीभावीपिढ्यांसाठीसुरक्षितराहते. डिजिटायझेशनद्वारेअद्वितीयसंग्रहजतनकरा
1.3 संशोधनआणिशिक्षणासाठीपाठिंबा
डिजिटललायब्ररींमध्येशैक्षणिकआणिसंशोधनासाठीआवश्यकअसलेल्याई-पुस्तके, जर्नल्सआणिसंशोधननिबंधांचासंग्रहअसतो. त्यामुळेजागतिकसंशोधनातसहकार्यकरणेसोपेहोते.
डिजिटललायब्ररीचीदेखभालकरण्याचाखर्चपारंपारिकलायब्ररीच्यातुलनेतखूपचकमीआहे

1.4 पर्यावरणीयफायदे
डिजिटलस्वरूपातीलमाहितीमुळेकागदाच्यावापरातघटहोते.
डिजिटललायब्ररीकागदाच्यावापराचीगरजकमीकरूनझाडेवाचविण्यासमदतकरतेवपर्यावरणीयपर्यावरणाचेसंरक्षणहोते
2)डिजिटललायब्ररींनायेणारीआव्हाने
2.1 प्रवेशाचीगती:-
प्रत्येकालाडिजिटललायब्ररींचालाभघेतायेतनाही.
अनेकग्रामीणआणिवंचितभागांमध्येइंटरनेटचाअभावअसल्यानेहीसमस्यागंभीरआहे.
2.2 कॉपीराइटसमस्या:-
डिजिटललायब्ररींनाकॉपीराइटनियमांचेपालनकरावेलागते. त्यामुळेकाहीसामग्रीमर्यादितहोते.
2.3 डेटासुरक्षा:-
डिजिटललायब्ररींनासायबरसुरक्षेचाधोकाअसतो. वापरकर्त्यांचीगोपनीयताआणिमाहितीसुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीप्रयत्नकरावेलागतात.
2.4 तांत्रिकमनुष्यबळ:-
डिजिटललायब्ररीकार्यरतठेवण्यासाठीतांत्रिकज्ञान, हार्डवेअरआणिसॉफ्टवेअरचीसततगरजअसते. संगणकाविषयीज्ञान ,इंटरनेट, नेटवर्किंगविषयीज्ञानअसलेल्यामनुष्यबळाचीकमतरता.
2.5 प्रारंभिकखर्चजास्तआहे:-
डिजिटलग्रंथालयसुरुकरण्याकरिताआरंभिलापैशाचीजास्तगुंतवणूककरावीलागते

2) डिजिटललायब्ररीचीगरज:

लायब्ररीआपल्यासेवांचेऑटोमेशनआणिइन-हाउसऑपरेशन्सद्वारेवापरकर्त्यांनामोठ्याप्रमाणातमाहितीसेवाप्रदानकरते. परंतुवापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्याआणिलायब्ररीद्वारेपुरवल्याजाणाऱ्यासेवांमध्येतफावतआहे.
सर्वक्षेत्रांतीलसंशोधनातवाढझाल्यामुळेमाहितीचीप्रचंडवाढआणिविकासाचीआर्थिकअडचणआणिमनुष्यबळाच्यासमस्यांमुळेग्रंथालयांनात्यांच्यावापरकर्त्यांच्यामागण्यापूर्णकरण्यातमदतहोऊशकलीनाही.
3.1 डिजिटललायब्ररीच्यानिर्मितीचीकाहीप्रमुखकारणेपुढीलप्रमाणे
अ) डिजिटललायब्ररीनेजागावाचवलीआहेकारणत्यातभरपूरसाठवणक्षमताआहे
b) वेळआणिस्थानविचारातनघेतामाहितीमध्येतथ्यप्रवेशप्रदानकरते

c) डिजिटललायब्ररीद्वारेतुम्हालादुर्मिळपुस्तकेउपलब्धआहेत

ड) यातअपलोड, डाउनलोडआणिप्रिंटिंगसुविधाउपलब्धआहे

e) पाठ्यपुस्तकांच्याएकाधिकप्रतींचीखरेदीकमीकरण्यातमदत.

4) डिजिटललायब्ररीचेघटक :

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येअनेकभिन्नघटकअसतात, खालीलतीनघटकमुख्यघटकआहेत.

4.1) मशीन: यातआवश्यकहार्डवेअरआणिसॉफ्टवेअरसमाविष्टआहे

अ) हार्डवेअर: लायब्ररीच्याडिजिटायझेशनसाठीमूलभूतआवश्यकहार्डवेअर

i संगणकप्रणाली- मॉनिटर

ii हार्डडिस्क

iii स्कॅनर

iv डिजिटलकॅमेरा

v. सीडीरेकॉर्डर

vi बॅकअपड्राइव्ह

vii प्रिंटरइ.

ब) सॉफ्टवेअर: मुळातखालीलसॉफ्टवेअरडिजिटायझेशनसाठीआवश्यकआहेत

i स्कॅनिंगसॉफ्टवेअर

ii प्रतिमासंपादनसॉफ्टवेअर

iii बॅचप्रोसेसिंगसॉफ्टवेअर

iv डिजिटललायब्ररीसॉफ्टवेअर

4.2) मनुष्यबळ: मनुष्यबळहाग्रंथालयाच्याकोणत्याहीडिजिटायझेशनचामहत्त्वाचाघटकआहे.
डिजिटायझेशनच्याकामातसाधारणपणेखालीलप्रकारचेमनुष्यबळलागते.

i व्यवस्थापकीयकर्मचारी:

डिजिटायझेशनप्रक्रियेतव्यवस्थापकीयकर्मचाऱ्यांचेमुख्यकामनिर्धारितबजेटसहविशिष्टवेळेतग्रंथालयाचेडिजिटायझेशनपूर्णकरणेआहे
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ii तांत्रिककर्मचारी:

हेकर्मचारीसंगणकाचेनेटवर्किंग, स्कॅनिंगआणिडेटाट्रान्सफरइत्यादीतांत्रिककामेहाताळण्यासाठीजबाबदारआहेत.

iii ऑपरेशनलकर्मचारी.

लायब्ररीतीलकागदपत्रेआणिइतरघरकिपिंगचीकामेहाताळण्यासाठीऑपरेशनलकर्मचारीजबाबदारअसतात

5)भविष्याचीनव्याडिजिटललायब्ररीकल :-

5.1 कृत्रिमबुद्धिमत्तेचासमावेश

माहितीशोधणे , सुधारण्यासाठी, वर्गीकरणासाठीआणिवैयक्तिकसामग्रीशिफारसींसाठीकृत्रिमबुद्धिमत्तेचावापरहोऊशकतो.

5.2 क्लाउड-आधारितलायब्ररी :-

क्लाउडतंत्रज्ञानामुळेसाठवणक्षमतावाढतेआणिविविधसंस्थांनाएकत्रकामकरण्याचीसंधीमिळते.
याआधुनिकतंत्रज्ञानाचावापरशैक्षणिकसंसाधनांनाअधिकआकर्षकबनवण्यासाठीहोऊशकतो.

5.3 मुक्तप्रवेशचळवळ :-

संगणकाविषयीज्ञान ,इंटरनेट,
नेटवर्किंगविषयीज्ञानअसलेल्यामनुष्यबळाचीकमतरताप्रशिक्षणादेऊनदूरकेल्यासमाहितीशोधणेमुक्तप्रवेशचळवळज्ञानसर्वांसाठीमोफतउपलब्धकरूनदेण्यासाठीजोरधरतआहे.

निष्कर्ष:

आपल्यावापरकर्त्यांनामाहितीसेवाप्रदानकरण्यासाठीडिजिटललायब्ररीहेएकसंपूर्णवापरण्याचेसाधनआहे
हेडिजिटललायब्ररीतसेचपारंपारिकलायब्ररीमध्येडिजिटलसामग्रीआणिसेवांचाविकास, व्यवस्थापनआणिप्रवेशकरण्यासमदतकरते.
यानेग्रंथपालांनाविद्यमानआणिवापरकर्तासमुदायांनासेवादेण्याचीनवीनसंधीदिलीआहे
डिजिटललायब्ररीज्ञानसाठवणआणिप्रसारितकरण्याच्यापद्धतींमध्येक्रांतीघडवतआहेत. त्यांनीशिक्षण,
संशोधनआणिसांस्कृतिकवारशाच्यासंरक्षणालानवाआयामदिलाआहे.
भविष्यातडिजिटललायब्ररींचाविकासआणिउपयोगवाढवण्यासाठीतांत्रिकप्रगतीआणिजागतिकसहकार्यमहत्त्वाचेठरणारआहे

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Cloud Computing and Remote Access

SECURE REMOTE ACCESS SOLUTIONS AND SOFTWARE (OPEN ACCESS AND COMMERCIAL) FOR LIBRARY DIGITAL RESOURCES

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Abstract *The rise of digital resources in libraries has transformed how users access academic materials, yet remote access to these resources raises significant security concerns. Libraries, regardless of type-academic, public, or specialized-face the challenge of providing convenient access to their vast digital collections while safeguarding against unauthorized access, data breaches, and cyber-attacks. The need for secure remote access has led libraries to adopt both open-access and commercial solutions that ensure the privacy, integrity, and confidentiality of digital assets. This paper examines a variety of security solutions, focusing on software and tools that enable safe remote access to library digital resources. These solutions range from open-access software, which is cost-effective and flexible, to commercial solutions, which offer advanced features, technical support, and scalability. The present study analyze technologies such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Single Sign-On (SSO), encryption methods, and Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to determine their effectiveness in library environments. Additionally, this paper compares and contrasts several widely used software options for secure access, discussing their strengths, weaknesses, implementation challenges, and suitability for various types of libraries. By exploring both open-access and commercial solutions, this research provides comprehensive recommendations for libraries seeking to implement secure remote access systems, ensuring the protection of digital resources and maintaining user privacy.*

Keywords: *Remote Access Security, Library Digital Resources, VPN (Virtual Private Network), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), Access Control Technologies.*

Introduction

The transition from physical collections to digital resources has fundamentally reshaped libraries' roles in education, research, and leisure. Today, academic, public, and special libraries are custodians of an extensive range of digital content, from e-books and academic journals to databases, multimedia files, and proprietary research data. With an increasing shift toward remote access for these resources, libraries are compelled to address critical security concerns to protect user data and intellectual property. Secure access to digital resources is essential not only for the protection of sensitive information but also to maintain user trust in library systems.

Remote access allows authorized users to utilize library resources from any location, which is particularly important in an increasingly globalized and digital world. However, ensuring secure access for users-while maintaining ease of use-presents several technical and operational challenges. The growing volume of cyber-attacks, including data breaches, phishing, malware, and other malicious activities, has made it imperative for libraries to adopt strong, multifaceted security protocols.

This paper explores secure remote access solutions and software for library digital resources, analyzing both open-access and commercial options. It delves into the technologies and strategies libraries employ to safeguard their digital collections while ensuring users can access content safely and conveniently.

Overview of Digital Resources in Libraries

Libraries around the world house a wide variety of digital resources that are essential for academic research, public education, and personal enrichment. These digital resources include:

- **E-books and digital publications**: Often stored in formats like PDF, ePub, or proprietary formats, e-books form the backbone of modern library collections.
- **Academic databases and journals**: Libraries provide access to paid and open-access scholarly journals, research papers, and other academic resources.
- **Multimedia content**: Videos, audios, and interactive media are becoming increasingly popular as digital learning and research tools.
- **Archives and special collections**: Many libraries maintain digital archives, such as historical documents, rare books, and government records.

These digital resources are often protected by copyright law and other intellectual property protections. As such, ensuring that only authorized individuals can access these materials is a top priority for library administrators. Remote access to these resources, if not properly secured, poses risks of unauthorized access, piracy, data theft, and misuse of copyrighted content.

Security Threats to Library Digital Resources

With the convenience of remote access comes the challenge of safeguarding sensitive information and resources from malicious threats. Some common security threats to library digital resources include:

- **Unauthorized access**: Hackers or unauthorized users gaining access to restricted library resources.
- **Data breaches**: Sensitive information, such as user credentials or access logs, being exposed or stolen.
- **Malware and ransomware attacks**: Malicious software that can compromise data or deny access to essential resources.
- **Phishing and social engineering attacks**: Deceptive methods that trick users into providing personal data or login credentials.
- **Intellectual property theft**: Unauthorized sharing or downloading of copyrighted content, such as e-books, journals, and other resources.

Given these threats, it is crucial for libraries to adopt security solutions that address both access control and the protection of user data. (Anderson, 2020)

Secure Remote Access Solutions for Libraries

Libraries must implement a combination of technical measures to ensure secure remote access to their digital resources. These measures typically fall into the following categories:

Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is one of the most commonly used technologies for securing remote access to library resources. VPNs create an encrypted tunnel between the user's device and the library's server, preventing third-party entities from intercepting data. This provides a secure communication channel for users, whether

they are accessing resources from within the library or from remote locations. Libraries typically use VPNs to protect sensitive information during the transmission process and to ensure that only authorized users can access certain digital assets. (Harris, 2019)

Advantages:

- Simple to implement for large user groups.
- Effective for securing access over insecure networks like public Wi-Fi.
- Many VPN solutions allow libraries to maintain control over access.

Limitations:

- Requires users to install and configure software.
- VPN performance can degrade with heavy traffic or unreliable internet connections.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adds an additional layer of security to the remote access process. MFA requires users to verify their identity using two or more different factors:

1. **Something they know** (e.g., a password).
2. **Something they have** (e.g., a smartphone app or hardware token).
3. **Something they are** (e.g., biometric authentication like fingerprints or facial recognition).

By combining multiple methods of authentication, MFA significantly reduces the chances of unauthorized access, even if a password is compromised. Libraries can implement MFA for users who access restricted digital resources, providing an extra layer of security for high-value materials. (Peltier, 2020)

Advantages:

- Reduces the risk of unauthorized access, even if login credentials are stolen.
- Easy to integrate with existing authentication systems.

Limitations:

- Can create friction for users, especially if they are not familiar with the process.
- Requires additional resources for implementation and maintenance.

Single Sign-On (SSO)

Single Sign-On (SSO) allows users to access multiple library resources with a single set of credentials, streamlining the authentication process. SSO systems are often integrated with other access control technologies, such as MFA, to further enhance security. Libraries can use SSO for their internal systems as well as third-party databases, allowing users to access a variety of resources without needing to remember multiple passwords.

Advantages:

- Provides a seamless user experience.
- Reduces password fatigue and improves user compliance with security protocols.
- Simplifies management of user credentials.

Limitations:

- SSO systems must be carefully configured to prevent the risk of a single compromised login affecting all linked systems.
- Can introduce a single point of failure if the SSO system experiences downtime.

Encryption

Encryption is a fundamental security measure for ensuring the confidentiality of data both in transit and at rest. Libraries use encryption to protect users' data when it is transmitted between remote users and the library's servers. Additionally, encrypted storage prevents unauthorized access to library resources even if physical servers are compromised.

Advantages:

- Protects sensitive information from interception.
- Ensures that even if data is exposed, it cannot be easily read or exploited.

Limitations:

- Encryption can introduce processing overhead, which may affect performance.
- Must be implemented correctly to avoid vulnerabilities.

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) is a method of managing access to library resources based on the roles and responsibilities of users. For instance, faculty might have access to specific academic journals, while students might only have access to e-books. This ensures that users are only granted access to resources that are appropriate for their roles, minimizing the risk of unauthorized access.

Advantages:

- Simplifies user access management by assigning permissions based on roles.
- Reduces the administrative burden of managing access on an individual basis.

Limitations:

- Requires careful planning and maintenance to ensure that roles and permissions are up to date.
- Can become complex in large libraries with many users and resources.

Open-Access vs. Commercial Solutions for Secure Remote Access

Libraries have the option of using open-access or commercial software solutions for secure remote access. Both types offer different advantages, and the choice depends on the size, resources, and specific needs of the library.

Open-Access Solutions

Open-access solutions are cost-effective and flexible but may lack the support and advanced features of commercial products. Popular open-access tools include:

- **OpenVPN**: A free, open-source VPN solution that allows libraries to create secure connections between users and library servers. OpenVPN supports a wide range of operating systems and is highly customizable.
- **Shibboleth**: An open-source Single Sign-On (SSO) software commonly used by academic institutions. It enables federated authentication for accessing library digital resources across multiple institutions. (Shibboleth Consortium, 2023)

Advantages:

- Cost-effective, especially for small or resource-constrained libraries.
- Highly customizable to meet the specific needs of libraries.

Limitations:

- May require more technical expertise for implementation and maintenance.
- Limited support compared to commercial solutions.

Commercial Solutions

Commercial solutions offer robust features, technical support, and scalability, making them suitable for larger institutions or those that require high levels of security and reliability. Notable commercial solutions include:

- **Cisco AnyConnect**: A commercial VPN solution that offers secure remote access, scalability, and enterprise-grade security features.
- **Okta**: A leading provider of identity and access management (IAM) solutions, Okta offers Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication for secure access to digital library resources. (Okta, 2024)

Advantages:

- Professional support and regular updates.
- Scalable for libraries of all sizes.

Limitations:

- Higher cost compared to open-access solutions.
- May require more administrative overhead and vendor management.

Conclusion

As libraries continue to provide more digital resources remotely, the need for secure access solutions has never been greater. Both open-access and commercial software offer viable options, each with its advantages and limitations. Libraries must carefully evaluate their specific needs, resources, and the level of security required to

protect digital assets. By combining effective technologies like VPNs, MFA, encryption, and RBAC with sound implementation strategies, libraries can ensure secure remote access to their digital resources, safeguarding intellectual property and user data.

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REVOLUTIONIZING LIBRARY SERVICES: AN OVERVIEW OF CLOUD-BASED LIBRARY SYSTEMS

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Abstract : *The evolution of cloud computing has transformed library management systems by bringing with it an age of cloud-based library in a newer generation. Living Clouds: A Guide to Cloud-Based Library Systems Abstract: The cloud-computing boom that began in the late 20th century quickly swept across every industry including libraries. The benefits of cloud computing include scalability, cost-effectiveness, and efficient management of library resources through easy remote access, streamlined data storage, and real-time collaboration. Cloud ComputingCloud computing has changed everything from Software as a Service (SaaS) to Platform as a Service (PaaS) to Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), libraries can do business in an extraordinary manner, improving user experience and data security. They claim that cloud computing has the potential to revolutionize the traditional library systems and push forward the digital libraries which will help enhance the research by making the process more efficient and effective.*

Keywords:*Cloud-Based Library System, Cloud Computing, SaaS, PaaS, IaaS, Digital Libraries, Library Automation.*

1. Introduction:

Library management systems have come a long way from traditional hosting on-site infrastructure to cloud-based hosting as a part of the evolution in Cloud Computing. Cloud-based library system makes use of cloud computing technology to maintain vast information resources and access them easily, and also provides a cost-efficient scalable solution. These can all agglomerate in a service model, such as Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), enabling libraries to reduce the operational load, share resources, or provide remote access to digital collections. In this paper, the cloud-based library systems will be discussed along with their benefits, hurdles, and their importance in the future and designing of library services.

2. Definition analysis

Cloud computing simply refers to the delivery of computing services over the internet, including storage, databases, software, and analytics.

According **to Douglas Gourlay** "People are coming to grips with Virtualization and how it reshapes IT, creates service and software based models, and in many ways changes a lot of the physical layer we are used to. Clouds will be the next transformation over the next several years, building off of the software models that virtualization enabled."

3. Platform of cloud computing services :

There are various services models originated on the web but three models widely used for delivering the different cloud based services that described as below.

3.1 Software as a Service (SaaS): The Software as a Service (SaaS) model of cloud computing delivers applications and services via the Internet. These services are accessible online without requiring software installation or maintenance. Cloud service providers offer SaaS as a comprehensive software solution on a pay-as-you-go basis. Additionally, SaaS applications can be used directly on local computers through a web browser without the need for downloads or installations. SaaS applications are also referred to as on-demand software, web-based software,

or hosted software. This service model provides consumers with standardized interfaces for accessing services. (Gong et al., 2010).

3.2 **Platform as a Service (PaaS):** The Software as a Service (SaaS) is a model of cloud computing that delivers applications and services over the Internet. These tools are online based, and need no software installation or maintenance. SaaS is offered as a complete software on a pay-as-you-go basis by cloud service providers. There is no need for downloads or installations as SaaS applications can be directly used on local computers through a web browser. SaaS applications are also known as web-based software, on-demand software, or hosted software. It provides consumers with standardized interfaces for the access of services.(Mell and Grance, 2011; Carlin and Curran, 2012).

3.3 Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS): Infrastructure as a service (IaaS) which provides data storage, processing power, and high-bandwidth network resources as a service. It allows enterprises to outsource components of their infrastructure—including networking hardware, devices, databases and web servers. It is known as Hardware as a Service (HaaS) as well; Cloud computing model that offers everything from Storage, Servers, Networking and virtualization.(Creeger, 2009).

4. Deployment Models of Cloud Computing.

Cloud services can be deployed in various ways, on the basis of the organizational behavior and the providing location. Four deployment models for cloud service usage are as follows:

- **Private cloud:**The cloud infrastructure is exclusively maintained for usage by a single organization of multiple consumers (e.g., business units) where resources are not shared with other organizations. (Bardin et al., 2009).
- **Community cloud:**The cloud infrastructure is provisioned for exclusive use by a specific community of consumers from organizations that have shared concerns (e.g., mission, security requirements, policy, and compliance considerations) (Rao et al., 2013).
- **Public cloud:** The cloud infrastructure is available for use by the general public. Cloud is located within the physical premises of a third-party provider uploading the required infrastructure. Public cloud users are considered dangerous because they do not belong to the organization being an employee and the user has no contractual bond agreements with the provider.
- **Hybrid cloud:** The cloud infrastructure is a consortium of two or more disparate cloud infrastructures (private, community, public) that remain individual entities, yet it is bound together by standardized technology that allows for data and application portability.

5. Cloud computing Advantages:

- **Cost Efficiency** – Eliminates the purchase & maintenance of hardware or software hence lowers capital expenditure. Users only pay for the consumed resources.
- **Scalability & Flexibility** – The ability to scale the resources up or down based on the demand, ensuring that the computing power is used efficiently.

- **Accessibility & Remote Access** – Allows users to access data & Applications from any location with an internet connection, which encourages telework & collaboration
- **Automatic Updates & Maintenance** – All the software updates, security patches, and maintenance are carried by the cloud service providers.
- **Data Backup & Disaster Recovery** – It offers data backup and disaster recovery services automatically and ensures that data is safe and that the business can resume at the earliest.
- **Security & Compliance** – Provides strong security and compliance capabilities, such as data encryption, firewalls, and access controls, to secure sensitive data and meet industry compliance standards.
- **Improved Collaboration** – Work for shared documents and applications simultaneously for real-time collaboration.
- **Performance & Reliability** – Promises high availability which results in minimized downtime, since there are redundant data centers available with cloud providers which helps in maintaining the integrity of the services.
- **Eco Friendly** – Resource utilization is mapped, thereby requiring less energy and emitting less carbon compared to traditional IT infrastructures.
- **Integration with AI & Big Data** – Provides advanced technology support that includes artificial intelligence (AI) and big data analytics. Aid organizations to perform valuable insights and improve decision-making.

6. Cloud Computing Application in Libraries

- **Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS)** – Cloud ILMS importing the business processes of cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, and patron records from the library ensures that organizations do not need investment in extensive on-premises infrastructure but still being able to manage their library solutions in efficient manner.
- **Digital Libraries & Repositories** – Cloud platforms have enabled the creation and maintenance of digital libraries, institutional repositories, and archives, facilitating access to e-books, journals, and research materials.
- **Remote Access to Resources** – Cloud computing allows library users to access digital resources, databases and e-learning materials from anywhere, which promotes remote learning and research.
- **Collaboration & Resource Sharing** – Cloud-based networks, make it possible for libraries to collaborate with each other and share resources, interlibrary loans and engage in cooperative cataloging.
- **Data Storage & Backup** – Cloud solutions offer secure for the library data with regular backup & Disaster recovery options to avoid the loss of data.
- **Library Automation & Smart Services** – AI-based cloud applications can facilitate automation of library functions like chatbot-based reference services, smart recommendations, self-service kiosks, etc.
- **Hosting Open Access & Research Platforms** – ST cloud computing enables open access publishing and research platforms, making scholarly content available to all and enhancing the dissemination of knowledge.
- **Cost-Effective IT Management** – Cloud-based systems require little to no IT infrastructure and maintenance, allowing libraries to spend resources more wisely.

- **Virtual Learning & Training Programs** – Libraries can conduct online courses, webinars, and training on cloud platforms where through this, user engagement can be increased along with digital literacy.
- **Security & Compliance** – Cloud service providers offer advanced security measures such as encryption and access control, which ensure protecting sensitive library data & user privacy.

7. Conclusion

Cloud computing is revolutionizing traditional library systems, providing scalable, cost-effective and efficient solutions for information management and delivery. Cloud-based services including SaaS, PaaS, and IaaS will help libraries save time, ease access, and help with collaboration. Digital libraries, Integrated library management systems, remote access, cloud computing services for security and data storage and seamless transfer of information are all results of cloud technology that have contributed to easy library usage. Cloud-based libraries have several limitations too — security of sensitive data, dependency on the internet, etc. — but the advantages overshadow the disadvantages. Library professionals must leverage cloud computing to optimize the digital services offered to patrons, making them more flexible, effective, and resourceful as technology advances.

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IMPORTANCEOFCLOUD-BASEDINTEGRATED LIBRARYSYSTEMS IN DIGITAL ERA

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Abstract:- *Rapid developments in communication, storage, and information processing technologyhavecompletelychangedthefunctionoflibraries.Theservicesofferedbylibraries as wellas the issues and forces behind the transitionfromthe traditionaltothe digital format. After that, the chapter concentrates*

on the present cloud age. Comparatively speaking, it discusses the features, benefits, and drawbacks of cloud-based platforms, services, management systems, novelproducts, andopensettings for libraries.Anextensiveanalysisof cloud-eradigitallibraries.Alibraryisawell-curatedcollectionofmaterialsmadeavailablefor referenceorloantoaspecificcommunity.Itmightbearealbuilding,avirtualenvironment,or both,anditoffersaccesstocontentbothdigitallyandphysically.Thelibrarieshaveundergone and continue to undergo a constant revolution during the recent decays. This essay examines the key turning points in this revolution, from the classical era to the present cloud-based era and the period of intermediate digital transformation.

Keywords:*-Cloud-based,IntegratedSystem,DigitalLibraries, HigherEducationInstitution, Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS)*

Introduction:-

Librariesareinformationhubscreatedtosupportthehostinstitutions'aimto create knowledge and provide individuals with the knowledge they need to benefit society and improve humankind's well-being.

The promotion of learning and knowledge acquisition is the main goal of academic institutions of higher education. A university's organisational culture includes its academic libraries. Librariesat universitiesare impactedbyeverythingthathappenstothem. Inorderto give the university a competitive edge, university libraries are playing a different role. Academic libraries are essential to academic institutions because they facilitate research, teaching, and other academic activities. The task of producing and sharing knowledge with societyisaproblemforuniversitiesandotherhighereducationinstitutions(HEIs).Universities have long been the places where knowledge is created, stored, shared, and approved. The academic community both inside and outside of universities must exchange information and expertise.Thus, knowledgeproduced inuniversitiesthroughresearchand instructionoughtto be applicable to society, and advancing knowledge should be a key

TheDigitallibraryplaysanimportantroleinpromotingtheuseofinformation.Digitallibraries give solutions to main challenges to traditional libraries such as storage.This paper discusses the concept of digital library and how it helps in conserving manuscripts and what type of equipment's or software are required in this work.We want digital information in every field so that every library should be a digital library. It highlights the Necessity, Challenges and issues in creating digital library, there are certain issues which should be taken care like copyright and Intellectual Property Right. This article also explores successful digital library projectsetupinIndiaandwhatisthefutureofdigitallibraryinIndianscenario.Allknowledge is decomposed into two digits, the binary string of 0s and 1s that is the genetic code of data, according to the definition of the word "digital." Libraries have access to and store items in electronic format. Digital libraries have emerged as "libraries without walls. Kaur, Harpreet (2018)

TraditionaltoCloud-BasedTimes:-

A library is a well-curated collection of materials made available for reference or loan to a specific community. It might be a real building, a virtual environment, or both, and it offers access to content both digitally and physically. The libraries have undergone and continue to undergo a constant revolution during the recent decays. This essay examines the key turning pointsinthisrevolution, fromtheclassicaleratothepresent cloud-basederaandtheperiodof intermediatedigitaltransformation.Itgoesonlibrarytypes,services,issues,andthemotivation behindchangesfromthetraditionalformat. Cloudcomputingisanonlineservicethatallowsa collection of computers and other devices to access resources, apps, data, and information. request throughthe use ofweb-based tools. The internet is mostlyused for cloud computing; ingeneral,theinternetisthoughtofasacloudthatcanstoreandfunctionremotely.Theability toconnecteverythingtotheinternetmakesitpossibletoimplementaweb-basedonlinelibrary supply chain and integrate it with various technological advancements, including database management, cloud computing systems, Wi-Fi and Internet-based technologies, and data acquisition. Numerous internet services can be produced and supplied by integrating these technologies.Any libraryautomation must make use ofthe cloud versionofILMS inorderto achieve the desired results in terms of automating the library and information services. efficiently. The type of ILMS is determined by the requirements and can be as simple as integrating library management software that can accomplish the functions of collection, cataloguing,circulation,serialscontrol,micro documentmaintenance,andothertasks,aswell as completing the tasks of acquisition, organisation, cataloguing, and circulation.

IntegratedLibraryManagementSoftware(ILMS):-

A software program called an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) helps and supportsalllibrariesandinformationcentresandoverseesallacquisitions. and procedures more effectively. The user community may use libraries and information resourcesmoreefficientlythankstothedeploymentofILMS,whichalsospareslibrariansfrom having to repeat tasks.

Systems forIntegrated Library Management (ILMS) are extremely versatile and active solutions that empower libraries and

information centres to adapt to the rapidly evolving digital era. They modernise, automate,andenhancesavarietyoflibraryoperations,enablinglibrariesto provide their clients with efficient information services. andkeepupthepacewiththechangingscenery oftheadministrationoflibraries.Asdatacentrescontinueto advance, the ILMS's distinguishing attribute in identifying Theseknowledgecentrescontinuetoholdadominatingpositioninthefuture. Severalofthemostwell-knownandwidelyusedILMSpackages are SLIM, KOHA, e-Granthalaya, EasyLib, LIBSYS, Libero, Libsoft, Library Manager, and NewGenlib.

IMPORTANCEOFCLOUD-BASEDINTEGRATED :-

Cloud-BasedIntegratedLibrarySystems'SignificanceintheDigitalAge TheuseofCloud-BasedIntegratedLibrarySystems(ILS)hashadamajor impactonlibraries' digital transformation. Libraries can manage their collections, services, and user interactions witheaseandefficiencythankstothesetools. It is impossibletooverestimatethesignificance ofcloud-basedILSinthedigitalage.Thefollowingarethemainjustificationsforthenecessity of these systems:

1. ImprovedCooperationandAccessibility

Withcloud-basedILS,patronscanuse internet-enabledevicesto accesslibraryresourcesat any time and from any location. For educational institutions, public libraries, and research groups that cater to a worldwide audience, this degree of accessibility is essential.
Additionally,severallibrariescanworktogetherandexchangeresources,increasingthe selection of things that are accessible.

2. Theabilitytoscaleand cost-effectively

Conventionallibrarysystemsdemandheftymaintenance,software,and hardware expenditures. By moving infrastructureto cloud service providers, which offer variable pricingmodelsbasedonconsumption,cloud-basedILSlowerstheseexpenses.Additionally, cloud solutions are easily scalable to meet growing user demand and data storage needs as librariesexpand.

3. Better Security and Data Protection To ensure data integrity and defense against cyber threats, cloud service providers employ cutting-edge security methods including encryption, authentication processes, and frequent backups. With on-premise systems, this degree of protection is frequently better than what individual libraries can accomplish.

4. IntegratingDigitalResourcesEffortlessly

Thesedays,librariesoverseeawiderangeofdigitalmaterials,suchase-books,audiobooks, researchdatabases,and multimediacontent,inadditionto actualbooks.Cloud-basedILS makes it easier to integrate with these digitalassets and gives users a single platform for effective resource access, borrowing, and searching.

5. Effective Updating and Maintenance of Systems

Traditional ILS requires manual interventions for upgrades and maintenance, which results in downtime and disruptions. Service providers update cloud-based systems automatically, so libraries always have access to the newest features, security fixes, and performance improvements without adding to the effort of IT personnel.

6. Improved User Experience

The user experience is enhanced by contemporary cloud-based ILS's intuitive user interfaces, tailored search features, and AI-powered suggestions. Self-service portals and mobile compatibility are two examples of features that increase user happiness and engagement by enabling users to freely manage their library interactions.

7. Data Analytics and Insights

Cloud-based ILS give libraries the analytical capabilities they need to monitor borrowing patterns, resource usage, and user activity. Through data-driven decision-making made possible by these insights, libraries may better serve their patrons, maximize their collections, and better meet their needs.

8. Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Method

Cloud-based solutions help to promote sustainability by lowering dependency on physical storage and paper-based documentation. They lessen the carbon impact of library operations by eliminating the need for printed catalogs and administrative paperwork. This is in line with international campaigns for resource efficiency and environmental preservation.

Difficulties with Library Services Based on Cloud Computing

Cloud computing presents a number of difficulties. Security and privacy are two of the primary issues; due to growing apps and an increasing number of devices, security is deteriorating. Businesses require services that are available at all times. As a result, when service providers set up network gear and architecture, they must build in a way that makes services scalable and continuous. Organisations must now pay extra for bandwidth in the interim. Applications require a steady internet connection in order to function. The required care and services should be provided by service providers. You risk losing all of your data due to a cloud glitch that could happen.

How to protect data in cloud based library system?

- **Authentication and Access Control**

- To limit data access according to user roles, employ role-based access control, or RBAC.

- For further security, use multi-factor authentication (MFA). Implement stringent password regulations and change them frequently.

- Protecting data in a cloud-based library system requires a combination of security measures to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Here are some key strategies.
  - **Encryption of Data**
    - Use robust encryption techniques (like AES-256) to protect data when it's at rest.

- UseSSL/TLStoencryptdatawhileit'sintransittopreventinterception.
- Forsensitivedata,thinkaboutend-to-endencryption.

❖ **FrequentDisasterRecoveryandBackups**

- Planfrequentbackupsandkeepthemindifferent,safeplaces.
- Createa disasterrecoverystrategyto restore dataintheeventoffailuresorbreaches.

❖ **SafeSoftwareDevelopment&API**

- MakeuseofsecureAPIs(likeOAuthandJWT) thatprovideauthenticationtokens.
- Toavoid vulnerabilitieslikeSQLinjectionandcross-sitescripting(XSS), usesafe coding techniques.

❖ **SecurityofNetworks**

- Installintrusiondetection/preventionsystems(IDS/IPS)andfirewalls.
- Tolimitaccess,usesecurenetworkprotocolsorvirtualprivatenetworks(VPNs).

❖ **TrackingandRecordingUserActivity**

- Turnonauditlogssoyoucanmonitoruseractivity.
- Tospotoddbehaviour,useanomalydetectionpoweredbyAI.

❖ **LegalandComplianceAspects**

- Verifyadherencetodataprotectionlaws(suchastheCCPA,GDPR,andHIPAA).
- Tofindandaddressvulnerabilities,doroutinesecurityaudits.

❖ **Awarenessand Training inSecurity**

- Informlibraryemployeesandpatronsaboutsocialengineering,phishingscams,and security best practices.
- Encouragesecureloginproceduresandsafewebbrowsing.

FivedefiningfeaturesofcloudcomputingBroadnetworkaccess:

- **Broad network access:** Users can use their devices (desktop, mobile laptop) to accessresourcesthat areconstantlyavailableovertheinternet inthecloudfromany location in the world.

- **On Demand Self Service**: End users can get computer resources including server time,CPU,apps,andstoragewithout speakingtoapersonoracloudserviceprovider.

- **Rapid Elasticity:** The ability of computer resources to be swiftly raised or decreased is known as elasticity. Customers are subjected to the demands ofcomputers. Despite the potential requirement for resources, the service provider can swiftly scale up or down as required by the user.
- **Resource Pooling:** Multi-tenant cloud service architectures combine contributors to serveallusers,andphysicalandvirtualsystemsareeagerlydistributedandreallocated to satisfyuser demands. For example, think about memory, accessprivileges, storage, network bandwidth, virtual computers, and connection.

- **Measured Service**: Cloud system services are designed to be managed by users and

service providers for services that are consumed, and theyoffer a pay-per-use basis.

Conclusion

Inorderto becompetitiveanduser-friendlyinthe digitalage, modernlibraries must makethe switchtocloud-basedIntegratedLibrarySystems.Thesetechnologiesenable librariestooffer top-notchservices while adjusting tothe changing demands ofits customers, withadvantages ranging from improved accessibility to cost effectiveness and strong security. Libraries may maintain their status as essential hubs for learning and knowledge in the twenty-first century by adopting cloud computing. The well-structured library of this study offers cloud-based applications and associated service models with the intention of development. Models and conceptsforcloudcomputingservicesarealsocovered.Currently,somelibrariesareswitching to cloud computing technologies. Cloud computing has made it possible for the creation of digital archives and libraries.Although social networking has witnessed manyadvancements, therearestillanumberofissueswithprivacy,security,andlegalissuesthatneedtoberesolved. Therefore,alibraryshouldthinkcarefullybeforeintegratinglibraryservices.Thesedays,cloud computing is a new trend. Cloud computing powers the entire library system, which is advantageousforlibrariesinthisdayandage.Arangeofskillsareneededforcloudcomputing, whichhascreatednewservicemodelsforbasicandIT-relatedjobs.allthroughouttheinternet

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CLOUD SYSTEM APPLICATION IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *The paper aims to explore the application of cloud computing in the library. The findings show that cloud computing is an important technology in the library field because of its characteristics and advantages. In the paper, the authors discussed about the cloud computing, it's characteristic, models, library services through cloud, advantages and disadvantage. The researcher has identified that it is one time and customized investment and library gets lots of benefits from it. Presently maximum libraries are converted to the cloud system.*

Keyword: *Cloud computer, Cloud System, Cloud System In library, Digital Library,*

Introduction-

In the modern digital era, cloud computing has become a transformative technology, reshaping industries worldwide, including the library sector. Libraries, which have traditionally been repositories of knowledge and information, are now leveraging cloud computing to enhance their services and operational efficiency. Cloud systems enable libraries to automate routine tasks, digitize their collections, and provide users with seamless access to resources from anywhere in the world.

The Article discussed into the applications of cloud computing in libraries, examining its role in streamlining processes like cataloging, circulation, and storage. It also explores different cloud computing models—Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)—and how they cater to the diverse needs of libraries.

Additionally, the discussion highlights the numerous advantages of cloud computing, such as cost-effectiveness, scalability, and global accessibility, alongside the challenges like data privacy, security concerns, and vendor dependency. By adopting cloud technology, libraries can not only enhance their operational capabilities but also remain relevant and innovative in an increasingly digital world.

Definition

According NIST National Institute of Standard & technology US dept. of commerce Cloud computing is a model that enables on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources—such as networks, servers, storage, applications, and services—that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

The present researcher has discussed about the use library services through cloud computing or system.

Objectives

The present study is related to library and cloud computing. Objectives are as follows.

1. To study Cloud computing in library.
2. To examine services through the cloud.

Review of literature

Suman Patel and Vijesh (2023), Defines cloud computing, describes its operation, and discusses the implications of cloud-based services and applications for the library industry. These days, libraries use cloud-based services and technology, particularly for automation, digital libraries, long-term storage, fast information retrieval, and social networking. The primary advantage of cloud computing is the reduction in the price of hardware, software's, and license purchases. Nonetheless, there are still a number of significant issues with data security, privacy, and reliability.

Roy and Kumar (2017), Examines of the web-enabled Koha and NewGenLib software's demonstrates that library automation is a simple and essential procedure. The study reports on the software's real operation, including all of its salient features as well as additional features and functionalities.

Kumar (2017) Explain cloud computing can be used in almost all library operations. Furthermore, cloud computing makes it very simple to do all library services. Furthermore, because of the financial crisis and a lack of technological know-how, cloud in the contemporary context of information and communication technology, computing becomes increasingly important.

Suman and Singh (2016) suggest that networking and online software's applications have been built upon by cloud computing. Among many other things, it suggests a service-oriented architecture, low total cost of ownership, high flexibility, and less information technology overhead for the end user.

Dutt(2015)explain a recent development in computer systems technology is cloud computing. It came about as a result of advancements in related technologies and the internet. This phenomenon is still in its early stages, but if the services are used carefully, it will be highly beneficial for the organizations. Nonetheless, libraries and other similar institutions find that this technology greatly aids in automating and controlling their services.

Types/Models of cloud computing

Software's as a Service (SaaS)

Software's as a Service or Saas is a service in which software's or applications are provided to the users as a service. So we know it popularly as software's on demand. The program can be accessed online via any suitable client such as a web browser. In this model, users are provided the access of the applications through licenses or subscriptions. The software's are provided in a „pay as- you-go" model, where the user has to pay only for the software's or applications which s/he is going to use or at no charge. Example of such services is Google Apps, Salesforce, etc.

It is hosted centrally hosted and scope for customization or control of applications or software's is little.

However, there are benefits like the user has no worry about hosting, installing, upgrading, or maintaining the software's or applications. In addition, the user has low initial costs, and access to (usually 24/7) support services.

Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Platform as a Service is a category of service which provides platform or environment to allow the developers to build the required applications or software's and the users have the access simply via a web browser over the internet. Software's are deployed and configuration settings are done by users.

All types of enterprises, irrespective of its size, are adopting this service as it is very hassle free, no worry about the maintenance of hardware of software's infrastructure.

In this model, the enterprises are helped in building, testing and deploying web based applications. The organisations need not to invest for the infrastructure they require for building web and mobile applications. They have to simply rent the use of platforms of vendors such as Windows Azure, Google AppEngine, and Force.com.

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Infrastructure as a Service is Iaas is also called as Hardware as a Service or Haas. In this pay as you go service model, the user is offered both storage and computing power services. It includes virtual service space or a platform. It also includes storage, network connections, IP addresses and bandwidth. In this model, user doesn't buy separately software's, servers, network equipment or data-centre space; rather he buys all these as a fully outsourced service. The cost of the services is on computing basis, the user pay for bundle of services chosen. The example can be taken from Amazon's web services. AWS provides Simple Storage Services (S3) for data storage and elastic compute cloud (EC2) for computing resources. Amazon's web services are being used by organizations for many purposes viz. to run high performance computing simulations, for content delivery etc. It is also being used to host or backup the organization's websites, to host their media collections and many other services.

Characteristic of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers a wide range of features that make it highly versatile and beneficial for individuals and organizations. Some of the key features include:

1. On-Demand Self-Service

- Users can provision computing resources (like servers, storage, and applications) as needed without requiring human intervention.

2. Scalability and Elasticity

- Resources can be scaled up or down automatically or manually, depending on workload demands. This ensures optimal use of resources and cost efficiency.

3. Cost-Effectiveness

- Cloud computing operates on a pay-as-you-go or subscription model, allowing users to pay only for what they use, reducing capital expenditures.

4. Resource Pooling

- Providers use multi-tenant models to share resources among multiple users securely, offering economies of scale.

5. Global Accessibility

- Cloud services can be accessed from anywhere in the world via the internet, fostering remote work and global collaboration.

6. High Availability and Reliability

- Cloud services often provide high uptime guarantees, redundant systems, and disaster recovery options to ensure consistent availability.

7. Flexibility and Agility

- Organizations can quickly adapt to changing business needs by deploying or removing resources as required.

8. Security

- Leading providers implement robust security measures, including encryption, firewalls, and compliance with regulatory standards, to protect data.

9. Multi-Tenancy

- Multiple users and applications share the same infrastructure while keeping their data isolated and secure.

10. Broad Network Access

- Services are accessible via various devices such as laptops, smartphones, and tablets, ensuring connectivity and convenience.

11. Automation

- Cloud platforms offer automation tools for resource provisioning, deployment, and scaling, reducing manual intervention.

12. Disaster Recovery and Backup

- Cloud computing simplifies backup and disaster recovery processes, enabling fast data restoration in case of failures.

13. Integration with Other Services

- Cloud platforms provide APIs and integration capabilities to connect with other software's, systems, and services.

14. Environmental Sustainability

- Shared resources and energy-efficient infrastructure help reduce the carbon footprint compared to traditional on-premise setups.

Initiatives of cloud computing

There are good number of cloud computing initiatives undertaken by Amazon, Google, Microsoft and others offering various types of cloud computing services for the organisations, businesses, and individuals. Some services offered by these initiatives are:

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Amazon is a major player of cloud computing. It offers a wide range of prominent services, for example, simple storage service (S3), elastic compute cloud (EC2), simple DB and simple queuing service (SQS). AWS provides a scalable and reliable low-cost platform of infrastructure in the cloud that powers hundreds of thousands of businesses in countries around the world8. Some of the solutions offered by Amazon through cloud computing include application hosting, web hosting, backup and storage, enterprise IT, content delivery, and databases. To help new users, Amazon also offers a free service for a period of one year on all its cloud computing services to launch new applications, test existing applications in the cloud, or simply gain hands-on experience with AWS.

Google Apps

Google Apps cloud services, a multi-tenant, internet scale infrastructure, offers faster access to innovation, superior reliability, and security, and maximum economies of scale as compared to on-premises, hosted and software's plus services technologies9. Google Apps is available free for individuals and organisations (limited up to 10 user accounts), educational institutions and US non-profitable organisations and for a price to businesses and organisations. Google apps offer Gmail which is now most preferred email service. It also provides Google Docs, Google Sites, Google video and other services. Google Apps helps organisations to move their e-mail services, web services and office applications. Google also has „Google App Engine" service. With this service, organizations can build and host web apps on the same systems that power Google applications. It offers fast development and deployment; simple administration, with no need to worry about hardware, patches or backups; and effortless scalability.

Microsoft Windows Azure

Microsoft Corporation has created its own cloud platform on 1st February 2010 which was named as Windows Azure before 25 March 2014. After this it is renamed as Microsoft Azure. Microsoft provides this service through its data centres. In this platform, organisations can develop and run applications itself with unbounded scalability. User has to pay only for the services he chooses. Windows Azure allows developers to develop and run applications quickly, while leveraging current skills to develop applications with .NET, PHP, or Java10. Some of the scenarios offered by Windows Azure for businesses and organisations include SaaS, storage, computing, database management etc.

Softech Solutions & Services (Pune)

Softech Solutions & Services is a Pune-based company established in 2011 with over 13 years of experience serving libraries throughout Maharashtra. They specialize in library automation using the KOHA Library Management Software's. Additionally, they offer a Library User Tracking System to monitor library footfall and provide digital library software's (DSpace) for digitizing library collections. Their team of experienced library consultants offers guidance and support for accreditation and assessment processes.

Library Services through cloud computing

Cloud computing has revolutionized library services, enabling greater efficiency, accessibility, and innovation. Here are some key ways libraries use cloud computing:

1. Integrated Library Systems (ILS) in the Cloud

- Libraries adopt cloud-based ILS platforms like **Koha**, or **WorldShare** for managing collections, circulation, cataloguing, and acquisitions.
- These systems reduce the need for local server maintenance and provide real-time updates, scalability, and better interoperability.

2. Digital Collections and Repositories

- Cloud storage allows libraries to digitize and store vast amounts of data, including books, research papers, manuscripts, and multimedia.
- Services like **Google Drive**, **Dropbox**, or specialized platforms like **Dura Cloud** offer secure and scalable storage for digital collections.

3. E-Library Services

- Cloud-based platforms like **Over Drive**, **Libby**, and **Hoopla** provide patrons with seamless access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and videos.
- These services use the cloud to handle user authentication, content delivery, and synchronization across devices.

4. Remote Access and Virtual Libraries

- Cloud computing supports remote access to library resources, enabling users to search catalogues, reserve books, and access databases from anywhere.
- Virtual library systems use platforms like **AWS**, **Azure**, or **Google Cloud** for hosting resources and services.

5. Collaboration and Resource Sharing

- Libraries use cloud-based tools like **Google Workspace**, **Microsoft 365**, or **Slack** for internal collaboration and communication.
- Cloud-enabled interlibrary loan systems facilitate sharing of resources among libraries worldwide.

6. Big Data and Analytics

- Cloud computing powers data analytics tools that help libraries analyse user behaviour, track resource usage, and make data-driven decisions to improve services.

7. Disaster Recovery and Backup

- Cloud services provide robust disaster recovery and backup solutions, ensuring critical library data remains safe from hardware failures, natural disasters, or cyber-attacks.

8. User Authentication and Access Management

- Libraries use cloud-based identity management systems like **Open Athens** and **Shibboleth** to streamline user authentication for accessing digital resources.

9. Cost-Effectiveness

- Moving to the cloud reduces the need for expensive on-site infrastructure, maintenance, and IT staff, making it an attractive solution for budget-conscious institutions.

10. Library Apps and APIs

- Cloud-based APIs and platforms enable libraries to integrate services into mobile apps or websites, providing patrons with on-the-go access to resources and services.

Advantage of cloud system in library

Cloud systems offer numerous advantages for libraries, enhancing their operations, services, and user experience. Here are some key benefits:

1. Cost-Effectiveness

- **Reduced Infrastructure Costs**: Libraries don't need to invest heavily in on-premises servers or IT infrastructure.
- **Pay-As-You-Go Models**: Many cloud services offer flexible pricing, enabling libraries to pay only for the resources they use.

2. Accessibility

- **Remote Access**: Users and staff can access library resources, catalogues, and systems anytime, anywhere, via the internet.
- **Multi-Device Support**: Cloud systems are often compatible with various devices like PCs, tablets, and smartphones.

3. Scalability

Libraries can easily scale their storage or processing power as their needs grow, such as when adding new digital collections or accommodating more users.

4. Automation and Updates

- **Automatic Updates**: Cloud providers handle system updates and maintenance, ensuring that libraries always run the latest and most secure versions.
- **Streamlined Workflows**: Automating routine tasks, such as backups, reduces the workload for library staff.

5. Collaboration and Integration

- **Shared Resources**: Cloud systems enable multiple libraries to collaborate by sharing catalogues and resources, benefiting inter-library loan systems.
- **Third-Party Integration**: Many cloud systems integrate seamlessly with other library tools and platforms (e.g., digital archives or eBook platforms).

6. Enhanced Data Security

Reputable cloud providers offer robust security features, such as encryption, multi-factor authentication, and regular security audits, which might be challenging for smaller libraries to implement independently.

7. Disaster Recovery

Cloud systems provide reliable backup and recovery options, ensuring that data is safe even in the case of local hardware failures or natural disasters.

8. User-Friendly Experience

- **Streamlined Searches**: Cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS) often provide intuitive search interfaces for users.
- **Personalized Features**: Users can create accounts to save preferences, track borrowing history, and receive recommendations.

9. Environmental Impact

By reducing the need for physical servers and associated cooling systems, cloud computing can be more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

10. Global Reach

Libraries can make their collections accessible to a broader audience, including international users, fostering knowledge sharing on a global scale.

Disadvantage of cloud system in library

While cloud-based systems have many advantages for libraries, such as accessibility, scalability, and cost efficiency, they also have some potential disadvantages:

1. **Dependence on Internet Connectivity**:
   Cloud systems require a stable and reliable internet connection. Any downtime or slow connection can disrupt access to library services and resources.
2. **Data Privacy and Security Concerns**:
   Sensitive user data and library records are stored in the cloud, making them potentially vulnerable to hacking or unauthorized access if the provider's security measures are insufficient.
3. **Ongoing Costs**:
   Cloud systems typically involve subscription-based pricing, which can lead to higher long-term costs compared to on-premise systems, especially for libraries with tight budgets.
4. **Limited Customization**:
   Cloud-based systems often offer standardized solutions, which may limit the library's ability to customize features or integrate specific tools based on its unique needs.
5. **Vendor Lock-In**:
   Libraries may become dependent on a particular cloud service provider, making it challenging and costly to migrate to another system if necessary.
6. **Compliance Issues**:
   Libraries that handle sensitive data may face challenges ensuring compliance with local regulations and data protection laws, particularly when the cloud provider's servers are located in different countries.
7. **Staff Training Requirements**:
   Transitioning to and managing a cloud system often requires staff training, which can be time-consuming and costly, especially for smaller libraries.

Conclusion

Maximum librarians are aware about the Cloud system. They are using it in the library. Three types of cloud system discussed in the article. Cloud is very useful because they have save time of user as well as library staff. Also it is an authentic and standard technology for library. Library staff are able

to give pin pointed and precision information to the user at any time and any anywhere. Lots of advantages and disadvantages are discussed above in the article.

Clouds system is a standard technology, only the librarian needs to first learn it and then apply it. Researchers are not claiming to use it in the library, rather they are suggesting that cloud system should be used in the library. It will be save the time of readers as well as staff.

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CONTENT ANALYSIS OF WEBSITES OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN NAGPUR DISTRICT (MAHARASHTRA): A STUDY

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Abstract *This study aims to evaluate the library websites of selected state, deemed and private universities on Nagpur district (Maharashtra). The study adopted the checklist techniques to evaluate all the content of library's webpage. A checklist was designed on the basis of previous studies. It includes 5 main aspects which are further divided into 49 elements. The study shows that library related information such as basic library information, its collection, about e-resources, library services, currency and authority of websites are presented on the university library webpage. Symbiosis International University (SIU) scored highest, 49 out of 49 and Laxminarayan Institute of Technology (LIT) scored the least 5 out of 49 in overall ranking of websites based on elements presented on their library webpages.*

The study suggested that libraries need to include more information on their websites to promote the use of library resources and services. Libraries need to upgrade their websites and provide all the valuable and relevant information related to the library on their websites/ library webpage.

Keywords: *Content Analysis, University Libraries, Library website, Library webpage,*

Introduction:

Technology has evolved drastically over the last few decades, bringing drastic transformation and breakthrough in the library landscape. Libraries have to continuously adapt the emerging technologies to effectively cater the users of digital world. Website creates new opportunities for libraries to meet the users evolving needs. Vasishta (2013) affirmed that contemporary users prefer to access the information of library services from library websites without the need to visit the library; make it obligatory for all libraries to have their web presence through the library website.

The library is the centre of the university, accommodating all the information requirements of its users. Library website is the reflection of library image and act as a mirror for the library. (Singh and Gautama, 2016). It is the digital front door of the library, where users make their visit before making the physical visit to the library. A library website is a collection of concise and descriptive information on the web for the academic community in various multimedia formats such as text, audio and video material, databases, graphics and links (Vasishta, 2013). It is an effective medium for uploading information about library collection, services and resources. It provides customised interface for better navigation and ease of use (Vasishta, 2013). Websites are the excellent platform for users to get the recent update of library-related activities and access most library services digitally. As the website of library should be interactive and responsive with proper usability, information architecture, navigation, graphics that hold user attention. Maintaining and updating the library website is also necessary to make it easily reachable (Mani, Thirumagal and Vinodh, 2017).

It can be inferred that library website holds greater significance to provide relevant and trouble-free access of library-related information. Content is the key to analysing the library website. The study has used the content analysis method to conduct research. Content analysis is the technique to assess content based on various parameters. This method can analyse the various aspects of content available on the website (Singh and Gautam, 2016). Therefore, the study aims to evaluate the content available on the library webpage of State, Deemed and Private Universities in Nagpur district.

Literature Review

The numerous studies have been conducted on the various aspects of library websites and library webpage. Previous studies mainly used a checklist method to assess the content of library websites. The major studies which evaluated the library websites are discussed in the present study.

Amruta Nareshchandra Upreti and Asharam Pal (2024) explored the Web Content Analysis of Autonomous College Libraries in Mumbai.A website is vital in providing information and a connecting platform. Libraries must present themselves by providing collections and facilities for their users both in physical and digital modes. The present study aims to analyse the facilities provided by autonomous colleges in Mumbai. This will help generalize the activities & facilities the libraries can provide on digital platforms.

Saumya Gupta and Paramjeet K. Walia (2022) tried to analyse the Websites of University Libraries in Delhi. The study adopted the checklist technique to evaluate the content of library's websites. It consists of 6 main aspects which are further divided into 66 elements. Web 2.0 tools are used by least libraries where only 2 libraries have library Facebook page, and only one has a library blog. DTU scored the highest, 45 out of 66 and Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) scored the least 13 out of 66 in overall ranking of websites based on elements presented on their websites.

Joshi, S. N., Joshi, N. K. and Kamat, P.V. (2021) were explored the webpages of Educational colleges n Goa. This study evaluates 25 selected library web pages n Goa from the usability perspective. The study includes 9 main parameters were used for evaluate the library web pages. The checklist was made to measuring web page dimensions regarding its usability, efficiency, effectiveness and validity. The study shows that the web pages are partially usable, so there is a requirement to improve their usability feature. The study showed that most of the library webpages have OPAC facility but none of the college website provide plagiarism checking facility to the users. The study suggest keeping website up to date for its users and faculty.

Objectives of the study:

1. To examine the content, basic information, collection, services present on the university library website/ webpage in Nagpur district.
2. To examine the e-resources and web based facility given by the library webpages.
3. To identify how the library website/ webpage use for dissemination of information.

Scope & limitation:

The present study is entitled "Content Analysis of Websites of University Libraries in Nagpur District (Maharashtra): A Study. This study is limited to 07 university libraries specially located in Nagpur district (Maharashtra).

Table No. 1: List of Universities included in the Study

List of Universities included in the Study		
Sr.No.	**Name of the University**	**Type**
1	Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Nagpur (KKSU)	State University
2	Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur (LIT)	State University
3	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur (RTMNU)	State University
4	Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur (MAFSU)	State University
5	Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU)	State University
6	Symbiosis International University, Nagpur (SIU)	Deemed University
7	Ramdeobaba University, Nagpur (RBU)	Private University

Methodology

A content analysis method was used to collect data from the library websites under study. Total 07 university library websites in Nagpur district were selected for the study, out of which 05 were

state university, 01 was deemed university and 01 was private university. For collecting the data comprehensive checklist was designed including 5 aspects and each aspect content different element.

The present study is entitled "Web Content Analysis of Autonomous Colleges in Mumbai University". This study

The following are the aspects of the checklist.

1. Basic Information about the Library (16 elements)
2. Information about Library Collection (08 elements)
3. Information about e-Resources (07 elements)
4. Information about Authority and Currency of Website (04 elements)
5. Information about Library Services (14 elements)

Results and Findings:

The relevant data was collected by visiting and analysing the content of each university library website in 01-11 February 2025. All the data collected in a tabular form where Y and N are marked against the elements where Y means Yes and the related elements is available on the website, whereas N means No that is that particular element is not available on the website.

Basic Information about the Library

The basic Information about the Library consist general library information are as follows.

Basic Information about the Library								
Basic Information	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
About Library	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Vision & Mission	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	**4**
Rules & Regulations	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Timing	Y	N	Y	N	y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Staff	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Membership	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	**3**
Library Committee	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library News & Programs	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Collection (Print)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Library Collection (e-Resources)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Services	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Book Bank	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Library Newsletter	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	**2**
Purchase Suggestion/Recommendation	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	**3**
Visitor Count	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	**4**
Feedback Form	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	**1**
Total Score (Out of 16)	**13**	**1**	**12**	**6**	**12**	**16**	**12**	

Table No. 2 illustrates all the libraries 6 out of 7 provides information about library, Library Collection (Print), Library Collection (e-resources) and Services. Most of the 5 out of 7 libraries have mentioned about Rules and Regulations, Library Timing, Library Staff, Library Committee, Library News & Programs and Book Bank. Libraries 4 out of 7 mentioned information about Vision and Mission of the Library and Visitor count of the website were mentioned. Only 3 Libraries that are RTMNU, MAFSU and SIU havefacility aboutPurchase Suggestion/Recommendation and Library Membership. Only SIU and RBU libraries providing facility of Library Newsletter. Only 1 library provides facility about feedback form that is SIU. Among all the Libraries, the least basic information available on the LIT Library webpage and has scored 01 out of 16. The highest number of general information is mentioned on the SIU library webpage, and has scored 16 out of 16.

Library Collection

This section provides the information of various kinds of library collection provided by the library to its end users.

Table No. 3 **Information about Library Collection**

Information about Library Collection								
Library Collection	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Books	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Journals	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Reference Sources/ Materials	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	**4**
Newspaper	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Magazines	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Thesis & Dissertations	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Gifted Books	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
CD/DVDs	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	**2**
Total Score (Out of 8)	**7**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**4**	**8**	**6**	

Table No. 3 shows that all the libraries except LIT have not provided information about Books. The majority of the Libraries 6 out of 7 have mentioned information Books and Journals except LIT library web page. Most of the Libraries have given information about Newspaper, Magazines and Thesis and Dissertations. Only 4 Libraries including KKSU, RTMNU, MAFSU and SIU have given information about Reference sources and Reference material. Again 4 out of 7 libraries have mentioned information about gifted books on the Library web page. Only 2 libraries namely MAFSU and SIU library have given the information about CD/DVD on the library web page. The SIU has provided most of the information about Library Collection and scored 8 out of 8, followed by RTMNU and KKSU scored 7 out of 8. LIT has not mentioned any information about library print collection and scored 0 out of 8.

E-Resources

This section provides information about various type of e-resources and their links available on the library webpage.

Table No. 4 Information about e-Resources

Information about e-Resources								
e-Resources	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Links to Free Online Resources	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to Subscribed e-Books	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to subscribed e-Journals	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to subscribed e-Databases	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to e-Databases Thesis & Dissertations	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Links to Institutional Repository	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Links to Question Papers	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	**4**
Total Score (Out of 7)	**6**	**0**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**7**	**7**	

Table No. 4 shows that maximum number of libraries have given information about Links to Free Online Resources, Links to Subscribed e-Books, Links to subscribed e-Journals and Links to e-Databases Thesis & Dissertations, score is 6 out of 7, except LIT library web page not given about e-Resources. 4 out of 7 library web page mentioned information about Links to Institutional Repository and Links to Question Papers. RTMNU, SIU and RBU have given information and links of subscribed e-Books, e-Journals, e-Databases, Thesis & Dissertations, Institutional Repository and Links to Question Papers and score 7 out of 7. LIT has scored least 0 out of 7 and not given information about e- resources.

Authority and Currency of Website

Authority and Currency are 2 main aspects to check the credibility and authenticity of the website.

Table No. 5 Information about Authority and Currency of Website

Information about Authority and Currency of Website								
Authority and	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**

Currency								
Domain name of the Library	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Copyright Information	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Last Updating of the website	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Webmaster Name	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**7**
Total Score (Out of 4)	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	

Table No. 5 shows that all the libraries have mentioned Domain name of the Library, Copyright Information, Last Updating of the website and Webmaster Name and score is 7 out of 7. KKSU, LIT, RTMNU, MNLU, MAFSU, SIU and RBU all the libraries web page were up to date.

Library Services

This table indicates the information about various kind of Library Services given by the libraries on their library web page.

Table No. 6 Information about Library Services

Information about Library Services								
Library Services	**KKSU**	**LIT**	**RTMNU**	**MAFSU**	**MNLU**	**SIU**	**RBU**	**N=07**
Web OPAC	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	**5**
Remote Access	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	**5**
Reprographic Service	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	**5**
Inter-Library Loan	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Plagiarism Service	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	**5**
Reference Service/ Ask a Librarian	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
New Arrivals	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**2**
Wi-Fi Service	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**
Library Orientation Service	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**3**
My Account	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	**6**
Virtual Library Tour	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	**4**
Mobile Library App	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	**2**
News Paper Clipping Service	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	**3**
Video Tutorials	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	**4**

Total Score (Out of 14)	**13**	**0**	**13**	**4**	**5**	**14**	**7**	

Table No. 6 observes that maximum number of services given by the library is SIU that is 14 out of 14, followed by KKSU and RTMNU library web page given also maximum number of services to its users that is 13 out of 14. Most of libraries providing facility of my account on the library webpage for the users, score is 6 out of 7. Maximum number of libraries given facility of WEB OPAC, Remote Access, Reprographic Service and Plagiarism Service that is 5 out of 7 libraries web page. 5 Services that is Inter-Library Loan, Reference Service/ Ask a Librarian, Wi-Fi Service, Virtual Library Tour and Video Tutorials. Only 2 Libraries webpage given services about new arrivals that is RTMNU and SIU. Only 3 library websites given information about Library Orientation Service and News Paper Clipping Service. Least number of facility that is 4 services provided by the MAFSU library Web page. LIT has not providing any library services on library web page.

Conclusion

The library web page is the gateway of knowledge and it should be up to date according to requirement of the users, giving authentic and current information is the prime objective of the any library, so it should be continuously improved. The study reveals amongst the all library SIU Library web page is set the example of other library web page, and has fulfilling all the parameters of website. In the Library service section, basic information section, e- resources and collection section LIT library web page has not providing any information for the users, so library web page should be updated. The library's main motto should not have a basic library web page but also design user-friendly and provides all the necessary and relevant information to their end users.

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CLOUD COMPUTING AND ITS USES IN THE LIBRARY ROLE OF CLOUD COMPUTING: IN FUTURE LIBRARIES

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Abstract: -*Libraries are evolving into an advanced stage of digital transformation through cloud computing. In this paradigm, libraries no longer require standalone software, operating systems, or applications, as long as they operate within the parameters set by their cloud service providers. Cloud computing introduces a new dimension to computing, revolutionizing how programs and supporting infrastructure are developed, scaled, updated, managed, and financed.*

This paper aims to highlight key aspects of cloud computing, including its types, models, and benefits. Additionally, it explores cloud computing initiatives in libraries and its impact on Library and Information Science. The discussion further examines the characteristics, advantage, and difficulties of cloud computing, the evolving role of cloud librarians, technological applications, and various cloud-based projects in the library sector.

Keywords: *Cloud computing; segments and Characteristics and Cloud librarian.*

Introduction: -

Cloud computing refers to the on-demand availability of computing resources, particularly data storage (cloud storage) and processing power, without requiring direct, active management by users. It follows a pay-as-you-go pricing model, which reduces capital expenses but may introduce

unforeseen operational costs, such as data transfer fees, compliance requirements, or vendor lock-in risks.Cloud computing refers to the on-demand availability of computing resources, particularly data storage (cloud storage) and processing power, without requiring direct, active management by users. It follows a pay-as-you-go pricing model, which reduces capital expenses but may introduce unforeseen operational costs, such as data transfer fees, compliance requirements, or vendor lock-in risks.

The core principle of cloud computing is resource sharing, ensuring efficiency, scalability, and streamlined service delivery. This technology is widely applied across industries, including education and libraries, where it facilitates digital repositories, e-resource access, and automated cataloguing systems. Cloud-based solutions help libraries manage vast digital collections while reducing the need for physical infrastructure.

Characteristics of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is defined by several key characteristics that make it an efficient and scalable solution for users and organizations:

1. Resource Sharing – Users share computing resources, allowing for optimized utilization and cost efficiency.
2. High-Speed Performance – Operates in a distributed computing environment, ensuring fast and seamless processing.
3. On-Demand Provisioning – Provides resources as needed without requiring manual intervention, ensuring scalability during peak demands.
4. Multi-Tenancy & Flexibility – Supports multiple users and applications simultaneously by leveraging a shared infrastructure.
5. Cost Efficiency & Accessibility – Reduces service costs by eliminating the need for local infrastructure, as resources are managed by third-party providers. Users can access cloud services from anywhere with an internet connection.

Since cloud applications are hosted on a common platform and accessible from multiple locations, they are easier to manage and maintain compared to standalone systems. Since they can be accessed from several locations and are deployed on a common platform, these applications are simpler to manage than standalone ones.

Cloud-based services offer the ability to access platforms or processing resources for application development. These services are secure, accessible from any internet-connected device, and include built-in backup mechanisms. A well-known example is **gmail,** which is widely used by businesses and individuals for managing email services. Educational institutions, in particular, benefit from **google apps for education**, which are offered free of charge. Many institutions have transitioned from maintaining their own email servers to using Google Apps, significantly reducing costs associated with software, infrastructure, and IT personnel. This shift allows organizations to

allocate resources more efficiently, avoiding expenses related to maintaining dedicated staff and applications used only occasionally.
Libraries depend on computers to manage **Library Management Software,** websites and portals, digital libraries, institutional repositories, and other essential services. Traditionally, these services required substantial **investments in infrastructure, software updates, and technical staff for** maintenance and backups. In most cases, library staff or institutional IT teams handled these responsibilities. However, many **university libraries are now adopting server and workstation virtualization**, enabling seamless collaboration with other campus institutions. This approach helps **reduce costs and optimize workload distribution**.

Cloud computing has become an increasingly **cost-effective and efficient solution** for libraries. With third-party service providers managing **server maintenance, software updates, and data backups,** libraries can focus on their **core mission of facilitating knowledge access and user engagement** rather than handling technical upkeep. In this way, cloud computing serves as a **transformative tool for modern libraries**, enhancing operational efficiency and expanding service capabilities.

Service Models in Cloud Computing and Their Applications in Libraries

Cloud computing offers three primary service models that can significantly enhance library operations by reducing infrastructure costs, improving accessibility, and streamlining management.

1. Software as a Service (SaaS) :- provides users with access to software applications over the internet without requiring installation or maintenance. Libraries can leverage SaaS solutions to improve digital services and enhance user experience.

2. Platform as a Service (PaaS) :-offers a cloud-based platform for developers to build, test, and deploy applications without managing the underlying infrastructure. This is particularly useful for libraries looking to develop custom applications and services.

3. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) :- delivers virtualized computing resources such as servers, storage, and networking on a pay-as-you-go basis. Libraries can use IaaS to scale their digital services without investing in costly physical infrastructure.

By adopting cloud computing models, libraries can enhance their efficiency, expand their digital presence, and provide seamless access to knowledge resources worldwide.
These emerging cloud services enhance interoperability and usability while significantly reducing computation costs. However, implementing cloud services currently requires expertise in cloud technologies, making skilled developers essential for deployment and management.

Applications of Cloud Computing in Libraries

Libraries today face numerous challenges due to the rapid evolution of information technology. New concepts such as digital libraries, internet-based services, web tools, and consortium practices have significantly transformed the library profession. Cloud computing, as a modern IT technology, plays a crucial role in this transformation by enabling libraries to run software applications on the internet and store data on remote servers.

Key Applications of Cloud Computing in Libraries:

1. **Information Sharing** – Libraries can share bibliographic data, table of contents, cover pages, exam papers, syllabi, and other reading materials on a single cloud-based platform. This enhances resource accessibility, improves library cost efficiency, and prevents redundant acquisitions.
2. **Collection Development** – Cloud computing facilitates better resource management by preventing duplication of materials. Users can discover and access a wider range of resources without unnecessary repetition.
3. **File Sharing** – Cloud technology simplifies electronic data sharing, allowing libraries to seamlessly exchange diverse materials, including research papers, multimedia files, and digital archives.
4. **Information Discovery** – Cloud-based platforms enable anytime, anywhere access to stored information. This is particularly beneficial for researchers, who can efficiently search and retrieve resources remotely.
5. **E-Learning Support** – Cloud computing enhances e-learning environments by allowing study materials, digital textbooks, and online assessments to be stored and accessed on demand. Students and faculty can collaborate in real time, edit documents, and engage in discussions from different locations.
6. **Information Literacy & User Training** – Libraries can leverage cloud technology to offer orientation programs, information literacy courses**,** and training materials in various

formats, such as videos, presentations, and documents. Additionally, cloud-based platforms support user-to-user interactions, fostering a collaborative learning experience.

By integrating cloud computing, libraries can streamline operations, enhance accessibility, and provide more efficient services to users, ultimately advancing the role of libraries in the digital era

Role of a Cloud Librarian

As libraries increasingly adopt cloud computing, the role of a Cloud Librarian has evolved to include both traditional library responsibilities and advanced technological functions. A Cloud Librarian plays a crucial role in managing digital resources, ensuring seamless access, and supporting member libraries with cloud-based services.

Key Responsibilities of a Cloud Librarian:

1. **Managing Member Information & Transactions** – Tracks user activity, borrowing history, and digital resource usage within the cloud-based library system.
2. **Providing Access Credentials** – Assigns PINs and access permissions to students and defines **validity periods** for different services.
3. **Facilitating Resource Sharing** – Coordinates with member libraries contributing resources to the cloud, ensuring effective collaboration and shared access.
4. **Liaising with Publishers & Consortia** – Communicates with e-book publishers, journal providers, database distributors, and consortia to manage subscriptions and negotiate access to digital content.
5. **Collaborating with Faculty** – Works with faculty members to curate customized digital resource packages tailored to different academic departments and disciplines.
6. **Enhancing Technological Skills** – Continuously updates knowledge of emerging technologies, cloud services, and digital library management systems to ensure efficient operations.
7. **Conducting Training & Awareness Programs** – Organizes workshops, seminars, and awareness sessions to educate users on accessing and utilizing cloud-based library resources effectively.

By adopting cloud technologies, Cloud Librarians serve as key facilitators in the digital transformation of libraries, ensuring efficient resource management, seamless accessibility, and enhanced user engagement.

Disadvantages of Cloud Computing

While cloud computing offers numerous advantages, it has certain challenges and limitations that libraries should consider:

1. Limited Control & Vendor Lock-in – Cloud service providers manage infrastructure and updates, limiting the control libraries have over their systems. Additionally, switching providers can be costly and complicated due to data migration challenges.
2. Ongoing Costs – Although cloud computing reduces upfront capital expenses, the pay-as-you-go model may lead to unpredictable long-term costs, especially as usage scales up.
3. Compliance & Legal Issues – Different countries have varying data protection laws and regulations. Libraries must ensure that cloud providers comply with relevant legal and institutional policies regarding data storage and handling.
4. Potential Performance Issues – Cloud-based applications may experience latency or slow performance due to shared resources, particularly during peak usage times.
5. Data Loss Risks – Although cloud providers implement backup systems, accidental deletions, cyberattacks, or service failures can still lead to data loss or corruption.

Despite these challenges, proper risk management, strategic planning, and vendor selection can help mitigate these disadvantages, allowing libraries to leverage cloud computing effectively.

Conclusions

Cloud computing has indeed revolutionized how services and data are managed and delivered across industries, including libraries. By eliminating the need for institutions to manage and maintain physical servers, cloud computing allows libraries to focus on providing valuable resources and services rather than dealing with the technical complexities of infrastructure.

For libraries in particular, cloud computing offers several advantages:

- **Reduced IT burden**: As you mentioned, managing technology can be challenging for library staff, especially when IT support is minimal or non-existent. Cloud computing offloads this responsibility to service providers, allowing staff to focus more on user services and content management.
- **Cost efficiency**: Instead of investing in expensive hardware and maintaining it, libraries can pay for only the resources they use on the cloud. This can be particularly beneficial for smaller institutions with limited budgets.
- **Scalability**: Cloud services allow libraries to easily scale their infrastructure as needed without worrying about physical space or capacity. This ensures that the library's systems grow in line with increasing demand for digital resources or more users.
- **Accessibility and Collaboration**: Cloud computing enables remote access to library services and resources, which is beneficial for users who are unable to visit the library

physically. It also enhances collaboration across institutions, as resources can be shared easily.

The global shift towards cloud computing in libraries, particularly in Western countries, shows how this technology can enable libraries to modernize their operations. While some regions may still be catching up, the benefits of cloud technology are becoming evident as awareness increases, especially in developing areas.

This could lead to further advancements in library services and better resource management. As cloud technology evolves, libraries worldwide will likely continue to integrate it into their operations, enhancing the way they serve their communities.

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APPLICATION OF CLOUD COMPUTING IN ACADEMIC COLLEGES: A CASE STUDY OF SELECTED ACADEMIC COLLEGES AFFILIATED TO KBCNMU JALGAON

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Abstract: *The aim of this research paper is to study the application of Cloud Computing in selected Academic Colleges affiliated to KBCNMU Jalgaon. Being descriptive in nature, this research study followed survey method by adapting a sample of 175 respondents (17 librarians, and 168 UG students) using simple random sampling. A self-structured questionnaire is the primary tool for collecting data. The study reveals that majority of respondents (92%) have knowledge about cloud computing systems, with 100% of librarians possessing this knowledge. While differences were found between students' and librarians' perspectives on the need for cloud computing, both groups emphasized the importance of reliability and authenticity of content for library use. The statistical analysis indicates that the difference in perceptions between librarians and undergraduate students regarding cloud computing is not statistically significant, suggesting that the impact of cloud computing in libraries is similar for both groups.*

Key Words: Cloud Computing, Academic college libraries, application, services, Library Management System.

1. Introduction:

In modern society, all human activities are organized through various institutions. Today, all major social functions and organizations have been institutionalized, whether these organizations are economic or related to financial or related to health services or even related education. The arrangement for safety or defense of industrial sector or environment is accomplished through these institutions and organizations. Libraries and other such institutions are those institutions which collect, store, process, organize and disseminate information/knowledge recorded in documents. Since knowledge and information are essential for the inclusive development of human beings, libraries and other institutions that organize and deliver information and knowledge are important. Library institution plays significant role in imparting knowledge and is having its glory since past. Whereas, there is a difference in the form and role of the library of ancient times and modern times. The form and function of the library of ancient times was that of the museum and many examples can be seen of the books stored in the library adding to the beauty of the library. But with passage of time, the work of the above library and museum was not limited to this only but its work grew widely and Dr. Ranganathan's five principles played an important role in it.

On the basis of the evidence found from the Indus Valley civilization, it can be said that in ancient times, store houses were built in storing inscriptions and other reading materials, but the importance of libraries kept increasing in the 19th and 20th centuries. The importance of libraries was made mandatory not only in educational institutes, but public libraries were also established in large scale. With a view of developing library resources at the college level, the University Grant Commission created a library revolution by setting up a Library Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. S R Ranganathan. The recommendations of National Commission for Education (1964-66) focused on library development and kept libraries as developing sector and also recommended for their modernization.

In present era, where every piece of information and knowledge is published through specialized literature, libraries need to fulfill and store and manage such published literature in order to provide need-based information for their readers and users. In order to reach every information to user at a specific time and in a numerical manner, libraries will have to make efforts in such a way that they can use various technologies to increase their customer satisfaction. In present times, there has been a great change in the format of information. These changes in the society are affecting the family, education system and libraries. Information technology has changed the basic form of all these. Where printed text material was available in the libraries, many libraries like e-libraries, digital libraries, etc. have taken the form of electronic and online resources.

Moreover, libraries academic colleges in India are shifting their focus from being mere repositories of knowledge to becoming dynamic hubs of learning, where students can engage with information, develop critical thinking skills, and cultivate a culture of lifelong learning. The rise of digital libraries, online databases, and e-journals has also necessitated a re-evaluation of the role of librarians, who are now expected to possess a range of skills, including information literacy, digital

curation, and data analysis, to effectively support the research and learning needs of their users. Furthermore, the increasing emphasis on open access publishing, open educational resources, and digital scholarship has created new opportunities for libraries to engage with the academic community, promote scholarly communication, and advance the cause of social justice. Despite these advances, academic libraries in India continue to face numerous challenges, including inadequate funding, outdated infrastructure, and a shortage of skilled librarians, which can hinder their ability to provide high-quality services and support the evolving needs of their users. Nevertheless, as academic libraries in India continue to evolve and adapt to the changing landscape of higher education, they are poised to play an increasingly vital role in fostering a culture of academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility.

Academic libraries provide guidance to students, research scholars, faculties and visiting readers regarding information and purchase of various types of library resources related to their mother university's courses, both curricular and extracurricular. (Chudasma, Bhatt, and Trivedi, 2019)

The journey towards cloud computing of Indian Academic college libraries has traversed through various stages, beginning with traditional library setups, followed by automation and digitization, and then cloud computing awareness, adoption of cloud-based services, and hybrid and community cloud adoption. Currently, libraries are exploring cloud-native services, artificial intelligence-powered tools, and cloud-based digital repositories, with a focus on data analytics, user experience, and library assessment. As libraries continue to evolve, they are expected to strengthen community cloud initiatives, collaborative networks, and develop innovative services, ultimately transforming into vibrant, technology-enabled learning spaces that foster academic excellence, innovation, and student success.(Singh and Sharma, 2019)

1.2 Concept of Cloud Computing:

Cloud computing is a modern technology that allows users to store and manage their data and applications online. This technology allows users to easily increase or decrease their resources, allowing them to adjust their resources according to their business needs. The main advantages of cloud computing include scalability, flexibility, cost-effectiveness, and security. This technology is available in different types of cloud models, including public cloud, private cloud, and hybrid cloud. That is why Cloud Computing is considered to be the fifth basic need of human being after water, electricity, gas, and mobile. (Monroy and Guererro, 2012) National Institute of Standards and Technology while defining Cloud Computing stated that, it is a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

Cloud computing is a technology in which data and programmes are stored and accessed on the Internet. In other words, "Cloud computing is a technology by which data or information is stored, managed and retrieved with the help of the Internet."

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) describes cloud computing as "a paradigm for enabling network access to a scalable and elastic pool of shareable physical or virtual resources with self-service provisioning and administration on-demand".

Peter Mell and Tim Grance, authors of the NIST Cloud Computing Reference Architecture, define cloud computing as "a pay-per-use model for enabling available, convenient, and on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources".

Cloud computing refers to manipulating, configuring and accessing the applications online. It is a process that offers online data storage, infrastructure, application and involvement both a combination of software and hardware. (Ajay Bansal)

In simple terms, cloud computing provides scalability, flexibility, and cost-effectiveness, as users only pay for the resources they use, and can easily scale up or down to meet changing business needs. With cloud computing, users can access their data and applications from anywhere, on any device, at any time, making it an essential tool for businesses, organizations, and individuals alike, and enabling greater collaboration, innovation, and productivity.

Some of the cloud computing technologies used by these libraries include Cloud-based Integrated Library Systems: These systems enable libraries to manage their collections, circulation, and patron management more efficiently.

Google Apps and Facebook: Many libraries in India are using Google Apps, such as Gmail and Google Docs, and Facebook to provide various services to their users.

Cloud Computing Infrastructure: Some libraries are using cloud computing infrastructure to host their websites, databases, and applications, making it easier to manage and maintain their IT infrastructure.

Cloud-based Research Platforms: A few libraries are also using cloud-based research platforms to support research projects and provide students with hands-on experience with cloud-based technologies.

1.2.1 Service Models of Cloud Computing:

Service models refer to the type of cloud computing service provided to customers.

1. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

IaaS provides virtualized computing resources over the internet. Customers can provision and manage their own virtual machines, storage, and networking resources.

Advantages:

Scalability and flexibility

Cost-effective

Control over infrastructure

Disadvantages:

Requires IT expertise

Security concerns

2. Platform as a Service (PaaS)

PaaS provides a platform for developing, running, and managing and hoisting applications. Customers can focus on developing and deploying their applications without worrying about the underlying infrastructure.

Advantages:

Rapid application development and deployment

Cost-effective
Scalability and flexibility

Disadvantages:

Limited control over infrastructure
Vendor lock-in

3. Software as a Service (SaaS)

SaaS provides software applications over the internet. Customers can access and use software applications without having to install, configure, or maintain them.

Advantages:

Cost-effective
Scalability and flexibility
Easy to deploy and manage

Disadvantages:

Limited control over software
Vendor lock-in

1.3 Cloud Computing System in Academic College Libraries:

Based on some studies, Clouding Computing system in academic college libraries transforms the operative, supportive and providing services, also enhances research qualities and learning practices. Following are some of the areas where Cloud Computing plays its contribution in college libraries.

1. Enhanced Resource Sharing and Collaboration: Cloud computing enables libraries to share resources, such as e-books, journals, and databases, more efficiently with other libraries and institutions, promoting resource sharing and collaboration.
2. Improved Library Management: Cloud-based integrated library systems (ILS) enable libraries to manage their collections, circulation, and patron management more efficiently, reducing the need for manual processes and minimizing errors.
3. Increased Accessibility and Remote Access: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide remote access to their resources and services, allowing students and faculty to access library materials and services from anywhere, at any time.
4. Scalability and Flexibility: Cloud computing provides libraries with scalability and flexibility, enabling them to quickly adapt to changing user needs and technological advancements without significant upfront investments.
5. Cost-Effective: Cloud computing reduces the need for libraries to invest in expensive hardware and software, providing a cost-effective solution for managing library operations and providing services.
6. Enhanced Research Support: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide enhanced research support, including access to cloud-based research platforms, tools, and services, facilitating collaboration and innovation.
7. Improved Digital Preservation: Cloud computing enables libraries to preserve digital content more effectively, ensuring long-term access to digital resources and collections.

8. Enhanced User Experience: Cloud computing enables libraries to provide a more personalized and user-centric experience, including customized discovery layers, recommendation systems, and mobile apps.
9. Better Data Analytics: Cloud computing enables libraries to collect and analyze data more effectively, providing insights into user behavior, resource usage, and library operations.
10. Enhanced Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity: Cloud computing enables libraries to ensure business continuity and disaster recovery, providing a secure and reliable infrastructure for library operations and services.

2. Objectives of the Study:

Following are the objectives of the study.

1. To understand the knowledge of cloud based library system of library personnel.
2. To investigate the cloud based services offered by academic college libraries.
3. To investigate the need of cloud computing system in academic college libraries.
4. To assess the impact of cloud computing on academic college libraries function.

3. Research Methodology:

Being descriptive in nature, this research study followed survey method as this method of research collects data in the present perspective. There are total 103 academic colleges affiliated to Kaviyitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University Jalgaon offering arts, arts and science, arts and commerce, commerce, science, and arts commerce and science streams education. Following purposive sampling, the research selected Jalgaon district for the study. All 50 academic colleges from Jalgaon district was the population academic colleges in the district. Out of 50 academic colleges, the researcher selected 18 colleges from the district as only these college libraries had cloud computing system services in their respective libraries. Following simple random sampling technique, the researcher further selected 10 UG students from each selected colleges. Thus the entire sample of the study was 18 librarians and 180 students. A self-structured questionnaire following both open and closed questions was the primary tool of data collection.

Table 3.1
Sample Detail

Sr. No.	Particular	Number
1	Librarians	18
2	UG Students	180
	Total	198

Table 3.2
Questionnaire Response Details

Sr. No.	Particular	Number	Number of responses	Percentage
1	Librarians	18	17	94.44
2	UG Students	180	168	84.84
	Total	198	175	88.38

Table 3.2 is about the number and percentage reveals actual respondents of study. 168 out of 180 UG students from the selected colleges could submit their questionnaire following each area of the questionnaire, while 10.61% students failed to fill complete questionnaire. On the other hand one library personnel also failed to respond the questionnaire. Thus the total response was 88.38%; therefore, the final respondents in the study were 17 librarians and 168 UG students.

4. Data Analysis and Interpretation:

Table 4.1

Knowledge about Cloud Computing

Do you have knowledge about Cloud Computing?

Sr. No	Particular	Yes	Percentage	No	Percentage
1	Librarians	17	100%	-	-
2	Students	154	91.66%	14	08.34

Table 4.1 is about the knowledge of Cloud computing of respondents. 100% librarians have knowledge about cloud computing system, while 91.66% (N=154) students have knowledge about CC system, while 8.34% (N=14) students said no to the question. This states that majority of respondents have knowledge about Cloud Computing system.

Table 4.2

Area of Knowledge of Cloud Computing

Sr. No	Areas	Yes	No	Total
1	Basics of CC	168 (96%)	07 (4%)	175
2	Types of CC	147 (84%)	28 (16%)	175
3	LMS	159 (90.85%)	16 (9.14%)	175
4	Cloud based sources	134 (76.57%)	41 (17.33%	175
5	Cloud based tools	140 (80%)	35 (20%)	175
6	Library resources	152 (86.85%)	23(13.15%)	175

It is with reference to the table 4.2 which reveals information about the areas of knowledge that respondents have towards Cloud Computing system. Varied responses have been registered by the students. Majority of 96% respondents found knowledge about the area of basics of cloud computing, while 90.85% respondents had knowledge about Library Management System (LMS). Another 86.85% respondents have knowledge about the Library resources and 84% respondents have knowledge about Types of CC.

4.3

Cloud Based Services offered by the Libraries

Sr. No	Particulars	Librarians (17)	Students (168)
1	Library Management System	17 (100%)	122 (72.61)
2	E-resources Management	13 (76.47%)	110 (65.47)
3	Digital Resources	14 (82.35%)	138 (82.14)

4	Research Support	17 (100%)	102 (60.71)
5	Library Analytics	17 (100%)	144 (85.71)

It is with reference to the data given in table 4.3 that reveals information about Cloud Computing services by the libraries of academic colleges in the district. For librarians they offer Cloud Computing based services on large scale to their users. On the other hand, the students' responses indicate that they found fewer opportunities in such services as their response about 85 to 60 percent in range.

4.4

Need of Cloud Computing System

Sr. No	Particular	Needs
1	Students	For anytime access as e-books, articles, database. For Group works For google drive and drop box to have back up of source. For equal access to needy students. For accessing special software when not available in local library.
2	Librarians	For providing easy access to their users. For managing library operations. For collaboration with other libraries. For improving library services. For reliable and secure resources.

Table 4.4 reveals data about the need of Cloud computing services for both students and librarians. As it was open ended response, respondents have various responses. They need Cloud Computing for having anytime access, for back up, for integration, for inclusive use, and for reliable sources of reading.

4.5

Impact of Cloud Computing on Library Services

Statement	N	Means	SD	Df	t-value	Level (0.05)
Impact of CC	17	10.5	2.50	173	1.34	Accepted
	168	9.8	2.00			

It is with reference to the table 4.5 that indicates the level of impact of Cloud Computing with reference to librarians and students. The calculated t-value 1.34 is lesser to the table value hence it indicates that for both librarians and students, the impact of CC in library services is same.

Findings:

- Total 175 respondents participated in the study out of which 17 were librarians, while 168 were students.
- Majority of 92% respondents found knowledge about Cloud Computing systems, out of which 100% librarians found having knowledge of CC.
- Majority of 96% respondents found knowledge about the area of basics of cloud computing, while 90.85% respondents had knowledge about Library Management System (LMS). Another 86.85% respondents have knowledge about the Library resources and 84% respondents have knowledge about Types of CC.
- Varied responses were found regarding the services offered by CC in the college libraries. Students had varied responses.
- There found difference in the need of Cloud Counting from students and librarians perspective. But it is found common when they both rely on reliability and authenticity of content for their library use.
- Since the calculated t-value- 1.34 is less than the critical value 1.65 (0.05 level) with df 173, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. In other words the difference being tasted is not statistically significant at 0.05 level; therefore, the impact of Cloud Counting in libraries is same for librarians and UG students.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights into the knowledge, perceptions, and needs of librarians and undergraduate students regarding cloud computing in academic libraries. The findings suggest that while there are differences in perspectives, both groups recognize the importance of cloud computing in supporting academic success. The study's results have implications for library administrators, librarians, and educators, highlighting the need for ongoing professional development, user education, and strategic planning to harness the potential of cloud computing in academic libraries.

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USER PERCEPTIONS AND USAGE OF ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUES: A STUDY

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Abstract : *Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) systems are essential tools in modern libraries, enabling users to easily search and retrieve information about library resources. This study investigated the usage and functionality of the OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, from the perspectives of both staff and students. A questionnaire-based survey was employed to collect data, with 300 questionnaires distributed to library users, of which 258 were returned, representing an*

86% response rate. The study aimed to identify potential areas for improvement in the library's OPAC services. The findings revealed that the majority of users are satisfied with the current OPAC system. This research provides valuable insights into the user experience with OPAC in an academic setting. By understanding the challenges and needs of library users, libraries can optimize their OPAC systems to better serve their communities.

Introduction

The effectiveness of a library's OPAC hinges on its ability to meet the diverse needs of its users. This case study investigates the user experience with the OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, focusing on how users interact with the system, the challenges they encounter, and their overall satisfaction. Through a detailed analysis of user feedback and system usage data, this study seeks to identify areas for improvement in OPAC design and functionality, ultimately aiming to enhance user access to library resources.

In today's digital age, Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs) are essential for libraries to provide effective access to their collections. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, uses the Master Software's M-OPAC, which is a comprehensive library management solution designed to streamline OPAC functionality and enhance the user experience. Master Software's M-OPAC offers a user-friendly interface and powerful search capabilities, empowering library patrons to quickly and easily find the resources they need. This discussion will delve into the user-centric design of M-OPAC, examining how its features, contribute to a seamless and efficient research experience.

Objectives of the Study

This study aims to investigate the use of Online Public Access Catalogue (OPACs) as follows:

- To identify the users of OPAC.
- To know the awareness and use of OPAC among the library users
- To determine the purpose of using OPAC.
- To find out various problem faced by the library users in using OPAC
- To determine the types of information sought by users via the OPAC.
- To know the satisfaction level of users with the OPAC system.

Methodology

Thequestionnairemethodwasusedtocollectthe datafrom the users of libraries. Awell-designed questionnaire was considered for conducting the study. Total 300 questionnaires were distributed among the users of public libraries. Out of which 258 questionnaire were received back.

DataAnalysis and Finding

1. Distribution of respondents

Types of users	No. of questionnaires distributed	No. of responses received	Percentage
Under Graduate Students	180	166	92.22
Postgraduate students	70	50	71.43
Researchers	14	12	85.71
Faculties	30	27	90.00
Non-teaching Staff	6	3	50.00
Total	300	258	86.00

Table 1: Distribution of respondents

This table shows the response rates to a questionnaire distributed among different user groups. A total of 300 questionnaires were distributed across five groups: Undergraduate Students, Postgraduate Students, Researchers, Faculties, and Non-teaching Staff. The table displays the number of questionnaires distributed to each group, the number of responses received from each group, and the calculated response percentage for each group. Overall, 258 responses were received, resulting in an overall response rate of 86%. The table allows for a comparison of response rates across the different user types. We can observe, that Undergraduate Students had the highest response rate (92.22%), while Non-teaching Staff had the lowest (50.00%).

2. Gender wise respondents

Gender	No. of respondents	Percentage
Male	103	39.92
Female	155	60.08
Total	258	100.00

Table2: Gender wise respondents

This table shows the gender distribution of respondents to a survey or questionnaire. Out of a total of 258 respondents, 103 (39.92%) were male and 155 (60.08%) were female. This indicates that a majority of the respondents were female.

3. Level of awareness about OPAC

Awareness level about OPAC	No. of respondents	Percentage
Aware	258	100.00
Not aware	0	0.00
Total	258	100.00

Table 3: Level of awareness about OPAC

This table shows that all 258 respondents (100%) indicated they are aware of OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). There were no respondents who reported being unaware of OPAC. This suggests a very high level of familiarity with OPAC among the surveyed population.

4. Frequency of Use of OPAC

Frequency of Use	No. of respondents	Percentage

Daily	78	30.23
Weekly	53	20.54
Fortnightly	31	12.02
Monthly	29	11.24
Occasionally	67	25.97
Total	258	100.00

Table 4: Frequency of Use of OPAC

This table displays the frequency of use, presumably of a particular service or resource, among the 258 respondents. It shows the number of respondents and the corresponding percentage for each frequency category. The data reveals that the most frequent use is "Daily" (30.23%), followed by "Occasionally" (25.97%). The "Weekly" frequency accounts for 20.54% of responses, while "Fortnightly" and "Monthly" represent 12.02% and 11.24% respectively.

5. Use of Search Terms

Search term	No. of respondents	Percentage
Keywords	63	24.42
Title	132	51.16
Accession Number	12	4.65
Subject	14	5.43
Author	26	10.08
Publisher	11	4.26

Table 5: Use of Search Terms

This table shows the distribution of search terms used by respondents, likely within a library OPAC. It lists the different search term options like Keywords, Title, Accession Number, Subject, Author, and Publisher, the number of respondents who used each term, and the percentage of respondents that represents. The data indicates that "Title" is the most frequently used search term (51.16%), followed by "Keywords" (24.42%). The other search terms are used less frequently, with "Accession Number" and "Publisher" being the least used.

6. Purpose of Using OPAC

Purpose of using OPAC	No. of respondents	Percentage
Finding location of the books	116	44.96
Checking availability of the books	98	37.98
To know the new arrivals	18	6.98
Time consuming	14	5.43
Exploring related resources	12	4.65

Table 6: Purpose of Using OPAC

This table outlines the primary reasons respondents use an OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). The most common purpose, cited by 116 respondents (44.96%), is finding the location of books.

Checking the availability of books is the second most frequent reason, with 98 respondents (37.98%) selecting this option. Smaller percentages of respondents use the OPAC to learn about new arrivals (6.98%), find it time-consuming (5.43%), or explore related resources (4.65%).

7. Satisfaction level in using OPAC

Level of satisfaction	No. of respondents	Percentage
Fully satisfied	168	65.12
Satisfied	83	32.17
Partially satisfied	7	2.71
Total	258	100.00

Table 7: Satisfaction level in using OPAC

This table presents data on respondent satisfaction levels, categorized as "Fully satisfied," "Satisfied," and "Partially satisfied." Out of the 258 total respondents, the majority 168 (65.12%) reported being "Fully satisfied." A significant portion 83 respondents (32.17%) indicated they were "Satisfied," while a small fraction 7 respondents (2.71%) were "Partially satisfied." The data suggests a generally high level of satisfaction among the respondents.

Conclusion:

This study has examined the usage of OPAC system at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bramhapuri, the effectiveness of M-OPAC in improving library services and the satisfaction towards the OPAC service. The findings indicate that a very high level of familiarity with OPAC among the surveyed population. Users are generally satisfied with the OPAC. M-OPAC has significantly streamlined library workflows. These results suggest that the most common purpose of using OPAC is finding the location of books. Ultimately, this study contributes to a better understanding of role of OPACs in modern libraries, the importance of user experience in library services, the potential of technology to transform library operations.

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THE IMPACT OF CLOUD COMPUTING ON LIBRARY OPERATIONS: A CASE STUDY

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Abstract: *The aim of this research study is to investigate the impact of cloud computing on academic college library operation of Nagpur District. A sample of 15 academic colleges is purposively selected including 25 library personnel and 150 student respondents. A survey was conducted by deploying self-structured questionnaire along with semi-structured questions for interview. Findings reveal significant impact of cloud computing on library efficiency, collaboration, and cloud storage resources. However, technical issues, data security and data privacy concern are the prior challenges for library personnel and library users. The study highlights the significance of cloud computing for better library operation.*

Key Words:*Cloud Computing, Academic Libraries, Data Privacy, Data Security, Operation, and Efficiency.*

Introduction:

The evolution of technology has impacted all sectors and has adopted it and changed their functioning and methodology. In recent times, the new concept of called Cloud Computing has added another inclusion or innovation to this; has changed the narratives of conventional functioning into advanced functioning. Having functioning like flexibility, effectiveness, stability, and storing system, cloud computing has been a revolution in technology sector. Therefore, each section of modern era is adapting cloud computing following its functioning and libraries are no exception within this following perspective. Libraries, traditionally known for managing physical collections of books, journals, and other materials, are now embracing technology to enhance their services. The integration of cloud computing technologies into library systems has transformed how libraries store, manage, and deliver resources to users. As libraries strive to provide innovative services, expand their digital collections, and enhance user experience, they are increasingly turning to cloud computing as a viable solution.

Cloud computing offers libraries the opportunity to migrate their IT infrastructure, applications, and data to a cloud-based environment, thereby reducing the burden of hardware and software maintenance, improving collaboration and resource sharing, and enabling greater mobility and accessibility. However, the adoption of cloud computing in libraries also raises important questions about the impact on library operations, including the management of digital collections, the provision of research support services, and the ensuring of data security and privacy.

Traditionally, libraries have relied on in-house servers and local storage systems to manage vast amounts of information. However, cloud computing offers a flexible, scalable, and cost-effective alternative by enabling libraries to host their data, applications, and services on remote servers accessed via the internet. (Dutt, 2015) This shift not only reduces the need for extensive physical infrastructure but also ensures that libraries can meet the growing demands of users in the digital age. For libraries, this technology presents a transformative opportunity to move from traditional models to more agile, user-centric systems that cater to the diverse needs of patrons. By leveraging the cloud, libraries can offer faster access to digital collections, improve data security, and reduce the physical space requirements for storing vast amounts of information.

Over the last decade, libraries have increasingly adopted cloud computing solutions to enhance their operations, improve service delivery, and manage vast collections of digital resources more effectively (Suman and Singh, 2016). Cloud computing has become a pivotal element in modernizing library systems, transforming traditional library workflows by offering tools for resource management, user services, and collaboration.

Historical Context:

The establishment of libraries was major step in creating a reading culture from a historical perspective. The traditional library was a physical place where books were kept and users would physically use it. Over time, with the advancement of technology, this traditional method of library functioning got replaced with ICT tools, multimedia, databases etc., and the overall functioning of the library changed. Even though technology was incorporated in libraries and changes were made in its physical properties, the maintenance of these technology-based systems became limited and expensive. Consequently, the concept of cloud computing gave libraries an opportunity to overcome all these challenges.

Although the role of libraries has changed over time, the library has become a technology-based library using various components such as local servers, on-sited data storage, and IT management, cloud computing has not only limited the infrastructure but also eliminated the need for large hardware investment. This is due to the provision of virtualized storage, security, accessibility, and scalable services. The virtual existence of cloud computing provides remote access to a wide range of e-books, articles, multimedia content, and other digital reading sources from any device via internet. Modern features such as encryption and access control are now available in the library, which enables a large number of robust security measures and provides a high level of security to digital resources that accessed through various means. This was not the case in traditional or technology-based libraries.

Significance of Study:

The significance of this study lies in its ability to explore and assess the transformative role of cloud computing in the modern library landscape. Cloud computing has not only introduced technological advancements but has also altered the fundamental operations, user interactions, and service delivery in libraries. As libraries face growing demands to provide more accessible, efficient, and diversified services, understanding the implications of cloud computing becomes essential. This study will examine the various facets of cloud computing's influence, providing insight into its benefits, challenges, and potential for the future.

Objectives of the Study:

1. To examine the integration of cloud computing in libraries in Nagpur District.
2. To assess the impact of Cloud computing on the accessibility and efficiency of libraries in the District.
3. To identify the challenges and limitations of Cloud Computing operations in Nagpur District libraries.

Methodology:

The aim of this research paper is to investigate the impact of cloud computing on library operation from the academic libraries in Nagpur district, this research study adapted both

qualitative and quantitative research methodology. Being descriptive in its nature, this study followed survey method in order to gather responses from the correspondents. This led the researcher to understand the adoption, implementation and impact of cloud computing on related library functioning. Interview sessions also deployed to interrogate with service providers and some library users for receiving qualitative forms. This research study followed purposive sampling method because this method of sampling allowed the researcher to target specific libraries that have adopted cloud computing. Adapting purposive sampling, 15 academic libraries were selected and further, 25 library personnel, and 150 library users were randomly selected. A self-structured questionnaire was the primary tool data collection, while semi-structured questions were designed for interviewing the respondents.

Data Analysis:

Table 1
Integration of Cloud Computing in Libraries
For Library Personnel (25)

Item	Response	Number	Percentage
Integration of Cloud Computing	Yes	20	80%
	No	5	20%
Cloud-Based Services Utilized	Library Management System	15	60%
	Cloud Storage for Resources	12	48%
	Digital Resource Access	18	72%
	Others	2	8%
Integration Level of CC	1 (Not Integrated)	1	04%
	2	4	14%
	3	8	32%
	4	9	36%
	5 (Fully Integrated)	3	12%

It is with reference to table one, 80% of libraries in the Nagpur district have adopted some form of cloud computing. This shows a high level of adoption in the district.

20% of libraries have not adopted cloud computing, which may indicate barriers such as lack of infrastructure or insufficient budget.

Digital Resource Access (72%) is the most commonly utilized cloud service by libraries. This suggests that most libraries are leveraging cloud computing to provide online access to resources, which is beneficial for students and researchers.

Library Management Systems (60%) are also commonly used, indicating that cloud-based systems are increasingly used for managing books, catalogs, and other services.

Cloud Storage for Resources (48%) is another significant service used by libraries, helping to store and organize data remotely.

36% of library personnel rate the integration of cloud computing as 4 (Highly Integrated) and 12% rate it as 5 (Fully Integrated). This suggests that a significant portion of libraries have integrated cloud computing into their operations effectively.

Table 2

Impact of Cloud Computing on Library Operation

Item	Mean	Sd	Df	t-value
CC Adoption	3.61	1.22	173	2.16
Library Efficiency	4.07	1.08	173	3.52
Cloud Storage Resources	4.12	094	173	2.79
Collaboration	4.06	1.16	173	2.40
Security	3.86	1.27	173	1.93

(the critical t-value at 0.05 level for df 173 is 1.96)

It is with reference to the table 2 revealing impact of Cloud Computing on library operation of Nagpur District, the mean value 3.61 for Cloud Computing adoption among the colleges indicates a moderate level of adoption of CC, but is showing its impact on library operation. The mean score of Library efficiency is 4.07 indicates a significant level efficiency among the libraries. While, the calculated t-value 3.52 suggests CC adoption by the college libraries have significant impact on their operation. The mean score of Cloud Storage Resources also indicates a significant level of resources sharing among the libraries have CC system. The calculated t-value 2.79 shows significant impact of CC on library operation. The mean score of collaboration 4.06 is also having significant level of collaboration among the libraries having CC system. The calculated t-value 2.40 indicates a significant impact of CC on library operation. On the other hand, the mean value 3.86 of security indicates a moderate level of information security among the libraries. The calculated t-value 1.93 suggests a marginal impact on information security.

Table 3

Challenges in Implementing Cloud Computing in Library Operation

Challenges	F	Percentage	Mean	SD
Technical Issues	121	80%	3.9	1.13
Data Security	101	66.69%	3.7	1.24
Interoperability	92	60.10%	3.6	1.10
Data Privacy	100	66.70%	3.7	1.22
Cost	68	46.67%	3.1	1.09

In table 3 the frequency and percentage shown indicates number of respondents who identified each challenge as a major issue for them. On the other hand, the mean and Standard Deviation indicates severity of each challenge faced by both library personnel and library users. The mean value 3.9 against technical issue challenge reveals that this challenge is having a significant concern among the respondents while, the mean score 3.1 against cost challenge indicates a moderate concern for the respondents.

Findings:

- 80% of libraries in the Nagpur district have adopted some form of cloud computing.
- Digital Resource Access (72%) is the most commonly utilized cloud service by libraries.
- 36% of library personnel rate the integration of cloud computing as 4 (Highly Integrated) and 12% rate it as 5 (Fully Integrated).
- CC adoption has a significant and positive impact on library efficiency, resource sharing, and collaboration.
- Information security remains a concern for libraries that have adopted CC.
- Technical issues, data security concerns, and data privacy are the top challenges faced by libraries in operating CC.
- Interoperability and cost constraints are also significant challenges.

Conclusion:

It with reference to the findings, it can be concluded that the cloud computing adoption in academic colleges of Nagpur district have varied adoption practices regarding cloud computing. The cloud computing system adopted by the libraries has shown impact on library efficiency, collaboration, and cloud storage resources. However, technical issues, data security and data privacy concern are the prior challenges for library personnel and library users. Overall, the study reveals that application of cloud computing in library operation has proven a valuable tool for the better function and services of libraries but need a handful planning and implementation as challenges have been registered by the users. Therefore, a systematic execution of planning is best practice in dealing with cloud computing.

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A WEBOMETRIC STUDY OF SELECTED COLLEGE WEBSITES RANKED UNDER COLLEGE CATEGORY OF NIRF RANKING 2024 WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO LIBRARY WEBPAGES

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***Abstract**: This study examines the webometric characteristics of selected college websites ranked under the College Category of the NIRF 2024 rankings. Study examines the domain, domain age, internal and external links and total links, web impact factor, global and India rank of the top 20 college library webpages ranked under college category of NIRF 2024 ranking. To collect data for this study, smallseotools.com and similarweb.com had used to find out domain age, domain authority, page authority and total, internal and external links and global and India rank of college library websites covered in this study.*

***Keywords:** Webometric study, NIRF ranking 2024, Library webpages, Domain & Page Authority, Web Impact Factor, Global Rank*

1. Introduction

In the digital age, institutional websites serve as gateways to information, showcasing their academic, cultural, and research capabilities. Libraries have evolved past physical spaces into computerized stages that give users with consistent access to tremendous collections of resources. Library websites and webpages serve as basic tools for information retrieval, research help, and academic support. These online platforms offer a extend of services, including digital catalogs, e-books, research databases, and user-friendly interfacing for efficient navigation. Also, library websites enhance accessibility by giving remote access to materials and cultivating community engagement through online services.

2. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is an initiative established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, to evaluate and rank higher education institutions based on a set of standardized and quantifiable parameters. Introduced to foster a competitive academic environment, NIRF aims to enhance the quality of higher education while providing stakeholders with reliable data for informed decision-making. Annually, NIRF publishes institutional rankings across various criteria, including Teaching, Learning, and Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach and Inclusivity; and Perception. This study examines the top 20 college websites in India, as listed under the college category in the NIRF Rankings 2023, through a webometric analysis. Utilizing webometric tools, the study specifically focuses on assessing the library webpages of these institutions..

Table 1: National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking colleges in year-2024

Rank	NIRF ranking 2021	City	State	Library web page

	colleges			
1	Miranda House	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php
2	Hindu College	Delhi	Delhi	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx
3	Presidency College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/
5	St. Xavier`s College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	New Delhi	Delhi	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/
7	Loyola College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	Rahara	Wes Bengal	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29
9	Kirori Mal College	Delhi	Delhi	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	New Delhi	Delhi	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.srcc.edu/library
12	Hans Raj College	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library
13	Sri Venkateswara College	Delhi	Delhi	http://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/library.php
14	St. Stephens's College	Delhi	Delhi	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	Howrah	West Bengal	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/
16	Madras Christian College	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/
17	Deshbandhu College	New Delhi	Delhi	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php
18	Thiagarajar College	Madurai	Tamilnadu	https://www.tcarts.in/li

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19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	Kolkata	West Bengal	https://rkmrc.in/library/
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html

(Source: https://www.nirfindia.org/2024/CollegeRanking.html)

3. Objective:

The primary objectives of this research are:

- To evaluate the webometric indicators of selected college websites.
- To assess the quality and accessibility of library webpages.
- To understand the role of web-based library services in academic outreach.

4. Literature Review

Several studies have emphasized the importance of webometrics in assessing the visibility and impact of academic institutions. Studies like those by Smith (2018) and Kumar (2021) highlight the correlation between digital presence and institutional reputation. Library services, being integral to academic ecosystems, have also been a focus area for digital transformation. Narnaware & Rokade (2022) conducted a study of top 20 NIRF Ranking 2021 college category library websites. They found that the common highest Domain Authority score of 60 was achieved by Kirorimal College Delhi and Acharya Narendra Dev College New Delhi with the first position among all colleges. Patel & Vyas (2021) conducted a webometric survey of Open University websites in India using WISER Index Ranking, Social Media Connectivity and Alexa Ranking. This study suggests that Open Institute websites need to attract more external links and web influencers. Kadam and Bhusawar (2021) analyzed the websites of the 25 best higher education institutions in India. They found out that Anna's University website was number one on Alexa's traffic location. Vinit Kumar and Sheel Bhadra Yadav (2020) NIRF Ranking University Library Portal Efficiency in Indian Universities: An Evaluation Study. In this article, the researcher studies various functions of the library portal. Verma and Jaiswal (2020) explored the websites of Indian medical institutions and their parameters are connection analysis, web influencers and WISER assessments. According to their study, the SRM Institute of Science and Technology's website has 84 fastest loading times in Google searches.

5. Scope and Limitations of the study

1. Present Study is limited to only NIRF Ranked 2024 College Websites listed in College Section of NIRF in India.
2. The study is limited to only top 20 NIRF Ranked 2024 College Library Websites listed in College Section of NIRF in India. Websites of universities, engineering, management, pharmacy, medical, Law, Architecture, dental and research institute library are excluded from the study.

6. Hypothesis

H1: There exits websites to top 20 colleges websites listed by NIRF in 2024.
H2: There exist significant differences in number of internal link, and external link among the website of top 20 colleges listed in NIRF 2024.

7. Methodology:

This research employs a mixed-methods approach, incorporating quantitative and qualitative analysis. Data were collected using tools such as:

- Google Analytics: For website traffic and user behavior.
- Alexa Internet: For ranking and comparative analysis.
- OpenLinkProfiler: For backlink and SEO metrics.

8. Sample Selection:

The sample consists of 20 colleges ranked in the NIRF 2024 College Category.

9. Analysis & interpretations

Table 2: List of colleges and their library hyperlinks, domain age, domain registration date, domain authority and page authority.

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	Domain age	Domain Registration	Domain authority	Page authority
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	19 Years 9 Months 20 Days	28-02-2004 05:00	33	25
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	8 Years 1 Month 12 Days	06-11-2015 05:45	34	25
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	5 Years 3 Months 28 Days	20-08-2018 11:40	29	21
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	5 Years 1 Month 3 Days	15-11-2018 11:32	30	19
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/	24 Years 7 Months 6 Days	13-05-1999 00:00	38	31
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/	6 Years 5 Months 11 Days	07-07-2017 10:07	25	24

7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	26 Years 1 Month 25 Days	24-10-1997 00:00	39	27
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	14 Years 6 Months 27 Days	21-05-2009 12:44	25	18
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	19 years 9 months 21 days	28-02-2004 05:00	11	12
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	13 Years 2 Months 14 Days	04-10-2010 09:00	40	31
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	25 Years 0 Month 3 Days	16-12-1998 00:00	41	30
12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	7 Years 6 Months 5 Days	13-06-2016 05:34	32	28
13	Sri Venkateswara College	http://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/library.php	14 Years 3 Months 2 Days	16-09-2009 07:47	33	30
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	25 Years 1 Month 27 Days	22-10-1998 00:00:00	39	32
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	14 Years 7 Months 7 Days	11-05-2009 05:52	31	39
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	18 Years 8 Months 14 Days	04-04-2005 10:20	35	31
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	16 Years 2 Months 27 Days	21-09-2007 10:35:27	36	24
18	Thiagarajar College	https://www.tcarts.in/library/library.php	18 Years 9 Months 29 Days	19-02-2005 06:03:33	32	20
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	5 Years 4 Months 15 Days	03-08-2018 19:38	22	21
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html	18 Years 4 Months 0 Day	18-08-2005 09:07	33	28

Table 2 shows the top twenty colleges library web pages and their domain age, domain registration date , domain authority and page authority. It is found that Loyola College library website having oldest domain registered on 24 October, 1997 followed by the St. Stephens's College library website domain registered on 22 October, 1998 and the age of the domain was 26 Years 1 Month 25 Days and 25 Years 1 Month 27 Days respectively and the PSGR Krishnammal College for Women library website had recent domain registered on 15 November, 2018 having age of 5 Years 1 Months 3 Days. Domain Authority of Kirori Mal College having common 61 highest score followed by Sri Ram College of Commerce with 41 and Lady Shriram College for Women having 40 score. Ramakrishna Mission Residential College had lowest domain authority score of 22. It also examines that page authority of Ramkrishna Vidyamandira Library webpage with 36 highest score followed by Kirorimal College with 36 score and the Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College examines lowest score of 18.

Table 3: List of colleges and their library hyperlinks, internal links and external links,

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	Total link	Internal links	External links
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	159 (100%)	152 (95.60%)	7 (4.40%)
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	219 (100%)	190 (86.75%)	29 (13.25%)
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	93 (100%)	92 (99%)	1 (1%)
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	199 (100%)	144 (72%)	55 (28%)
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/	248 (100%)	227 (92%)	21 (8%)
6	Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutlibrary/	216 (100%)	193 (89%)	23 (11%)
7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	441 (100%)	403 (91%)	38 (9%)
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	114 (100%)	99 (87%)	15 (13%)
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	29 (0%)	21 (72%)	8 (28%)
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	209 (100%)	157 (75%)	52 (25%)
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	198 (100%)	191 (96%)	7 (4%)
13	Sri Venkateswara College	https://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/Library.php	198 (100%)	165 (83%)	33 (17%)
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	170 (100%)	161 (95%)	9 (5%)
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	406 (100%)	399 (98%)	7 (8%)
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	272 (100%)	227 (83%)	45 (17%)
18	Thiagarajar College	https://www.tcarts.in/library/library.php	29 (100%)	24 (83%)	5 (17%)
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	176 (100%)	141 (80%)	35 (20%)
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html	306 (100%)	193 (63%)	113 (37%)

From the above Table 3 it is observed that the top twenty college's library web page, internal links and external links, Among top 20 colleges library webges. Loyola College 441(100%) total links and 403 (91%) internal Links followed by Madras Christian College with 399 (98%) internal links. PSG College of Arts and Science leads with 113 (37%) highest external links followed by PSGR Krishnammal College for Women with 55 (28%) external links. It was found that Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira had no internal and external links found in smallseotools.com.

Table 4: List of colleges and India Rank and Global Rank

Rank	NIRF ranking 2024 colleges	Library web page	India Rank	Global Rank
1	Miranda House	https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/facilities/library.php	*122197*	*1725091*
2	Hindu College	https://hinducollege.ac.in/library.aspx	***111326***	***1559493***
3	Presidency College	https://www.presidencycollegechennai.ac.in/UI/DepartmentPage.aspx	-	-
4	PSGR Krishnammal College for Women	https://www.psgrkcw.ac.in/gr-govindarajulu-memorial-general-library/	***47542***	***703957***
5	St. Xavier`s College	https://www.sxccal.edu/central-library/	15586	240844
6	Atma Ram	https://www.arsdcollege.ac.in/index.php/aboutl	57699	811933

	Sanatan Dharm College	ibrary/		
7	Loyola College	https://www.loyolacollege.edu/library/profile	28597	430345
8	Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	https://rkmvccrahara.org/viewalllist.aspx?id=29	-	9012525
9	Kirori Mal College	http://kmclibrary.saraswatilib.com/	-	-
10	Lady Shri Ram College For Women	https://lsr.edu.in/students/facilities/library/	45519	642881
11	Shri Ram College of Commerce	https://www.srcc.edu/library	16991	250257
12	Hans Raj College	https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/infrastructure/library	35587	507352
13	Sri Venkateswara College	https://www.svc.ac.in/SVC_MAIN/Library/Library.php	108804	1500658
14	St. Stephens's College	https://www.ststephens.edu/library/	32735	461084
15	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	https://vidyamandira.ac.in/	80313	1173771
16	Madras Christian College	https://mcc.edu.in/library-2/	31327	452395
17	Deshbandhu College	https://www.deshbandhucollege.ac.in/library.php	45481	398303
18	Thiagarajar College	https://www.tcarts.in/library/library.php	207659	3313677
19	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College	https://rkmrc.in/library/	58898	874501
20	PSG College of Arts and Science	https://www.psgcas.ac.in/academics_library.html	39937	599417

Table 4 shows the India rank and Global Rank of the top 20 Colleges library webpages in college category with the tools similarweb.com. After analysis, it was found that St. Xavier`s College with the first position in Global Rank as well as in India Rank among all colleges followed by Shri Ram College of Commerce and Deshbandhu College in 2nd& 3rd position in Global Rank. Shri Ram College of Commerce with 2nd position in India Rank followed by Loyola College with 3rd position in India Rank. Presidency College not found any global and India rank in similarweb.com.

10. Conclusion:

This study highlights the significance of webometric indicators in understanding the digital presence of academic institutions. Library webpages, as pivotal information hubs, require focused attention to enhance their functionality and accessibility. Strengthening digital infrastructure and prioritizing webometric improvements can help colleges improve their academic outreach and global visibility.

This study investigates the library website of top 20 college ranked by NIRF in 2024. The paper investigates the library website, its domain age, domain registration, internal and external links of top 20 Colleges library websites and rank them orderly. NIRF is a method of ranking universities and colleges in India and acts as an independent body on the initiative of the Ministry of Education. A detailed study in this area is quite interesting and exploratory for the current status of library websites and will be more helpful to readers.(Narnaware & Rokade 2022). It was found that there exits websites of top 20 colleges websites listed by NIRF in 2024 and also found significant differences in number of internal link, and external link among the website of top 20 colleges listed in NIRF 2024. The paper resolved that Domain Authority of Loyola College and St. Stephens's College having common 39 highest score and Atma Ram Sanatan Dharm College website having the oldest domain registered on July 7, 2007. It was also resolved that 10 colleges from Delhi state were achieved place in NIRF 2024 ranked top 20 colleges of India. It is suggested that Kirorimal College and Thiagarajar College should improve its links for better accessibility and connectivity among college library websites. About St. Xavier`s got first rank in global rank but the college has 5th rank in NIRF 2024.

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Mobile Technologies and Applications

THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE TOOLS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

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Abstract: *This paper critically examines the integration of social networking site (SNS) tools within academic libraries, shedding light on the transformative impact these tools have on information dissemination, user engagement, and overall library services. As academic institutions adapt to the digital landscape, the incorporation of SNS tools emerges as a pivotal strategy to foster dynamic connections and community engagement within the library domain. Through an extensive review of historical contexts, benefits, challenges, and emerging trends, this research offers a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted role of SNS tools in academic libraries. Drawing on diverse literature and illuminating case studies, the study not only identifies the advantages of integration but also addresses potential challenges, providing practical insights and recommendations for librarians and institutions navigating the complexities of integrating SNS tools. This paper contributes to the ongoing discourse on optimizing the use of SNS tools in academic libraries, ensuring they remain dynamic and responsive hubs for information, collaboration, and community building in the digital age.*

Keywords: *SNS, Social Networking, Library, Media,*

Introduction:

In the ever-evolving landscape of academia, the integration of social networking site (SNS) tools into the framework of academic libraries has emerged as a compelling and transformative phenomenon. As technological advancements continue to redefine communication and information-sharing paradigms, academic institutions are increasingly recognizing the potential of SNS tools to revolutionize the traditional roles of libraries. This integration is not merely an adaptation to contemporary trends but signifies a strategic response to the changing expectations and behaviours of library patrons in the digital age.

The traditional role of academic libraries as repositories of knowledge has expanded beyond physical collections, now encompassing the virtual realm where social networking sites thrive. This evolution acknowledges the imperative to engage with users on platforms they frequent regularly, fostering a more dynamic and interactive relationship between the academic library and its community. This introduction sets the stage for an in-depth exploration of how the integration of SNS tools contributes to reshaping the academic library landscape, addressing the underlying motivations, benefits, challenges, and the overarching impact on information dissemination and user engagement. Through this examination, we aim to unravel the multifaceted dynamics surrounding the incorporation of SNS tools in academic libraries, providing valuable insights for librarians, educators, and institutions navigating this transformative digital terrain.

Social Networking/ Media:

Social networking and media have become ubiquitous components of contemporary digital culture, fundamentally transforming the way individuals connect, communicate, and share information. Social networking platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and others, serve as virtual spaces for users to build online communities, fostering connections with friends, colleagues, and like-minded individuals across the globe.

These platforms facilitate the exchange of diverse content, including text, images, videos, and links, enabling users to express themselves, share experiences, and stay informed about global events. Social media has evolved beyond personal use, influencing various aspects of society, including politics, business, education, and activism. It serves as a powerful tool for information dissemination, enabling rapid communication and engagement on a mass scale.

In the educational landscape, social media has become integral, providing platforms for collaborative learning, knowledge sharing, and academic networking. Educational institutions leverage social media for marketing, student engagement, and community building. However, the pervasive nature of social media also raises concerns about privacy, misinformation, and its impact on mental health, prompting on going discussions about responsible usage and digital literacy.

As technology continues to advance, the landscape of social networking and media evolves with the emergence of new platforms, features, and trends. It remains a dynamic force shaping communication patterns, cultural norms, and the ways in which individuals and organizations navigate the digital realm. Understanding the nuances of social networking/media is crucial in harnessing their potential while navigating the challenges they present in our interconnected and rapidly changing world.

Review of Literature:

1. **Ansari and Mehfoozul (2015),** The authors defined a way to use social networking web sites within side the libraries and its helpfulness to proportion diverse information.
2. **Dickson and Holley (2010),** Here authors had been mentioned approximately using diverse social networking equipment in educational libraries of United States and additionally tested using the SNS via way of means of the scholars of educational libraries of US.
3. **Sachin (2014)** mentioned approximately diverse effects of social networking web sites, networking equipment and approximately the position of librarians in his paper.
4. **Priolkarand Kumbhar (2015).** This article defined social networking as a powerful media of communications. SNS improves each library and library professionals.

Objectives of the study:

1. To recognise what are the social networking sites
2. To recognise the significance of the usage of social networking in education

Research Methodology:

As per research use the secondary source from using various paper, publication, books and website for collecting information social networking.

Importance of social media in Libraries: - Reason for the usage of social networking in libraries:

1. It may be very smooth to apply and it freed from cost.
2. It is selling in addition to advertising and marketing the library offerings and activities.
3. Social networking presents and spreads any form of records very fast.
4. It extends an approachable manner to connect with inherent users.

Implication of Social Networking Tools in Library:

Enhanced Communication: Social media platforms provide a direct and immediate communication channel between libraries and users, fostering more responsive and interactive interactions.

Community Engagement: Integration of social networking tools enables the creation of virtual communities within the library, promoting collaboration and engagement among users with shared interests.

Resource Promotion: Libraries can effectively promote their diverse resources, from books to digital collections, leveraging social networking tools to increase resource visibility and utilization.

Feedback and Improvement: Social networking tools provide a platform for users to share feedback and suggestions, allowing libraries to address concerns promptly and continuously improve services.

Event and Program Promotion: Libraries can use social networking tools to promote events, workshops, and programs, increasing attendance and fostering community participation.

Educational Support: Social networking tools serve as educational platforms, allowing libraries to share academic content, research tips, and information literacy resources to support users in their learning journey.

Global Engagement: Libraries can engage with a global audience, connecting with users worldwide and promoting a diverse and inclusive information environment.

Strategic Partnerships: Social networking tools facilitate the establishment of strategic partnerships with other libraries, institutions, and organizations, expanding collaborative opportunities and resource-sharing initiatives.

Disadvantages of Social Networking in Academic Libraries: -

1. Lack of time to apply social media.

2. Lack of privateness and identification theft.
3. Lack of understanding the way to use it.
4. Inadequate investment for libraries.
5. Electricity failure.
6. Management Co-operation.

Conclusion:

The integration of social networking site (SNS) tools in academic libraries represents a transformative venture that has reshaped the landscape of information dissemination, user engagement, and community building. As technological advancements continue to redefine communication paradigms, academic libraries have embraced SNS tools as dynamic platforms to bridge the gap between traditional library services and the evolving needs of the digital era.

This comprehensive exploration has illuminated the multifaceted implications of integrating SNS tools, emphasizing their role in enhancing visibility, fostering direct communication, and creating vibrant virtual communities within academic libraries. The benefits, including expanded outreach, real-time information dissemination, and improved user engagement, underscore the potential for SNS tools to amplify the impact of academic libraries in an increasingly interconnected world.

However, it is imperative to acknowledge the challenges associated with this integration, such as privacy concerns, information overload, and the need for effective content management. These challenges necessitate a thoughtful and strategic approach to ensure responsible use and address potential pitfalls in the implementation of SNS tools.

As academic libraries navigate this digital transformation, it becomes evident that the future directions of SNS tool integration are dynamic and promising. Emerging trends, coupled with innovative user engagement strategies, have the potential to further enhance the role of academic libraries as hubs for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and community-building.

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APPLICATION OF LIBRARY MOBILE APP IN COLLEGE LIBRARY SERVICES: NEED OF THE HOUR

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Abstract: *This paper indicates how mobile library apps are important for providing better library services for users. The application of mobile apps in college library services is very important in the digital age. The feature of the mobile app is that the users can access the information 24x7. The application of the library mobile app enables the library professional to provide various library services via mobile app, such as library notification, SMS, Web-OPAC, M-OPAC, Online membership, new arrivals, access to e-content of documents, and multimedia content of the library etc. The objective of the application of the library mobile app is that users can access information anyplace, anytime and anywhere mode via mobile app*

Keywords: *ICT, OPAC, WebOPAC*

Introduction

Wireless communication and mobile computing services are increasing at a very fast rate due to Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Since the personal computer has taken the place of manual work in home, school and government sectors. These advanced mobile tools provide portable, instantaneous access to the world of information, across boundaries of subject, discipline and industry.[1] The mobile app is known as a 'mobile software application' which can be downloaded via mobile from Google play store or from the internet.

The mobile-based applications in libraries help to provide e-information services to users on their

Mobile devices. The features of a mobile app with its advantages to the users of library community and library professional. There are two categories: the first is that traditional library services are modified and they are made available via mobile phones.[2]The second are those created for mobile

devices. The Library mobile app gives new directions to the libraries information center and library to provide digital resources and services to the users.

Why there is Need for application of Mobile Technology in library services?

- Mobile user are increasing rapidly day by day
- Accessing information at anyplace, anytime and anywhere.
- Changing way of traditional learning to e-learning and M-learning
- Learning across multiple contexts, through social and content interactions, using personal electronic devices.
- Enable new applications
- An exciting new research area of interest
- Accessing multimedia content
- SMS/Texting – Library's instant Access
- Available Wi-Fi facility in the college campus
- It is possible to marketing library resources

Impact of Mobile app on College Libraries

Nowadays, the mobile phone is a part of the human body. Without it, life could not survive. Mobile technology is playing a very significant role in user's information-seeking behavior in such a way that teaching, learning and research works as per users' work. The impact of mobile apps played a significant role in providing better and faster library services for the users. Most of the social media tools: WhatsApp, blog, Twitter, Flicker, YouTube blogs, that can be accessible or installed in a mobile app are available.[3]

Application of Mobile App for Library Services

Mobile/Smartphone appconnects you to your entire *library user to provide various types of services*, including chat, texting, email, and frequently asked questions etc. Following library services is possible by using Mobile/Smartphone technology in the library and information centre.

- Library rules & regulations
- WEB-OPAC
- M-OPAC

- Library Information
- Reference Service
- Referral service
- Event Calendar
- Library Directory
- Online Databases
- e –book & e-content
- News and Events
- My account
- Online Membership
- Its available 24x7 for accessing information
- Images of books
- QR Code
- List of websites in area of interest
- Available e-learning tools

Social Media Tools

Using following social media tools college library can provide instant library services to the user with the help of library mobile app.

- Whatsapp
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Blogs
- Portals
- Facebook
- Instagramm
- LinkedIn

Conclusion

In the library, the mobile app enables the college library to provide instant library services to the user in anyplace, anytime/anywhere mode. It is also possible to provide digital resources to

the user by using mobile apps. Various types of library resources and services are accessible, such as e-books, e-journals, e-databases and multimedia contents via mobile phone apps and deliver various types of online services to the users. So there is a need to apply a mobile libraries library to college library

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EMPOWERING RURAL ACADEMIC LIBRARIES THROUGH MOBILE SERVICES

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Abstract : *Libraries have transitioned from traditional repositories of knowledge to dynamic information centres, integrating mobile technologies to meet the evolving needs of diverse user bases. This paper explores the transformative impact of mobile library services on rural academic institutions, with a special focus on Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, Talodhi (Balapur). Leveraging advanced tools like web based LIBMAN software, the college library provides a wide range of mobile services, including Mobile OPAC, notifications, virtual book clubs, and mobile reference assistance. These services ensure equitable access to academic resources and support lifelong learning. The paper also discusses the advantages, problems and potential of mobile library services in promoting inclusivity, sustainability, and innovation. By highlighting the successful implementation of these services, the paper seeks to inspire other academic libraries to adopt user-centric and technology-driven approaches for enhanced resource sharing and academic development.*

Key Words: *College Library, Rural Libraries, Academic Libraries, Mobile Services, Mobile Technology*

Introduction

Libraries have always been regarded as essential gateways to knowledge, intellectual growth and lifelong learning. They function as repositories of information by offering access to books, journals, research materials, and digital content. However, with advancements in technology, libraries have evolved into dynamic information centres catering to diverse user bases. They now integrate traditional services with digital resources, ensuring that knowledge reaches people across geographical and socio-economic barriers (IFLA, 2019).

Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, Talodhi (Balapur) a rural academic college established in 1999, has been serving students from diverse backgrounds for over 25 years. The college offers undergraduate courses in BA, BSc, and BCom, as well as postgraduate programs in MA (English) and MA (Home-Economics). The college library has implemented Web Based LIBMAN software to enhance its services, providing modern and efficient tools for library management. This software

facilitates various services, including circulation, cataloguing, new arrivals, and Mobile OPAC services for easy access to library resources.

Also, all services offered by the college library accessed through links provided on the official college website. This ensures that students and faculty members have convenient, uninterrupted access to library resources and updates.

The Importance of Academic Libraries in Rural Areas

In rural areas, academic libraries play an essential role in supporting education by providing access to learning materials to promote research, and facilitate teaching learning process. They serve students, faculty, and researchers, often being the only available source of quality academic resources. Despite their importance, rural libraries face significant problems such as inadequate funding, limited infrastructure, and restricted access to updated resources (Rafiq & Ameen, 2020).

Nevertheless, rural academic libraries remain steadfast in their mission to deliver quality information services. With the integration of modern technologies, these libraries are increasingly adopting innovative methods to overcome barriers and meet the evolving needs of their communities.

The Role of Mobile Technology in Rural Academic Libraries

Mobile technology has emerged as a transformative tool in bridging the digital divide, particularly in rural areas. Rural academic libraries are utilising mobile technology to enhance accessibility and provide users with resources at their fingertips. Mobile services include access to library catalogues (Online Public Access Catalogues or OPACs), e-books, e-journals, research databases, and notifications about library activities (Singh & Ghosh, 2021).

All the same, features such as SMS alerts, mobile-based reservation systems, virtual library tours, and QR code-enabled resources have enriched the library experience. These services empower students and faculty to access critical learning materials, participate in academic discussions, and stay updated on resources without needing a physical visit. Mobile services are thus not merely a convenience but a necessity in overcoming the geographical and infrastructural limitations of rural areas (Turner & Young, 2020).

Objectives of the Article

The main aim of this article to provide a comprehensive overview of mobile library services and their transformative impact on rural academic libraries. The college library of Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College strives to create awareness about these innovative services beyond its own institution by sharing best practices, demonstrating the potential of mobile library

technologies and inspiring other academic libraries to adopt similar user-centric approaches to foster learning and resource sharing.

Services Provided Through Mobile

The growing integration of mobile technologies in academic libraries has significantly enriched accessibility, efficiency, and user satisfaction. These services play a remarkable role in rural academic libraries for the purpose of information needs of students, faculty, and researchers.

Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College library provides the following services using web based LIBMAN software couple with email, and instant messaging apps like WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:

1. **Catalogue Access (Mobile OPAC)**

   Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs) are now accessible via mobile devices that enable users to search for books, journals, and other resources, check availability, and reserve items directly through their smartphones (Patel & Sharma, 2021). In the LIBMAN software Mobile OPACs also offer features such as real-time availability, location within the library, and reservation options.

2. **Circulation Services**

   Through LIBMAN, students and faculty efficiently borrow and return library materials, check their borrowing history, and manage renewals and reservations.

3. **New Arrivals Notifications**

   LIBMAN software regularly updates users about newly added books, journals, and other resources in the library, ensuring users stay informed about the latest acquisitions.

4. **Notifications and Alerts**

   The library sends SMS and mobile notifications to keep users informed about book availability, due dates, new arrivals, and library events, fostering regular engagement.

5. **Mobile Reference Services**

   The library staff are increasingly offering mobile reference services through chatbots, email, and instant messaging apps like WhatsApp. These services provide real-time answers to user queries.

6. **QR Code Integration**

   QR codes are used in the library to provide quick access to online catalogues, e-resources, and instructional materials. With the help of this code the college library take a report like visitors management by this LIBMAN software.

7. **Mobile Payment Systems**

   By providing links through Whats App Mobile payment systems has simplified financial transactions, including fine payments and membership renewals. This has made library services more user-friendly.

8. **Mobile-Friendly Institutional Repositories**

   Mobile access to institutional repositories as link given in the college website allows students and researchers to explore theses, dissertations, and research papers at their own pace and time. These repositories often integrate features like annotations, highlighting, and bookmarking to improve usability and learning experiences.

9. **Mobile Interlibrary Loan Services**

   Mobile platforms have revolutionized interlibrary loan services by enabling users to request materials from partner institutions. Users can track the status of their requests and receive notifications when the materials are available.

10. **Integration with Social Media Platforms**

    Social media integration through mobile apps allows libraries to share updates and promote events such as book exhibition, book review competitions, etc. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram help in building a digital community while encouraging active participation.

11. **Collaborative Workspaces via Mobile Platforms**

    Mobile library platforms enable collaborative learning by offering tools for shared note-taking, group discussions, and document co-editing. These features support teamwork among students and researchers. This is an innovative endeviour.

12. **Mobile Event Registration and Management**

The library has started to allow users to register for workshops, lectures and other events via mobile apps. These apps send reminders, display event schedules, and provide links for virtual participation.

Advantages of Mobile Library Services

1. **Convenience and Accessibility:** Mobile library services minimise the need to visit a physical library and enable users to access resources 24/7 from anywhere.

2. **Enhanced User Experience:** Regular updates on new arrivals, book availability, due dates, and library events keep users actively engaged and aware of library activities.

3. **Cost Efficiency:** Digital materials and mobile platforms reduce the cost of maintaining physical collections and infrastructure.

4. **Eco-Friendly Solution:** The shift to digital reduces paper consumption, contributing to environmental sustainability.

5. **Inclusivity:** Mobile services have overcome rural urban divide with library access to their door steps.

Problemss in Implementing Mobile Library Services

Despite their advantages, mobile library services have to encounter some difficulties as under:

- **Digital Divide:** Limited access to smartphones or the internet in underprivileged areas.

- **Technical Expertise:** Library staff may require training to manage mobile platforms effectively.

- **Privacy Concerns:** Ensuring user data security and privacy is critical.

- **Funding Constraints:** Developing and maintaining mobile services can be costly for smaller libraries.

Conclusion

The adoption of mobile library services has revolutionized the delivery of information in rural academic libraries, bridging gaps in accessibility and inclusivity. At Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College, the integration of LIBMAN software has transformed library services by providing students, faculty, and researchers with interrupted access to required resources. Despite problems such as the digital divide, privacy concerns, and funding constraints, mobile library services remain a powerful tool in empowering rural education and fostering innovation. The successful

implementation of mobile services at Yadaorao Poshattiwar Arts College serves as a model for other institutions the potential of mobile technologies to drive academic excellence.

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MOBILE SERVIE IN LIBRARIES: TRANSFORMING ACCESS AND USER EXPERIENCE

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Abstract: -*The incorporation of mobile technology in libraries has transformed information access and service delivery. By enabling users to connect with library resources anytime and anywhere, mobile services enhance convenience, accessibility, and user engagement. This paper examines the diverse mobile services implemented in libraries, highlighting their advantages, challenges, and future developments.*

Keywords: *Mobile services, Library technology, Digital access and User engagement*

Introduction

Mobile technology refers to the use of portable, wireless devices and communication systems that enable users to access information, connect with others, and perform various tasks remotely. It includes smartphones, tablets, mobile applications, and wireless networks that facilitate seamless communication and real-time data exchange.

With rapid advancements in mobile technology, its integration has extended to multiple domains, including education, healthcare, business, and libraries. In the context of libraries, mobile technology has transformed traditional services by enabling instant access to digital resources, remote catalogue searches, mobile-based notifications, and interactive learning experiences. This evolution has significantly enhanced user engagement, accessibility, and operational efficiency.

As mobile technology continues to evolve, its role in libraries and information services is expected to expand, offering more innovative solutions to meet the needs of modern users.

Types of Mobile Services in Libraries

Libraries have adopted various mobile services to meet user demands, including:

- **Mobile Applications:** Apps that allow users to search catalogues, renew books, and access digital resources.
- **SMS Notifications:** Alerts for due dates, overdue books, and library events.

- **Mobile OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue):** A mobile-friendly interface for searching library collections.
- **E-books and Audiobooks Access:** Direct access to digital reading materials through mobile platforms.
- **QR Codes:** Providing quick access to digital content and library services.
- **Virtual Reference Services:** Chatbots and instant messaging for real-time assistance.

Benefits of mobile services

1. **Enhanced Accessibility** – Mobile services provide users with 24/7 access to library resources, allowing them to search catalogues, reserve books, and access digital content from anywhere.
2. **Convenient User Experience** – With mobile apps and responsive websites, users can browse collections, check due dates, renew books, and receive notifications about new arrivals or overdue items.
3. **Seamless Communication** – Libraries can send instant alerts via SMS, email, or push notifications about events, workshops, and book return reminders, keeping users well-informed.
4. **Digital Lending & E-Resources** – Mobile technology facilitates the borrowing of e-books, audiobooks, and online journals, reducing dependency on physical resources and enhancing user engagement.
5. **Self-Service Options** – Users can perform self-checkout, renewals, and even book recommendations using mobile applications, minimizing queues and improving efficiency.
6. **Location-Based Services** – Features like GPS integration help users navigate library branches, locate specific bookshelves, and find study spaces in real-time.
7. **Interactive Learning & Engagement** – Libraries can integrate multimedia content, virtual book clubs, and interactive tutorials on mobile platforms, fostering lifelong learning.
8. **Increased Library Usage** – With mobile integration, users are more likely to engage with library services, attend virtual programs, and explore available digital resources.
9. **Cost-Effective and Eco-Friendly** – Digital transactions reduce paper usage, printing costs, and manual efforts, making library operations more sustainable.
10. **Inclusive Services** – Mobile technology allows libraries to reach a wider audience, including individuals with disabilities, by offering features like text-to-speech, screen magnification, and adaptive interfaces.

Mobile services are revolutionizing libraries by making information more accessible, improving user satisfaction, and streamlining operations.

Future Prospects and Trends in Mobile Applications for Libraries

The future of mobile applications in libraries is promising, with significant advancements expected in the next four to five years. As mobile technology evolves, libraries will increasingly integrate mobile solutions to enhance user experience and operational efficiency.

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI-powered chatbots for advanced user assistance.
2. Augmented Reality (AR) & Virtual Reality (VR): Enhancing learning experiences through immersive technology.

3. Integration with social media: Engaging users through library content on social platforms.
4. Blockchain for Secure Transactions: Ensuring safe digital borrowing and lending.

Enhanced Library Services via Mobile Technology

1. Mobile devices will support barcode and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) scanning for seamless book checkouts and returns.
2. OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) systems will incorporate GIS (Geographical Information Systems) to provide location-sensitive services.
3. Users will receive real-time notifications about reservations, due dates, fines, and other library alerts directly on their mobile devices.

Social Networking and Mobile Web 2.0 & 3.0 Integration

1 Libraries will leverage mobile applications for social networking, enabling discussions, blogs, wikis, and other collaborative platforms.
2. Mobile-friendly library portals will allow users to interact, share resources, and participate in academic discussions.

Mobile Learning and Student Support

1 Mobile technology will enhance students' ability to manage time, keep records, and collaborate on group projects.
2 PDAs and mobile apps will provide quick access to syllabi, assignments, reference materials, and academic resources.
3. Direct communication between students and instructors will improve, facilitating appointment scheduling, electronic assignment submission, and information sharing.

As mobile technology continues to evolve, libraries must embrace these advancements to enhance user engagement, streamline operations, and remain at the forefront of digital transformation.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite their benefits, mobile services in libraries face challenges such as:

- **Technological Barriers:** Not all users have access to advanced mobile devices.
- **Security and Privacy Issues:** Risks associated with digital data and user information.
- **Cost of Implementation:** Developing and maintaining mobile applications requires financial investment.
- **Digital Literacy Gaps:** Some users may struggle to navigate mobile-based library services.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI-powered chatbots for advanced user assistance.
- **Augmented Reality (AR)& Virtual Reality (VR):** Enhancing learning experiences through immersive technology.
- **Integration with social media: Engaging** users through library content on social platforms.
- **Blockchain for Secure Transactions:** Ensuring safe digital borrowing and lending.

Conclusion

Mobile services are transforming libraries by enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and user engagement. While challenges remain, advancements in technology will continue to improve mobile services, making libraries more inclusive and dynamic. Libraries must embrace innovation to stay relevant in the digital age.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract : *This article concentrated on how mobile devices, such as WhatsApp, Instagram, and SMS texts, make communication easier. Users can be instantly informed with notice alerts, such as when new books are brought to their attention for suggestions, when users' indented documents arrive, when reserved documents are available for pickup, assessments of past-due books, unpaid fines, reminders to return library materials, book renewals, library circulars, e-journals subscribed to, changes in hours, information about significant events, loan requests, etc. It also gives an overview of the services that libraries can offer using mobile technologies.*

Introduction

In every way, technology has made life easier for people. The 1980s and 1990s were a time when people used to schedule calls whenever they wanted to communicate. Today, everyone connects with their loved ones. Smartphones, iPads, and other cutting-edge devices with internet access are used all over the world. Humans have the world at their fingertips. These days, a mobile device is more than just a phone; it may also be used for video chat, email access, Web browsing, and gaming. Social media, productivity tools, and entertainment can all be found right in the palm of your hand with mobile devices like the iPad and iPod touch. People's main interface for reading books, watching television, listening to music, and interacting with friends. and surfing the Web is their cell phone. Therefore, one of the main ways that individuals access and share information during the last ten years is through their mobile phones. Libraries serve as social hubs that link individuals with information and with each other. They are becoming more than just actual locations. It's time for libraries to embrace mobile technology, as the majority of library patrons own a mobile phone, and more and more of these are smartphones.

Mobile Technology vs Library

Library vs. Mobile Technology Our librarians are actively exploring the influence of mobile devices on information accessibility, ensuring they engage with users and deliver web content in the most effective and appropriate ways. To address the increasing demand for mobile access to personalized information on portable devices at any time and from any location, our librarians must be prepared to embrace this challenge. By utilizing search histories and geographical data, it is possible to create more accurate and tailored information and services, as mobile devices are inherently personal. Modern libraries encompass a wide range of technologies from the mobile sector, including PDAs, Blackberries, iPods, cell phones, Ultra Mobile PCs, and mobile library services, allowing users to access information without the need to wait for online search results. Users no longer have to wait for a list of web results because libraries now cover the majority of mobile industry technologies, such as PDAs, Blackberries, iPods, cell phones, and UM PCs (Ultra Mobile PCs). They also mobilize library contents in a portable format that is appropriate for small screens and provide brief services in the form of information and content with a variety of search options. To allow patrons to access these resources from any location, librarians will need to learn how to use them effectively.

Mobile technology-based library services that patrons can access

SMS Notification Services:

Libraries can send users SMS and MMS alerts about the most recent news, events, and announcements. wherever they may be. Alerts about the arrival of indented documents by users, the availability of reserved documents for collection, notifications about overdue books, outstanding fines, reminders to return library items, renewals of books, library circulars, e-journals subscribed to, changes in timings, information about important events, loan requests, etc. can all be sent to users instantly. Software or an integrated library management system can be used to automatically create these alert notices. There are numerous free ways to send SMS messages to multiple users at once.

Distance learning, e-learning, and formal education

When it comes to using their phones and different mobile applications, students are highly adaptable. By making information resources widely available, academic libraries can take advantage of the opportunity to spearhead the deployment of library services via mobile devices to support formal education, distant learning, and research activities in an e-learning environment. The teaching and research practices of colleges and universities, the scientific community, and other clients they serve should all be integrated into library services.

Database browsing:

A range of materials and databases are accessible through libraries. Users only need to type in their search parameters to obtain results tailored for mobile devices.

OPAC, integrated search, and original document search are all included in this service. Through a web application accessible from a PDA or smartphone, users can search for and locate books and other materials available in their local libraries through OCLC's World-cat Mobile application pilot.

Library Guide:

By providing rich content in a manner that is most convenient for users, libraries may provide the

greatest library guide information, including a use guide, a question-answering service, and statistics. Users can find the necessary information and receive a prompt answer from the library via their mobile device if they have questions or wish to contact the librarian for assistance.

Transportable Document Delivery:

New possibilities for monitoring collection usage, automating administrative tasks, and transmitting document requests and scanned images are made possible by the mobile environment and technology. Electronic data exchange, automated inventory management systems, supply chain management, e-marketing, online marketing, online transaction processing, and electronic payments transfers are all supported.

Text Reference Service:

Librarians can offer real-time replies and connections to articles and references if the library receives a large number of requests for concise answers, such as dictionary definitions, facts, or service information.

Library Mobile Devices:

- PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants),
- Smart Phones,
- Cell Phones,
- iPods, MP3 players, and Tablets

Accessibility depends on how mobile devices and services are designed. Libraries will need to address the persistent accessibility issues of the mobile environment as reading grows more inclusive of diverse communities.

The disadvantages of mobile technology

Among the disadvantages of mobile technology are the following:
comparatively sluggish transmission speed,
limited processing power,
an awkward input and output interface,
a lack of content,
and a high cost when compared to wired Internet access

Mobile technology has a lot of potential for library services, but there are also some limitations or barriers.

These include content ownership and licensing, cost, resource consumption, memory limitations of mobile devices, digital rights management, access to information in the digital age, the ability of an outside vendor to access digital collections and technologies, sustained access, and more. Privacy is a major concern with mobile technology in libraries because of the possibility that information about patron usage could be misused and exploited by identity thieves and law enforcement.

Conclusion

The use of mobile technology is urgently needed. Mobile phones are an essential tool for information sharing. A vast array of digital resources are available to the user at any time and from any location. Only time will tell if fully mobile-accessible libraries, in terms of their services and

collections, will become the norm. Libraries should make deliberate decisions about what they wish to offer in this area and act accordingly.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGY: THE BEGINNING OF THE MODERN LIBRARY

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Abstract: - *The rise of mobile technology has significantly expanded library services, breaking geographical barriers and enabling real-time access to resources. Through mobile-friendly platforms and applications, libraries now offer seamless connectivity, allowing users worldwide to engage with their collections effortlessly. This article explores the key methods adopted by leading libraries to integrate mobile technology into their services. It examines the proliferation of mobile apps that offer user-friendly and contextual access to library resources, as well as the challenges associated with their implementation. As libraries continue to evolve in this high-tech era, mobile solutions play a crucial role in shaping the future of library services.*

Keywords: - *Mobile Technology, Library Services, Advantage and disadvantage etc.*

Introduction: -

In today's digital world, mobile phones have become one of the most effective tools for communication, relationship-building, and information access. Both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, including libraries, leverage mobile technology to enhance their services and reach a broader audience. The rapid expansion of mobile telephony, particularly in Asia and Africa, has driven numerous innovations in information dissemination and service delivery (Jetty & Anbu K., 2013). With advancements in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), libraries can now provide instant access to information beyond physical boundaries. The integration of mobile-based services allows users to access digital documents & books, table of contents & indexes, remote requests for document delivery at a nominal fee, database Browsing Services etc.

With just a single click, users can connect with libraries and access resources from anywhere in the world. Mobile technology eliminates the need for physical visits, making library services more accessible and time efficient. The implementation of mobile-based library services presents both opportunities and challenges. This study explores: A review of mobile technology adoption in libraries worldwide, potential designs for mobile-based library service systems, challenges in integrating mobile technologies into traditional library frameworks. As libraries continue to evolve, mobile technology will play a crucial role in shaping their future. A well-designed mobile service delivery system can enhance accessibility, improve user engagement, and redefine how information is shared in the digital era.

Mobile Technology and Libraries

Mobile technology has revolutionized the way libraries provide access to information and services. With the widespread use of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices, libraries are integrating digital solutions to enhance user experiences and improve accessibility.

Mobile Technology in Library Services: -

Mobile technology plays a crucial role in modern library services by offering:

Mobile Library Apps: Many libraries offer dedicated mobile apps for catalogue searching, e-book access, and account management (renewals, reservations, and overdue alerts).

E-Books and Digital Resources: Users can access e-books, audiobooks, and online journals via mobile devices, making reading and research more convenient.

QR Codes for Easy Access: QR codes placed on bookshelves or library materials help users quickly retrieve digital information related to physical resources.

Virtual Reference Services: Librarians provide assistance through chat, email, or video calls, helping users access resources remotely.

Online Databases and E-Libraries: Platforms like NDLI, DELNET, and KNIMBUS provide mobile-friendly access to research papers, theses, and academic resources.

Library Notifications and Alerts: SMS and push notifications inform users about book availability, due dates, and upcoming library events.

Self-Check-in and Check-out: Mobile-enabled RFID or barcode scanning allows users to borrow and return books independently.

Steps to Implement Mobile Technology in Libraries

Implementing mobile technology in libraries requires a strategic approach to enhance accessibility, user engagement, and service efficiency. Here are the key steps to successfully integrate mobile technology into library operations:

. **Assess User Needs** - Conduct surveys to understand students' and faculty requirements.

Develop a Mobile Strategy - Choose the right apps, e-resources, and digital tools.

Invest in Infrastructure - Upgrade Wi-Fi, RFID, and digital access points.

Train Library Staff - Conduct workshops on mobile technology usage.

Promote Mobile Services - Use social media, emails and library orientations to educate users
6. Monitor and Improve -Regularly update features based on user feedback.

Implementation of Mobile Technology

The integration of mobile technology in libraries has transformed the way users access information and interact with library services. By leveraging smartphones, tablets, and mobile applications, libraries can enhance accessibility, efficiency, and user engagement.

Mobile Library Applications: Libraries can develop mobile apps that allow users to: Search the online catalogue (OPAC), Reserve, renew, or return books, access e-books, audiobooks, and digital journal and receive due date reminders and event notifications.

E-Resources and Digital Libraries: Libraries can offer mobile-friendly access to digital repositories such as NDLI, DELNET, and KNIMBUS, e-books, research papers, and open-access journals, self-learning platforms like SWAYAM, NPTEL, and MOOC courses.

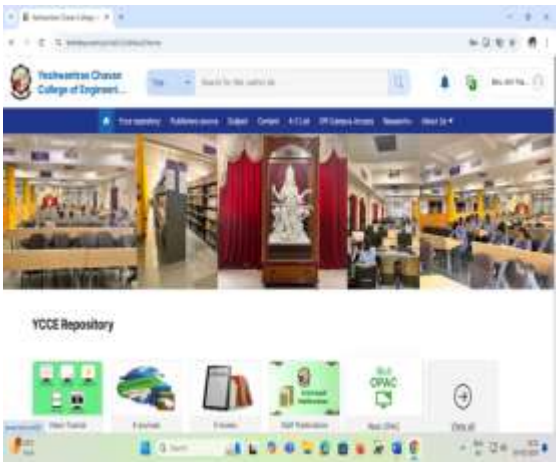
QR Codes for Information Retrieval: Libraries can use QR codes on **b**ook spines for instant access to summaries or related digital content, study areas for quick login to Wi-Fi networks, research guides and instructional materials for easy navigation.

Mobile-Based Self-Service Features: Libraries can introduce, RFID-based self-checkout and return systems via mobile apps, mobile barcode scanning for book details and availability. virtual reference services via chatbots or WhatsApp support.

SMS and Push Notifications: Mobile alerts can notify users about: **b**ook due dates, renewals, and overdue fines, library events, workshops, and new arrivals system downtime or important announcements.

Augmented Reality and Virtual Tours: Libraries can implement AR-based navigation to: Help users locate books using their mobile cameras, provide virtual tours of library sections and facilities deliver interactive learning experiences.

Images of Mobile App (KNIMBUS)



Advantages of Mobile Technology in Libraries

Mobile library technology offers several advantages that enhance library services, accessibility, and user experience. Here are some key benefits:

- Enhanced access to information
- Improved user engagement
- Efficient library management
- Digital literacy and e-learning Support
- Convenient library services
- Increased library usage and walk-ins
- Support for research and collaboration
- Cost-effective operations
- Accessibility for differently abled users
- Real-Time Data and analytics

Disadvantages of Mobile Technology in Libraries

While mobile technology has significantly improved library services, it also presents several challenges and limitations. Below are some key disadvantages of using mobile technology in libraries:

- Accessibility and user limitations
- Security and privacy risks
- Distraction and reduced physical engagement
- Cost and maintenance issues
- Limited availability of digital resources

Conclusion

Despite its advantages, mobile technology in libraries comes with challenges related to accessibility, security, costs, and user engagement. To overcome these issues, libraries must adopt balanced strategies that integrate mobile solutions while maintaining traditional library services.Librarians must take proactive steps to integrate mobile technology beyond basic SMS alerts. By embracing modern mobile services, Indian libraries can bridge the gap with developed nations and provide world-class services to their users. The future of libraries is digital, and mobile technology is the key to making information more accessible, engaging, and user-friendly.

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Abstract : *With their ability to instantly connect users to the outside world, mobile technologies are becoming more and more important in today's phone-adolescent society. Thanks to networking advancements, mobile devices and applications are now helpful for library and educational services. These technologies make*

information easily accessible, are efficient and cost-effective, and improve learning by offering a rich, interactive, and conversational experience. The purpose of this article is to define mobile technology, discuss its benefits and drawbacks, and discuss how it is used in library services. To find out how competent and confident library employees felt they were in responding to the challenges of technological advancement and the training and support needed for that response, a sample of 42 professionally qualified library employees from the Australasian vocational education and training (VET) sector was examined. The resulting theoretical framework clarifies how mobile technologies affect library services and emphasizes the multifaceted elements that influence organizational and individual adoption of mobile technology. An organization can transition from a state of uncertainty to one where the effects of mobile technologies have become more commonplace by managing the central core formed by a number of catalyzing impacts.

Keywords: *Mobile Technology, Mobile Service, Electronic Resources, Mobile Library, M. Learning, Smart phones*

1.Introduction:

Since it offers quick and easy access to information and communication, mobile technology is quickly becoming a necessary component of daily life. Health care, travel, and banking have all been greatly affected. Libraries are social organizations that provide information to people. Librarians must adjust to technological advancements and become part of the mobile society in order to remain relevant.
mobile environment. Users can access e-books and multimedia content with greater flexibility thanks to mobile devices. Beginners with little experience in web design can create mobile-friendly websites in-house. Policies and services offered by libraries should be adaptable and open to new organizational and information needs.

2.LiteratureReview:

1. HansabenShashikantbhaiBhoj(2013),Among the organizations and establishments that cannot ignore the pervasiveness of mobile phone technology in our daily lives are libraries. As a result, libraries in developed countries have embraced the mobile phone revolution and are utilizing it to offer efficient and successful services. However, mobile-based services are not typically available at Indian university libraries. They have not yet been embraced by academic and research libraries. This study presents the findings of a survey on mobile-based library services in numerous Indian libraries.

2. JenniferKoenigJohnson(2015) The study examines how mobile phone use affects television viewing and browsing in libraries, emphasizing the advantages of 4G or 5G connections for patrons. It includes services such as e-resources, remote learning, and SMS alerts. Finding and assessing apps that can help library staff with reference and information services is the main goal of this paper. 25 apps were selected based on their appropriateness for library settings after 101 were evaluated.

3. ShifulIslam,(2020) This study investigates the possible benefits and drawbacks of mobile phone use in the Dhaka University Library (DUL) as perceived by students. Both undergraduate and graduate students participated in a survey using a structured questionnaire. The findings indicate that students' use of mobile phones for service delivery is satisfactory. The study offers proof of students' opinions regarding the adoption of a mobile-based library system.

4. Soni,(2019) Mobile technology is essential for managing and facilitating rapid access to information in the information age. Libraries are experimenting with new technologies, such as Libraries In Hand, which lets patrons use their mobile devices to access library materials and stay current.

3. What is Mobile Technology?

In general, mobile technology refers to any technology that allows for mobility, including those found in the automobile industry, notebooks, PDAs, cellular phones, and sand. Combinations of hardware, operating systems, networking, and software make up mobile technology devices. Mobile technology, specifically communications technology that uses unguided media transmission like Bluetooth, infrared, and radio waves Brahmaiah Gaddam and Srinivasa Rao Nalluri Voice, video, text, images, and other types of data can all be transferred using mobile technology (2016, IJRLS All Rights Reserved, www.ijrls.in, page 60).

Through mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers, patrons can access library resources through mobile-based library services. These services may consist of reference services, library maps, and digital resource access.

- Digital resources: availability of audio books, movies, music streaming, e-books, and e-journals
- Library maps: Availability of floor plans and maps
- Reference services: Mobile library websites, SMS alerts, and instant messaging provide access to reference services.
- Circulation services: Interlibrary loans and other circulation services are available.
- Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi internet access;
- OPAC: Mobile device access to the online public access catalog (OPAC);
- Library news: access to library news, blogs, and events
- Book and article search: Availability of books and article search;
- Purchase suggestion: Capacity to recommend books and journals for acquisition
- Smartphones, tablets, and e-book readers are just a few of the devices that can access mobile-based library services.

5. The M-Learning Development in India 'Libraries in hand' is the latest slogan of the Indian

In India, mobile services and libraries are reasonably priced. In India, M Learning is still in use today. The platform has a lot of potential in India because of the widespread use of mobile phones, PDAs, and other mobile devices. According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, there were 910.16 million mobile phones and 938.34 million telecom service (including landlines) users in India at the end of May 2014, and there was good

connectivity throughout the country. Over two million new users are added each week. In order to offer mobile content, including educational content, major Indian mobile manufacturers like Nokia, Sony Ericsson, and Motorola have partnered with service providers like Airtel, Vodafone, and others. While mobile value-added services providers create the mobile technology and delivery, content aggregation companies supply the actual content. Only senior scientists, engineers, and Indian Institute of Space Technology (IIST) faculty and students are permitted to use mobile devices on campus thanks to the ISRO satellite center's initial rollout of mobile library services. It is possible to immediately optimize all information services hosted on the ISAC library homepage that are accessible via the intranet and space net to mobile-based services. Originally, the library provided alert services, such as information about new books for recommendation, books on display, arrival of indented documents, reserved documents ready for pickup, overdue books, library circulars, and important events, by enabling users to leave comments on catalog items and to submit comments straight to library databases from PDAs and mobile phones. To assist users in capturing, storing, and retrieving information about library services and resources, QR codes can be added to ISAC library web OPAC, web pages, and virtual materials.

6.LibraryServicesthroughMobileTechnology:-

a) SMS Notification Services: To give patrons information on events, news, and notices, libraries can provide SMS notification services. New book recommendations, the arrival of indented documents, the availability of reserved documents, past-due books, unpaid fines, loan requests, and reminders to return items are a few examples of these notifications.

b) Distance learning and formal education: Because mobile phones and applications give students flexibility, academic libraries can integrate library services for formal education, distance learning, and research in e-learning environments with their teaching and research methods.

c) Database Browsing: Libraries provide integrated search, original document search, and mobile-friendly database browsing via OPAC. Through a web-based application, the WorldCat Mobile app helps users locate books and other resources in nearby libraries.

d) My Library: This is a private library area where patrons can obtain resources and information, monitor interlibrary loans, make requests, get email alerts, and customize catalog search settings.

e) Mobile-accessible e-books and digital resources, such as e-books, e-journals, and audiobooks, are available from certain publishers. These can be borrowed on mobile devices or downloaded from library websites. Additionally, libraries provide multimedia messaging services for sharing and audiobooks for free or with a subscription. The majority of publishers offer library subscriptions on a variety of devices, such as iPads, Android smartphones, and Kindles, around-the-clock.

f) Library Guides: Providing users with thorough information, such as use guides, question-answering services, and library statistics, library guides guarantee effective use and prompt answers to inquiries made by mobile devices.

g) Mobile Document Supply: Mobile technology supports electronic funds transfers, supply chain management, e-marketing, inventory management, and electronic funds transfers by providing new opportunities for document supply, collection monitoring, and administrative automation.

h) OPAC-Text Messaging Alert Service: Many libraries make use of OPAC text messaging services, which include reminders for books, book requests, fine payments, and OPAC searches.

i) Mobile Catalogue: M-OPAC, or Mobile-Online Public Access Catalog, provides

account access assistance for books.
Request and renew items.

j) Current Awareness Service: Research scholars, readers, books, journals, articles, text messages, news, etc. can all benefit from this service.

7. Library Apps: Reeder, Feedly, Flipboard, Good Reader, Press Reader, Paper, Kindle, Instapaper, Google Reader, and other mobile apps are available for reading, reference, and other uses.

Applications for Libraries :-

Below are a few of the most well-known apps:

- **Libby by Over Drive:** This well-known app allows you to check out audiobooks and e-books from your neighborhood library.
- **Hoopla:** Provides a large selection of media, such as e-books, audiobooks, music, TV series, and films.
- **Library Thing:** An app for book cataloging that offers community features like suggestions and reviews.
- **BorrowBox:** Another app that allows users to check out e-books and audiobooks; public libraries in a particular area usually use it.

Email, Facebook, Twiteer, YouTube, Wahtssap, Viper, Skype, Line, Tango, Google Mobile, Wikipedia Mobile, Instagram, Google Maps, Flickr, WeChat, and other social networking apps are examples of social networking apps.

- **Forlearningapp:**Classics,Dropbox,Evernote,LibraryCongress,Meebo,Mobile,ISSRN, EVERNO,etc.

7. **Mobile app related to research:**

Citation app (Tools for References):- a mobile app for citation use that links to more advanced tools like Endnote, Mendeley, Qiqqa, and Zotero.extremely helpful in managing references.due to the fact that librarians are highly involved in library work and instruct students on matters of authority.This application is knowledgeable about appropriate citation styles.

8. Skills required to the library staff

Librarians should acquire and apply the following skills if they wish to provide mobile based services.

- Proficiency in training and user orientation to promote these services to users;
- Proficiency in communicating with users through mobile-friendly websites, smartphone applications, and third-party intermediary clients;
- Understanding of mobile device hardware and software As more individualized information is used for library services, gain expertise in safeguarding privacy and security levels.
- Knowledge of internet/intranet services, such as spam prevention, SMS, and email usage.
- Develop or modify mobile-friendly content, such as databases, virtual tours, the OPAC, and the interactive and participatory library homepage.

9. Limitations:

Although mobile Technology holds great promise for library services, there are some limitations or barriers in providing library services such as-

- Digital rights management
- Access to information in the digital age
- Limited memory of mobile devices
- Usually expensive and resource intensive
- Content ownership and licensing
- Reach of an external vendor into the digital

collections and technologies – sustained access will be an extremely important issue for libraries if they adopt mobile Library technology and services that offer content from providers outside of the library.

10.AdvantagesofMobileTechnologies

a)Rightinformationrightuser
b)Savethetime
c)Indulizaedlibraryservice
d)LocationAwareness
e)Abilitytoaccessinformation
f)Userassistance

11.DisadvantagesofMobileTechnologies

a)Hightcost
b)Lesscomputerpower
c)Internetservices
d)Inconvenientinputofdataandoutputinterface

12 .FutureTrends:

AI Integration: Apps may use AI to provide more personalized book recommendations and insights based on user behavior. Virtual Library Services: More libraries may offer virtual reading rooms or book clubs that users can join through an app. With the aid of augmented reality (AR) capabilities, patrons may be able to peruse library materials or receive interactive assistance while in a library. If you're interested in developing a library mobile app or looking for one for a particular library, the attributes mentioned above will help you decide. Would you like more detailed information about any of these features or specific apps?

Conclusion:-

Mobile libraries are essential for connecting communities and information access, especially in isolated, underprivileged, and marginalized areas. They encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and social inclusion by delivering books, digital resources, and educational programs straight to people. In order to satisfy contemporary demands, these mobile units incorporate digital tools and internet access in response to shifting technological landscapes.

In a time when knowledge is essential for both individual and societal growth, mobile libraries act as dynamic knowledge repositories that empower people and promote a culture of learning. Their ongoing development and adaptation will be crucial to guaranteeing fair access to knowledge and

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DIGITAL TOOLS FOR LIBRARY OUTREACH: A FOCUS ON BLOGS AND QR CODES

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Abstract: *Libraries play an important role in the dissemination of knowledge and community engagement. In the digital age, integrating tools such as blogs and QR codes increases access to the library, making services more interactive and accessible. Library blogs serve as dynamic platforms for updates, educational content, and program promotions, while QR codes connect physical and digital resources, improving user convenience. These tools streamline resource discovery, promote digital learning and encourage community participation. Additionally, QR codes facilitate feedback collection, helping libraries to refine services. By leveraging blogs and QR codes, libraries can modernize their services, expand their reach, and strengthen their role as essential knowledge centers.*

Kewords: *Library Outreach, Digital Tool, Library Blog, QR Code*

1. Introduction

Libraries are essential platforms for knowledge, education and community interaction. In the digital world, Digital tools such as blogs and quick response (QR) codes improve library accessibility by making services more accessible and interactive. These technologies combine traditional and digital resources, resulting in a seamless user experience. Library outreach extends services beyond physical spaces, reaching a wide variety of people and raising awareness of accessible resources. Digital tools, especially blogs and QR codes, facilitate information sharing. Libraries' blogs act as dynamic channels for updates, educational information, and engagement. QR codes, on the other hand, connect tangible things to digital resources, making catalogs, research materials, and event information more easily accessible.

2. Explain of Keywords

2.1 Library Outreach

Johnson (2017): Library outreach refers to the proactive efforts of libraries to extend their services and resources beyond physical boundaries, aiming to engage underserved populations and build awareness about library offerings within the community.

2.2 Digital Tool

Digital tools are programs, applications, and other resources that use digital technology to complete tasks, improve procedures, or improve communication.

2.3 Library Blog

Library blogs are created to inform users and their organizations about the library and its services, as well as sharing information linked to their library users.

2.4 QR Code

A quick response (QR) code is a sort of barcode that can be scanned with a digital device that stores data as a series of pixels in a square grid.

3. Review of Literature

3.1 Library Blog

Acharya (2021) highlights the benefits of library blogs in providing access to information, event updates and reviews while promoting emerging technologies. They inform users about new acquisitions and services, collect feedback and enhance communication. According to Marimuthu and J (2022), library blogs foster patron relationships, highlight new services, and serve as a low-cost, user-friendly medium for updates and participation. Volvaikar (2018) describes blogs as centralized hubs for resources, timely updates, and discussions, providing flexibility for communication, education, and community engagement in the digital age. Mohammad and Siddique (2010) describe blogging as an effective technique for knowledge transmission that increases library productivity. It facilitates collection creation, reference services, current awareness, marketing, newsletters, and communication between staff and users.

3.2 QR Code

Paul et al. (2024) emphasize QR codes' transformative function in connecting physical and digital library resources, increasing convenience, engagement, and digital literacy despite difficulties such as technological literacy and privacy. Salai (2024) explores QR codes, stressing their mechanisms, benefits, obstacles, integration in libraries, practical applications through case studies, and recommendations for successful adoption and future trends. R. Singh and Singh (2023) investigate how QR codes transform library systems by improving cataloguing, inventory management, and patron services, hence increasing efficiency and user experience.Shankar (n.d.) Shankar (n.d.) underlines the importance of QR codes in connecting physical and digital library resources, considerably boosting user experience while overcoming implementation challenges. Pareek (2024) Pareek (2024) explores the various applications of QR codes in marketing school library materials and services, advocating for the use of free technologies to optimize their utilization. M. Singh (2024) discusses how QR codes are altering library services by simplifying access to electronic resources, as demonstrated by case studies such as NITK Surathkal, while also emphasizing their potential to promote user convenience and engagement in the digital world.

4. Library Outreach through Library Blog

4.1 Library Brochures and Information: The blog provides digital copies of brochures and reports, allowing users to easily access current library information at any time.

4.2 Library Collection: The blog provides updates on new purchases and unique collections, encouraging readers to explore and use library resources.

4.3Web O.P.A.C.: The blog links to the library's online catalog, enabling for quick resource searches and tutorials for users.

4.4Literature Search Service: The blog provides instructions and resources to conduct efficient literature searches to help scholars and students.

4.5E-resources: Regular blog entries contain e-books, databases, and journals, as well as guides for how to access them.

4.6The YouTube Channel: The blog uses videos from the library's YouTube channel, such as tutorials and events, to create dynamic multimedia content.

4.7News and Events: The blog promotes upcoming events and provides library news to keep patrons informed and engaged.

4.8Library activities: The blog keeps readers up to date on ongoing events including story hours and education workshops, while also promoting community participation.

4.9Research and Reference Resources: The blog offers research resources such as citation rules and tools to aid in academic and professional development.

4.10List of online newspapers: The blog contains links to online newspapers, allowing readers to quickly access current and historical news.

4.11Online Educational Resources: This blog provides free educational resources to encourage lifelong learning.

4.12Selective information dissemination: The blog provides personalized updates on new resources based on the user's preferences.

4.13Current Awareness Service: The blog provides users with updates on progress in a number of topics, allowing them to stay informed.

4.14Digital Newspaper Clipping Service: The blog distributes essential news clippings and articles online, providing easy access to curated content.

4.15 Display of New Arrivals: The blog displays newly purchased books and multimedia, creating interest and promoting exploration.

4.16Important links for competitive exams: The blog includes links to exam resources such as study guides and practice tests.

4.17 **Important Connections to Government Websites:** The blog provides connections to important government websites, allowing visitors to access useful services and legislation.

5. The Impact of QR Codes in Library Outreach

5.1 Institutional Repository

Library collections include research papers, theses, and intellectual publications. QR codes placed strategically guide users to these sources, making them more visible and accessible.

5.2 Library Portal

A QR code on a poster, library card, or email can rapidly connect users to the library's portal, which includes catalogs, research tools, and announcements.

5.3 Library Blog

QR codes can be used on notice boards, bookshelves, and newsletters to promote library updates, book reviews, and research conversations.

5.4 Web OPAC

Users can browse the Online Public browse Catalog (Web OPAC) by scanning a QR code near book racks or brochures, making book searches easier and reducing the need for manual typing.

5.5 Subscribed E-resources

QR codes provide fast access to databases, e-books, and journals, enabling users to swiftly access subscription-based services.

5.6 Online Educational Resources (OER's)

QR codes provide fast access to databases, e-books, and journals, enabling users to swiftly access subscription-based services.

5.7 New Arrivals

QR codes that link to new book lists or digital previews keep users up to date on the most recent additions to the library.

5.8 Library Feedback Forms

Users can scan QR codes to access digital feedback form, requisition form, and suggestion form making the process easier and encouraging real-time responses.

5.9 Digital Newspaper Clippings

QR codes on bulletin boards enable easy access to archive and college news pieces from many newspapers.

5.10 Library Activities

QR codes on event posters or emails link directly to registration forms and event details.

6. Integrating Digital Tools: Blogs and QR Codes for Library Outreach

6.1 Connecting Offline and Online Engagement

6.1.1 QR codes bridge the gap between physical and digital services.

QR code is a practical and efficient approach to connect a library's physical resources to its online presence. By applying QR codes to printed materials such as brochures, posters, and flyers, libraries can easily move users from physical touch points to digital content. For

example, a simple scan of a QR code on flyers in a library program can direct a patron to a comprehensive blog post or program registration website, providing immediate access to current information.

6.1.2 Users can scan QR codes on materials like flyers to access blog posts instantly.

QR codes on materials such as flyers or posters provide faster access to information, making it extremely useful for customers. Instead of searching for content online or typing in URLs, customers can scan QR codes from their cell phones to access suitable digital content. This direct link removes barriers and encourages increased participation by allowing patrons to quickly get the information they need without having to take additional steps.

6.1.3 This makes accessing information easier and creates a seamless transition between offline and online interactions.

QR codes facilitate the linking of physical objects to digital content, resulting in a smooth and seamless transition between offline and online encounters. Patrons who cannot regularly connect to the library's digital services are urged to use these conveniently accessible codes. This integration not only improves the user experience, but it also allows libraries to reach a larger audience by making the content more accessible.

6.2 Enhancing Event Promotions

6.2.1 QR codes on event materials (flyers, banners) link to detailed blog posts.

Integrating QR codes into event promotional materials such as flyers, posters, and banners allows libraries to route visitors to detailed blog postings about events. These blog articles may include speaker bios, session topics, scheduling, and special announcements. This makes it easier for attendees to learn more about the event and get information they might not have otherwise received.

6.2.2 Blogs provide comprehensive event details such as schedules and registration.

Blogs are an excellent platform to present comprehensive event information such as events, registration forms, speaker bios, and other relevant resources. When linked to a QR code, blogs provide a convenient, consolidated destination for users to find all relevant event information. This avoids confusion and ensures that users get accurate and current information about library events.

6.2.3 This approach boosts event participation and allows for follow-up, such as post-event surveys.

Libraries can increase attendance and engagement by linking program-specific blogs with QR codes. After the event, QR codes can be used to link to follow-up surveys or feedback forms published on the blog, making it easier for participants to submit feedback on their experience. This technology not only increases participation, but also allows libraries to customize future programs based on consumer input.

6.3 Deepening Resource Exploration

6.3.1 QR codes placed on library materials (books, DVDs) lead to related blog content.

QR codes on library assets such as books, DVDs and research papers enable patrons to access digital content associated with those items. A code on a book can lead to a blog post

with further information, reviews, or related content, allowing users to more fully engage with the library's offerings. It promotes in-depth study of library resources, making it easier for users to gain new insights.

6.3.2 The blog could include reviews, study guides, or related articles.

The content connected through QR codes can be modified to improve the user's understanding of the objects. Blogs can include reviews, study tips, or additional readings that add context to the material resources and improve the mentor's experience. For example, a QR code on a book about world history can lead users to a blog summarizing key topics and suggesting further resources such as movies or related books, which can lead to further discovery.

6.3.3 This encourages users to explore library resources in greater depth.

QR codes are linking to digital content encourage visitors to go further into the available resources. When patrons are given additional information, they are more willing to check out materials they would otherwise ignore, resulting in a richer library experience. It also enhances the instructional value of the library by allowing users to explore topics beyond what is physically available.

6.4 Promoting Digital Resources and Tutorials

6.4.1 Blogs can highlight digital resources like e-books and databases.

Many libraries offer a variety of digital resources, such as e-books, databases, and online learning platforms. Blogs are a wonderful way to highlight these resources, giving customers an overview of their benefits and features. A blog article can explain how to access digital books or traverse databases, directing users through digital resources that might otherwise be underutilized.

6.4.2 QR codes placed in the library can lead directly to blogs with step-by-step guides on how to use these resources.

Libraries can add QR codes that link to blogs with detailed instructions to further increase the reach of digital resources. For example, a blog that explains how to use an online database or access e-books can be accessed by scanning a QR code at the library's computer station. It guarantees that users can easily locate and use digital devices, thereby improving the usability of the library's digital resources.

6.4.3 This makes digital content more accessible and user-friendly.

Libraries make it easier for the user to access digital content by adding QR codes for extensive text and instructions. It lowers entry barriers for those who may not be comfortable with digital devices or technology, thereby increasing access to the library's online resources for a wider range of users.

6.5 Encouraging Community Engagement

6.5.1 QR codes drive traffic to blogs that share community stories or user experiences.

QR codes can be placed throughout the library to direct visitors to blogs, including local stories, user experiences, and community-driven projects. These blogs can promote local

authors, cultural events, or community successes, fostering a connection between the library and its patrons.

6.5.2 Libraries can showcase local authors or projects through blogs, engaging patrons further.

Blogs provide libraries with an opportunity to highlight local talent and projects. Libraries invite the user to learn more about these efforts by linking to their blog through QR codes. It enhances the relationship between the library and the community, turning the library into a hub of local culture and innovation.

6.5.3 This fosters a sense of community and encourages patrons to interact with the library.

Community participation through blogs promotes a sense of belonging among library consumers. When patrons recognize that the library values their neighborhood and its stories, they are more willing to interact with it on a regular basis, making it an important part of their lives.

6.6 Streamlining Feedback and Surveys

6.6.1 QR codes can direct patrons to blogs with surveys or feedback forms.

QR codes can be placed at strategic locations throughout the library to direct visitors to feedback forms or surveys placed on the blog. Patrons can quickly submit comments on library services, events, or materials, making it easier for libraries to collect relevant information.

6.6.2 Placing QR codes in strategic locations (e.g., exit points) encourages easy feedback submission.

QR codes strategically placed in high-traffic areas, such as exits, attract customers to fill out surveys as they leave. This increases the possibility of receiving useful feedback from users who have recently utilized library services or programs, providing new insights into their experiences.

6.6.3 This helps libraries gather valuable insights to improve their services.

QR codes associated with blogs streamline the feedback process, helping libraries get more timely and accurate responses. These insights can help libraries continually enhance their services, programs, and user experiences, ensuring that they meet the changing needs of their community.

7. Conclusion

Libraries are essential for knowledge sharing and community participation. Integrating digital tools such as blogs and QR codes increases accessibility, improves resource discovery, and streamlines services. Library blogs provide updates, educational content, and program promotions, while QR codes link physical content to digital resources, ensuring seamless access. These tools connect offline and online interactions, encourage participation and promote digital learning. QR codes also facilitate feedback collection, helping libraries to refine services. By adopting these innovations, libraries can expand their reach, improve user experiences, and remain relevant in the digital age while strengthening their role as dynamic knowledge centers.

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LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA TO ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract

This paper examines the current landscape of social media and its significant role in enhancing academic library services. It explores diverse applications of social media in libraries, focusing on key areas such as resource and service promotion, community building and engagement, and reaching new audiences. The paper analyzes the challenges associated with leveraging social media for effective library service delivery and proposes best practices for implementation. These practices aim to improve libraries' online presence, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment. In conclusion, this paper provides an overview of the transformative impact of social media on libraries, demonstrating its potential to enhance services and highlighting the increasing interest in leveraging these platforms to improve the overall library experience.

Keywords: *Social Media, Library, Library Services etc.*

Introduction : Libraries are no longer just repositories of books; they are vibrant community hubs offering a multitude of services. In today's digital age, social media platforms offer an unparalleled opportunity for libraries to connect with their communities, promote their offerings, and enhance user engagement (Local Government New Zealand, January, 2023). In today's interconnected world, academic libraries are increasingly recognizing the transformative potential of social media platforms. To better serve the diverse needs of their users, libraries are actively leveraging platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Google+. These platforms, initially conceived for personal networking, are now instrumental in enabling libraries to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, including students, faculty members, professionals, organizations, and the broader academic community. This strategic adoption of social media reflects a fundamental shift in the library's role, evolving from a passive repository of information to a dynamic and actively connected hub within the academic landscape (Gohane & Manikpure, 2024). This paper explores the various ways libraries can leverage social media to improve their services and reach a wider audience.

Social media: concept

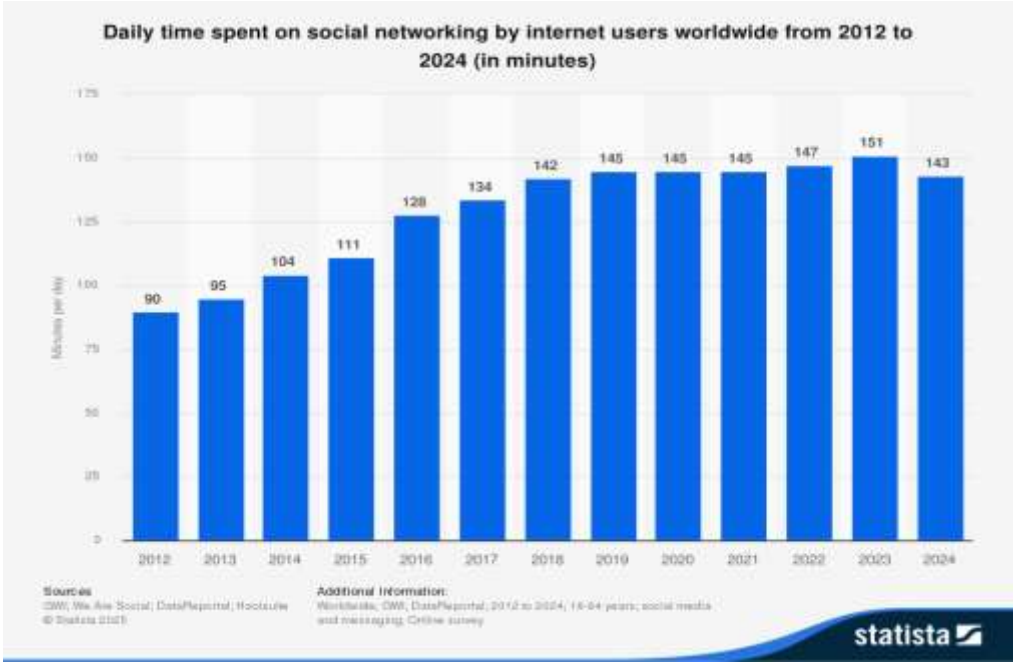
"Social Media are interactive technologies that facilitate the creation, sharing and aggregation of content, ideas, interests, and other forms of expression through virtual communities and networks" (Wikipedia 2023).

Social media platforms are digital tools that empower users to create, share, and interact with content, connect with others, and participate in diverse online communities. These tools have fundamentally changed how we communicate, access information, and engage socially.

Global social media usage and impact

According to Statista's data on daily social media usage (2012-2024), global daily social media usage averaged 143 minutes per user in 2024, a slight decrease from 151 minutes in 2023. Brazil leads in daily usage at 3 hours and 49 minutes, while the US averages 2 hours and 16 minutes. Globally, social media penetration is 62.3%, with Northern Europe leading at 81.7% and Eastern/Middle Africa at the bottom with approximately 10%. Primary motivations for social media use include entertainment, sharing content, staying updated on current events, and maintaining connections with friends. Social media significantly impacts both online and offline life (Statista, 2019). A global survey revealed that users perceive increased access to information, easier communication, and greater freedom of expression as positive impacts. Conversely, negative effects include diminished personal privacy, heightened political polarization, and increased distractions (Figure1).

Figure 1: Snapshot of **Daily time spent on social networking by internet users worldwide from 2012 to 2024(in minutes)**



Because social media is widely used, libraries can leverage these platforms to improve services, connect with patrons, and much more. These platforms offer a powerful way to engage users, overcome geographical limitations, and cater to diverse learning styles. By strategically using social media, libraries can become dynamic knowledge centers, delivering resources directly to users. Social media bridges the gap between patrons and library services, helping libraries achieve their goals. It also empowers library professionals to improve service delivery. Essential for remaining relevant in the digital age, social media is now widely used by libraries to promote offerings, share news and events, host virtual meetings, and even conduct research.

Promotion of resources and services

Social media can be a powerful tool for showcasing the diverse resources and services offered by libraries to users:

Highlight digital collections: Libraries can promote their databases, e-books, audiobooks, and other online learning platforms through engaging posts and tutorials. Short videos demonstrating how to access these resources can be particularly helpful.

Showcase special collections: Social media can be used to highlight unique or historical items in a library's collection, sparking interest and encouraging research. High-quality images and behind-the-scenes glimpses can make these collections more accessible.

Offer virtual reference services: Libraries can use social media platforms to answer reference questions, provide research assistance, and guide users to relevant resources. This can be particularly helpful for users who cannot visit the library in person.

Promote literacy and learning: Sharing book recommendations, reading lists, and educational resources on social media can promote literacy and lifelong learning within the library user community.

Building community and engagement

Social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram provide a direct line of communication between the library and its users (Chore, 2023). Libraries can use these platforms to:

Announce events and programs: From book clubs and author talks to workshops and story times, social media can effectively reach a wider audience and boost attendance. Eye-catching visuals and targeted advertising can further amplify the message.

Share library news and updates: About new acquisitions and additions, changes in hours, resource availability, and service updates can be quickly disseminated through social media, keeping users informed (https://www.giraffesocialmedia.co.uk).

Create online communities: Dedicated Facebook groups or Twitter chats can foster discussions around books, authors, and library resources, services, creating a sense of belonging and encouraging intellectual engagement

Foster two-way communication: Social media allows for real-time interaction with patrons. Libraries can answer questions, address concerns, and solicit feedback, creating a sense of community and responsiveness (Malik, & Mathiko, 2022). Polls and Q&A sessions can be used to engage users and gather valuable insights.

Reaching New Audiences

Social media can help libraries reach demographics that may not traditionally use library services:

Target specific age groups: Libraries can tailor their content and messaging to appeal to different age groups, from children and teens to adults and seniors.Instagram, for example, might be used to connect with younger audiences through visually appealing content (Acharya & Vagdal, 2023).

Promote accessibility: Social media can be used to highlight accessibility services offered by the library, such as large print books, audiobooks, and assistive technology.

Engage with diverse communities: Social media can be used to connect with diverse communities within the library's service area, offering resources and services tailored to their specific needs. Multilingual posts and culturally relevant content can help bridge communication gaps.

Challenges while using social media

While social media offers numerous benefits, libraries should also be aware of the challenges:

Maintaining a consistent presence: Regular posting and engagement are crucial for building a strong social media presence.Libraries need to develop a content calendar and allocate resources to manage their social media accounts effectively (https://2cqr.in/role-of-social-media-in-libraries/).

Responding to negative feedback: Libraries should have a plan in place for addressing negative comments or feedback on social media in a professional and timely manner.

Protecting user privacy: Libraries must be mindful of user privacy and ensure that they are not collecting or sharing personal information without consent.

Measuring impact: Libraries should track their social media metrics to assess the effectiveness of their strategies and make adjustments as needed.

Social media best practices for libraries

Social media has become an integral part of communication and information sharing.For libraries, leveraging social media platforms effectively can be a powerful tool to engage with students, faculty, and the wider community. By implementing best practices, libraries can enhance their online presence, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment.

Develop a Social Media Strategy: Before diving into the world of social media, it's crucial for libraries to develop a comprehensive strategy that aligns with their mission, objectives and goals. This strategy should define the target users, identify the most relevant platforms, set measurable goals, and establish a posting schedule.

Select the Right Platforms: Libraries should carefully consider their target audience and the type of content they want to share when selecting platforms. Like, Facebook for building community, sharing events, and promoting resources.Instagram Perfect for visually showcasing library

collections, spaces, and events.Twitterfor quick news, updates, and engaging in conversations. YouTubea valuable platform for tutorials, research guides, and library tours.

Create Users Engaging Content: Content is king in the realm of social media. Libraries should strive to create content that is informative, engaging, and relevant to the users. This could include highlighting new acquisitions, promotion of upcoming events, sharing research tips, book recommendations and reading lists, and offering behind-the-scenes glimpses of library operations.

Engage and Interact with users: Libraries should actively encourage interaction and engagement from their users by running question & answer sessions to foster interaction, hosting contests, running polls, and responding to comments and messages promptly.

Monitor, Evaluate and Track Performance: Regularly monitoring and evaluating social media performance is essential. Libraries should track key metrics such as engagement rates, follower growth, and website traffic to assess the effectiveness of their social media efforts.

Be Consistent and Timely: Regular posting is essential to maintain an active presence and keep your audience engaged. Create a content calendar to plan and schedule posts in advance. Respond promptly to comments and messages to foster a sense of community.

Stay Up-to-Date: The social media is constantly evolving. Libraries should stay up-to-date with the latest trends, platform updates, features and best practices to ensure their social media strategy remains relevant and effective (Nasir & Tyagi, 2023).

Promote Social Media Channels: Libraries need to sure about his social media presence is visible. Include links to social media profiles on library's website, email signature, and marketing materials. Promote library channels through in-library displays and events.

Establish Social Media Guidelines: To maintain a professional and consistent online presence, libraries should establish clear social media guidelines for staff members. These guidelines should outline expectations for content creation, community engagement, and online behavior etc.

Training to Library Staff: Libraries should provide adequate training to staff members responsible for managing social media accounts. This training should cover topics such as content creation, community engagement, brand voice, and social media etiquette.Encourage staff to share and engage with the library's social media content.

Be Patient and Persistent: Building a strong social media presence takes time and effort. Libraries should be patient and persistent in their social media endeavors, consistently creating valuable content and engaging with their users.

Conclusion

Libraries can effectively leverage social media to connect with their communities, promote resources and services, and foster a vibrant learning environment by implementing best practices. Social media has become an indispensable tool for libraries seeking to enhance their services,

engage with their communities, and reach new audiences. By embracing these platforms strategically, libraries can strengthen their role as vital community hubs in the digital age. By focusing on community building, resource promotion, and targeted outreach, libraries can leverage the power of social media to better serve their patrons and fulfill their mission of promoting literacy, learning, and access to information.

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IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON STUDENTS OF HVPM'S COLLEGE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, AMRAVATI

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Abstract : *Social media is a web-based service that allows users to communicate and share their thoughts in the form of messages, comments, etc. Users can also upload text, images, and videos. Social networking can have both positive and negative effects on student's academic performance. This article has tried to study various aspects of social media, the awareness approach, benefits, and disadvantages of using social networking sites.*

Introduction

There are many social media networks like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Orkut, Share Chat, Instagram, Moj, MX Taka Tak, Chingari and Josh, etc. All of them allow users to connect and share information with them. Apsad allows users to communicate online with the help of e-mail, instant messaging, etc. Users can communicate ideas, photos, videos, links, and activities with other users in the network. Users provide their personal information by creating their profiles, their profile information mainly include age, gender, location, interests, hobbies, aptitude, etc. including a photo. Other users can find their friends or relatives on these social media according to their given details.

Social media is one platform for students to access the knowledge and express their views on that topic. Social media is communication technology that facilitates the creation and dissemination of information, ideas, interests, and other forms of expression through networks.

Why is social media important?

Social networking is becoming more and more popular today, as it enables users to communicate with each other remotely through social media websites. Through social media, readers can easily access information and social media is a great tool for creating awareness on any topic. What are the benefits of using social media? First, it comes down to the goal that readers use social media to share information and make connections with each other. Social media provides services to the user to interact with people, present or create new ideas, learn new things as well as allows you to entertain yourself etc. Following are five benefits of social media.

• To build interpersonal relationships:- Social media is used to interact with the reader On a personal level, social media allows you to interact with friends and teachers, learn new things, develop new ideas,and entertain yourself as well.

• To share your skills:- You get a chance to talk about a concept in the study, what skill you know, and what you want.

• Increase your visibility:- If you develop your knowledge and manage it properly on social media channels, you will become a subject matter expert in your field, allowing you to establish yourself and increase your visibility. However, if you interact with other readers' content, follow like-minded people, and develop relationships with them on social media, it will help you get your name out there and other readers will contact you.

Disadvantages of Social Media:-

Students can have any experience of social media; it may be good or bad. It can also lead to bad results if not used properly. Some disadvantages of social media can be mentioned as follows.

• Cyber Crimes and Hacking: This leads to the theft of personal or collective databases, software, etc. Many students have become victims of cybercrime, which has caused them huge financial and academic losses.

• Addiction: Prolonged use of social media can cause students to become addicted and lose focus on important studies.

• Health problems: Excessive use of social media can lead to many problems such as obesity, itchy eyes, vision loss, and stress problems after excessive use, which can greatly affect physical and mental health.

Methodology:-

For collecting data from the students of HVPM's College of Engineering and Technology, Amravati questionnaire was prepared. For study purposes, total 137 questionnaires were distributed among college students, Out of these 129 valid questionnaires were collected, and then data was arranged systematically in a tabulated form, interpreted and analyzed, and then presented in the form of this paper.

Table 1 Number of students using Social Media

Options	No. of students given Response	Percentage
YES	128	99.22
NO	01	.078

Table-2 Used of Social Media

Name of Social Medias	No. of students given Response	Percentage
YouTube	127	98.44
Facebook	123	95.34
Instagram	117	90.69
Twitter	102	79.06
LinkedIn	85	65.89
Orkut	79	60.24

MySpace	26	20.15
Google +	15	11.62
ShareChat	09	6.97
MX Taka Tak,	01	0.77

Table 2 shows that Youtube (98.44 %) is the most popular Social networking media among students, Facebook (95.34%) takes the second position, and Instagram is in the third position in popularity. Even so, LinkedIn and Orkut are well known media among students, with 65.89% and 60.24%, respectively. MySpace (20.15%), Google +, and TikTok were also used by the students, and Yelp was unknown among users.

Table-3 . Frequency of using Social Media

Frequency	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Daily	120	93.02
Weekly	16	12.40
Monthly	00	00

Table 3 shows that 120 (93.02%) students use social media daily, while (12.40%) people use social media in a week, and there is no student, who does not use social media.

Table-4 spending hour for using Social Media by the students

Hour	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Less th an 1 hour	06	06.5
1 to 2 hours	06	06.5
2 to 4 hours	41	31.78
4 to 6 hours	74	57.37
More th an 6 hours	02	1.55

Table 4 shows that 57.37 % of students spend 4 to 6 hours on Social media, and 31.78 % of students spend 2 to 4 hours. 6.5% of users spend 1 to 2 hours, 6.5 % spend less than 1 hour, and only 02 of the users spend more than 6 hours on Social media.

Table-5 Impact of social media

Options	**No. of students given Response**	**Percentage**
Positive Impact	109	84.50
Negative Impact	20	15.50

Table 5 states that 109 (84.50%) students think that Social media has helped students, it is good for us and does not have any negative impact, however, 20 (15.50 %) feel that Social media is not good for us, and has had some negative impacts on students.

Table-6 Cause of Positive impact of Social media on

Options	No. of students given Response	Percentage
Learning and Education	115	89.14
Increase your visibility	114	88.37
To make new friends and Find old friends	107	82.94
To build interpersonal relationships and Staying Connected	102	79.06
To share your skills Sharing of information	87	67.44
Better Communication	45	34.88

Table 6 indicates that 115 (89.14%) students use social networking sites to get the latest information from Learning and education; 114(*88.37*%) have used them to increase their visibility, 107 (82.94 %) students use them to make new friends and find old friends, 102 (79.06%) students use them to build interpersonal relationships and stay connected. (67.44 %) for sharing your skills and sharing information, and 34.88% of students use social media for better communication.

Table-7 Cause of negative impact of Social media on

Options	No. of students given Response	Percentage
Cyber Crimes and Hacking	101	78.29
Addiction	65	50.38
Health problems	54	41.86
Loss of time	121	93.79

Table 7 indicates 121 students' opinions that using social media causes a loss of time. 101 (62 .31 %) think that due to this, we may be facing problems like cybercrime and Hacking. 65 students state that they may get addicted to these Social media, and 54 students state that they hesitate to use Social media due to Health problems.

Finding:-

1. From the study, it is found that 100% of students use social media.
2. Youtube (98.44 %) and Facebook are the most popular Social media sites among the students.
3. More than 50% (57.37 %) of students spend 4 to 6 hours on social media
4. 109 (84.50%) students think that Social media has helped them, i.e. it is a great tool for creating awareness on any topic
5. On the contrary, more use of social media may negatively impact the overall performance of the students.

Conclusions:-

An attempt has been made to study the effect of social media on engineering college students. This study shows that students have accepted social media. Through this new tool of social media,

students communicate with each other and share photos, videos, etc in real time. From this study, it can be said that social media has made the whole world feel like family. Social media has both positive and negative effects, and users will certainly benefit if they use social media for useful purposes. However, if used for the wrong purposes, you get negative results; therefore, users should be careful when using it to avoid negative effects. It should be used only for useful purposes. Therefore, from the findings, it is clear that Social media has positive and negative impacts on students. Therefore, students should make some rules and regulations while using social media for their own safety.

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A STUDY OF LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATION TOOLS AND METHODS

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Abstract : *The development of mobile technology has revolutionized the way libraries offer their services by giving patrons access to information at any time and from any location. Mobile applications provide resources management, interactive learning, and catalog browsing capabilities, acting as a link between the library and its users. The platforms, tools, and techniques used in the creation and administration of mobile library applications are examined in this chapter. It looks at backend solutions like Firebase and AWS Amplify, mobile analytics tools like Google Analytics for Firebase, Mixpanel, and Amplitude, and frameworks like React Native, Flutter, and Xamarin. The chapter also explores the difficulties that libraries encounter, such as accessibility, user acceptance, budgetary restrictions, and system integration. It also covers the significance of data protection, accessibility guidelines, and user-centered design in developing long-lasting mobile library applications.*

Keywords: - *Mobile, e books, Flutter, React Native ,Xamarin, Firebase,*

1. INTRODUCTION

In the current digital era, libraries play a much different role. With the advent of mobile technology, libraries can now provide services outside of their physical locations. As smartphones become more widely used, libraries are utilizing mobile applications to facilitate easy access to materials, improve user interaction, and offer services that complement the portability of mobile devices. This chapter examines the instruments and techniques used by libraries in the creation and administration of mobile applications, going over important technology, design factors, and practical implementation techniques.

Today's mobile phones come with more sophisticated computer power and connectivity than even the most basic feature phones. One example of one of these is a smartphone. A tablet is essentially a portable computer with a touch screen that is lightweight, whereas smartphones provide users with a wide range of applications. Apple iOS and Google Android are two prominent systems for smartphones and tablets. Examining how the initial wave of mobile library websites has evolved over the past few years, "The Library Mobile Experience: Practices and User

Expectations" explores the mobile experiences that library users desire. Several polls and studies show that despite smartphones' small screens, library users are nevertheless ready to use mobile versions of their websites for research. More advanced features like the ability to customize and personalize menus, reserve study rooms, receive text message notifications when items from the library are about to expire, and engage in live chat on mobile devices seem to be in high demand as well. Libraries must focus more on how they can effectively and creatively serve the requirements of their patrons while they are in the mobile mindset—that is, when they are microtasking, bored, or local—in order to deliver a positive mobile experience.

2. ROLE OF MOBILE APPLICATIONS IN LIBRARIES

Since libraries are vital for providing resources that improve users' ability to retrieve information, it is crucial to support learning and scholarship by providing engaging experiences across a range of topics and media. An increasingly digital population of library users can be attracted to a mobile application, not merely a mobile-friendly website, in a setting that is both comfortable and cutting edge. A few benefits of information technology, particularly when it comes to mobile apps: Simple to compile a variety of library activities, working together and building networks within libraries, Expand the breadth of services provided in a library, prevent duplication of effort, Preserve the users' time. boosts productivity, quick and simple information access, raises the standard of library services Boost the understanding and expertise, Integration between the organizations, Boost the library's standing, bolster the infrastructure for communication, more dependable, aids in drawing in users, remote user access, 24/7 accessibility for users, having unrestricted access to data from several sources, More recent data, Information adaptability for users and transforming and integrating data from many sources.

- Mobile applications (apps) provide real-time access to information and services, acting as a bridge between libraries and their users. Mobile apps are used by libraries for several purposes:

- Make journals, eBooks, multimedia materials, and catalogues accessible. Permit users to remotely manage their accounts, renew goods, and reserve books.

- Provide interactive elements including online reference resources, community forums, and reading recommendations.

- Utilize digital tools and integrated educational platforms to facilitate remote study.

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Manjula T. (2016). Smart phones have made it easy to connect with any associated organization from anywhere and access essential library resources. This article focusses on offering library services via mobile apps. The paper discusses the importance of developing mobile apps for libraries in order to improve service. The 'Contents of the mobile library app' section is an important part of the article because it describes the app's contents. Some of the existing library mobile apps are given, along with brief information about each. It also includes web links to

numerous mobile apps, as well as information about the resources available through such apps. Some mobile app creators are briefly addressed, along with links to their websites. The paper even concentrates promotion and evaluation of the library mobile app.

Bhoj, Shashikantbhai Hansaben (2020) Libraries are among the institutions and establishments that cannot overlook the use of mobile phone technology in all facets of our daily lives. As a result, libraries in wealthy nations have welcomed the mobile phone revolution and are using it to provide services that are both effective and efficient. On the other hand, university libraries in India do not generally offer mobile-based services. Academic and research libraries have not yet adopted them. The results of a survey on mobile-based library services in many Indian libraries are presented in this study. The study's objective was to find out what patrons thought about using mobile devices for library services. It aimed to see if they would be open to employing such a service.

Jakati, Suresh C., and Kiran G. Kumar (2022) Libraries have always embraced new technologies to help them achieve their goal of giving patrons timely access to information they need and effective, efficient services. The use of information and communication technologies has altered how individuals communicate and obtain information. Because users desire quick and simple access to pertinent information, library and information science workers are under pressure to think creatively about how to meet their information needs. Using mobile devices to deliver information and library services is a big step in that direction. The academic environment has changed from traditional to mobile learning environments as a result of the advancement of mobile technologies. Applications that use mobile technology to provide library and information services are described in this paper.

Dhepe, Pratik (2024). The objective of this study is to show how technology has invaded libraries and how well it works. Some of the significant technological advances embraced and employed in libraries include blockchain, robotics, drones, smartphone apps, and big data. Investigated in several of the author's studies. The areas in which digital technology may be applied in library operations and services were identified and addressed based on the author's subsequent studies and a comprehensive review of the available literature. According to the research, every technology has its place in libraries. Examples include the creation of talking robots, flying books, and encrypted databases. Adoption of these technologies would contribute to a higher level of improvement in library services.

4. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1. To Examines the Tools for Developing Library Mobile Application.
2. To Examines Methodologies Used in The Development and Management of Mobile Library Apps
3. To Identify Key Features of Effective Library Mobile Applications
4. To Study Challenges Libraries Face in Adopting Mobile Technology, Including Issues Related to Accessibility,

5. TOOLS FOR DEVELOPING LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

A range of tools are needed for development, integration, content management, and user experience improvement while building a mobile application for a library. The following are a few of the most popular platforms and tools used when creating mobile apps for libraries:

- **Flutter**- Google created Flutter as a solution to its own internal issue: "We keep creating iOS and Android applications for every mobile product; that's getting annoying." That's a sentiment that at least one Googler has definitely stated; it's not a genuine quote. Flutter requires Dart in addition to JavaScript and compiles to native code. It becomes understandable why Google chose Dart over JavaScript, given that Dart was created by Google to supplant JavaScript. Flutter supports Google's own programming language and is still closely related to Material Design, another Google product. You'll benefit if you're willing to follow Google's instructions. The only open-source, cross-platform program that is backed by a major mobile platform operator is called Flutter. Such a product is not available from Apple, while Microsoft's Xamarin technology is less lenient. Flutter is used in a non-zero number of Google's mobile applications. And Flutter is definitely good enough for you if it's good enough for the corporate mobile king. Google wouldn't accept anything less than native performance speeds for the Dart language and its mobile run-time. Additionally, you may create an app that feels familiar to users of Gmail, Google Maps, and other apps that employ Material Design by utilizing Google's resources.

Fig:- 1 Flutter

- **React Native**: Facebook developed the open-source React Native framework for developing mobile applications. It enables developers to use a single JavaScript and React codebase to create natively rendered mobile apps for iOS and Android. React Native is an effective solution for creating cross-platform mobile applications, particularly those used by libraries, because it gives developers the ability to use a uniform set of cross-platform components. React Native gives libraries a quick and easy way to develop mobile apps that let patrons access eBooks, journals, digital catalogs, and other resources. Because it is cross-

platform, it requires less time and money to build, which makes it a great option for universities with limited funding.

Fig 2:- React Native

- **Xamarin:** Microsoft's open-source Xamarin platform enables programmers to create cross-platform mobile applications with C# and the.NET foundation. It cuts down on development time and effort by allowing the construction of native programs for Windows, iOS, and Android using shared code. Xamarin provides libraries with a powerful way to create mobile applications that run natively on a variety of platforms. Xamarin is a useful tool for libraries that need to offer mobile solutions without maintaining separate codebases because it can share up to 90% of the code across platforms.

Xamarin
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Build cross-platform mobile and desktop apps with .NET today.
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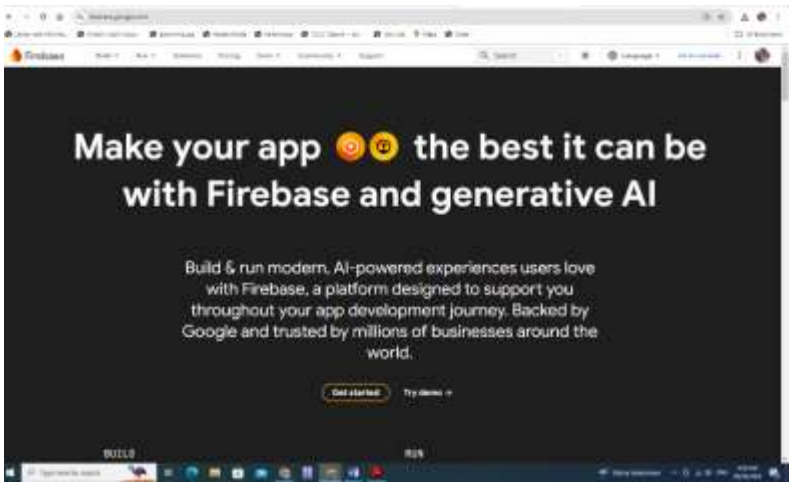
Fig 3:- Xamarin

6. **BACKEND AS A SERVICE (BAAS)**:

- **Firebase:** Google's Firebase platform offers a complete Backend as a Service (BaaS) solution, freeing developers from the burden of managing backend infrastructure and allowing them to focus on building, managing, and scaling mobile and web apps. Firebase is the perfect platform for creating powerful mobile applications for libraries because it provides a wide range of features, such as real-time databases, cloud storage, authentication, and messaging services. Libraries are able to develop robust mobile apps with Firebase that provide easy access to user accounts, catalogs, notifications, and additional services. Libraries that oversee sizable user and resource populations will find the platform especially helpful due to its scalability and real-time features.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Build & run modern, AI-powered experiences users love with Firebase, a platform designed to support you throughout your app development journey. Backed by Google and trusted by millions of businesses around the world.

Fig 4:- Firebase

- **AWS Amplify:** AWS Amplify is a cloud-based Backend as a Service (BaaS) that facilitates the development of secure and scalable mobile and online apps by developers on behalf of Amazon online Services (AWS). Libraries may easily create feature-rich apps with Amplify's suite of tools and services, which can be integrated into an application's frontend and backend. Strong library mobile applications can be easily created with AWS Amplify since it provides features like analytics, serverless APIs, real-time data storage, and user authentication. Libraries may take advantage of AWS Amplify's robust cloud infrastructure to manage user accounts, provide personalized services, handle notifications, and expedite access to digital catalogs.

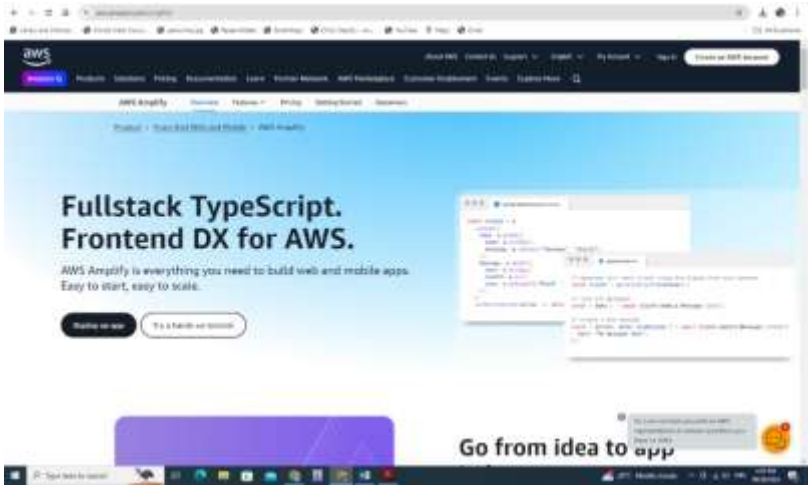
Fullstack TypeScript.
Frontend DX for AWS.
AWS Amplify is everything you need to build web and mobile apps.
Easy to start, easy to scale.
Go from idea to app

Fig 5:- AWS Amplify

- **Kinvey:** Progress Software's Kinvey platform is a Backend as a Service (BaaS) that offers mobile and web application developers a full range of backend services, including file storage, user authentication, data storage, and real-time data synchronization. Because of its serverless architecture, Kinvey enables libraries to create feature-rich mobile applications without having to worry about managing backend infrastructure. With an emphasis on security, scalability, and high performance, Kinvey is especially well-suited for creating mobile applications for libraries that need quick access to digital content, secure user management, and quick data retrieval. Kinvey's versatility, cross-platform capabilities, and enterprise-grade features make it an appealing alternative for libraries seeking to develop modern, scalable mobile applications to increase catalog access, manage users, and provide personalized experiences.

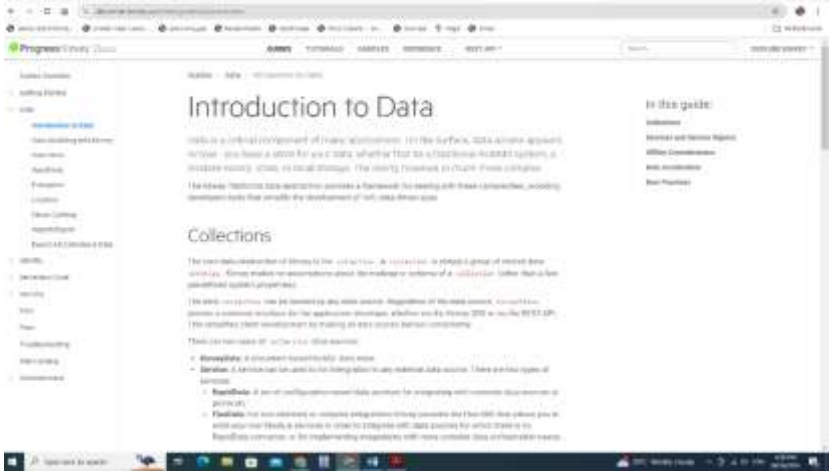

Fig 6:- Kinvey

7. **MOBILE ANALYTICS TOOLS**:

- **Google Analytics for Firebase**: A powerful and free mobile analytics solution that is integrated into the Firebase platform is Google Analytics for Firebase. With a focus on mobile applications, it offers thorough insights on user behavior, engagement, and app performance. Firebase provides powerful analytics features that enable libraries to better analyze user behavior on their mobile apps, leading to data-driven decision-making and optimized user experiences.

- **Mixpanel:** Mixpanel is a top mobile and online analytics platform that lets businesses monitor user behavior and interactions in real time. Mixpanel helps libraries understand user engagement and improve user experiences with their mobile applications by providing rich analytics and event-based tracking.

- **Amplitude:** Amplitude is a powerful analytics tool made to assist businesses in fully comprehending customer involvement and activity. Amplitude helps libraries to improve user experiences and their mobile applications by providing powerful tools for recording user interactions, evaluating user journeys, and producing actionable insights.

8. **CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CMS)**:

- **LibGuides CMS**: A content management system (CMS) created especially for libraries and educational institutions is called LibGuides. LibGuides, a platform created by Springshare, gives librarians the ability to produce, oversee, and distribute online research aids and information. Because of its rich capabilities and easy-to-use interface, libraries can utilize it to better support their patrons' research needs and improve their online presence.
- **WordPress with API integration**: WordPress is a widely used content management system (CMS) that is renowned for its huge plugin ecosystem, user-friendly interface, and versatility. It is utilized on a global scale. WordPress becomes an effective tool for libraries to manage their content, interact with outside services, and improve user experiences on websites and mobile applications when combined with API (Application Programming Interface) connection. By integrating APIs, libraries can use data from many sources to give their users a more dynamic and engaging experience.

9. **METHODOLOGIES FOR MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT IN LIBRARIES:**

Developing a mobile application for libraries requires the careful planning and implementation of particular methodologies:

9.1 User-Centered Design (UCD):User-Centered Design (UCD): When creating mobile applications, libraries should take their customers' unique needs into account. This includes:

- Gathering user input through focus groups or surveys.
- To gain a better understanding of the various demands of the public, researchers, staff, and students, user personas are created.

- Testing and prototyping iteratively to make sure the interface is user-friendly and accessible.

9.2 Agile Development: Libraries can create apps in little, manageable steps thanks to agile approaches. With Agile, developers are able to

- Constantly ask patrons and library employees for their opinions.
- Adapt to changes in technology or user requirements.
- Introduce things gradually to provide yourself flexibility in responding to changing requirements.

9.3 Accessibility and responsive design: Libraries should make sure that all users, including those with impairments, can utilize their mobile apps. Important procedures consist of:

- Ensuring that mobile app designs adhere to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).
- Ensuring text-to-speech capabilities for people with visual impairments.
- Allowing support for several languages in order to serve a variety of demographics.
- Designing user interfaces (UI) that are scalable and adapt to different screen sizes with ease.

9.4 Data security and privacy: Since sensitive patron information is frequently stored in mobile apps, libraries need to:

- Use end-to-end encryption to protect user information.
- Adhere to privacy rules that are in line with laws such as COPPA and GDPR.
- Update security procedures often to reduce app vulnerabilities.

10. KEY FEATURES OF EFFECTIVE LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

A successful library mobile app is defined by its features and usability. Some of the key features include:

10.1 Search and Discovery Tools:

- Users can browse through catalogs by author, title, genre, publishing date, or media type by using the advanced search tools. Search functionalities can be improved by integration with discovery services like EBSCO Discovery Service or World Cat.

10.2 Personalized Recommendations:

- Apps can provide customized book recommendations, reading lists, or relevant scholarly articles by examining user preferences and borrowing patterns.

10.3 Digital Resource Access:

- Access to eBooks, audiobooks, journals, databases, and other multimedia resources must be smooth for mobile apps. For this reason, libraries frequently incorporate services like Over Drive or Hoopla.

10.4 Account Management:

- Direct access to the app should allow users to manage their library accounts, including checking their borrowing history, renewing loans, putting holds on items, and paying fines.

10.5 Alerts and Notifications:

- Push alerts keep users informed about the library's resources and help them stay engaged with overdue books, new arrivals, events, and key news.

10.6 Virtual Assistance:

- Real-time help can be given to users by integrating chatbots or live chat features with reference services such as Ask a Librarian.

11. CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING LIBRARY MOBILE APPLICATIONS

The development of mobile applications for libraries poses distinct problems because of the diverse range of services provided, the integration of numerous systems, and the specific needs of the library's user base. When developing successful mobile applications, libraries encounter the following major obstacles:

- **Financial Restraints:** A lot of libraries, particularly public ones, might not have enough money for the creation and upkeep of apps. Choosing customized app templates or outsourcing development can help save costs.

- **Integration of Technology:** A range of software systems, such as databases and Integrated Library Systems, are frequently used by libraries. Getting these systems to integrate seamlessly can be difficult and time-consuming.

- Adoption **of Users** and Digital Literacy: Workshops and tutorials are examples of additional resources that may be needed to encourage the use of mobile apps among patrons and make sure they feel at ease with the technology.
- **Updating and Maintenance:** To ensure that the app receives the most recent security fixes and features, regular maintenance is required. A committed group is required to oversee continuous development in libraries.

12. CONCLUSION

Mobile applications have completely changed how libraries interact with their patrons, increasing the accessibility and convenience of resources in the current digital environment. This study emphasises how crucial mobile technology is to increasing libraries' influence and reach. Libraries can now create complex, feature-rich apps that are suited to user needs because to the development of mobile devices and the use of cross-platform tools like Flutter, React Native, and Xamarin. While mobile analytics tools like Google Analytics and Mixpanel allow for data-driven improvements to the user experience, backend as a service (BaaS) platforms like Firebase and AWS Amplify offer reliable infrastructures for scalable, real-time apps.

The approaches covered here, such as Agile Development, User-centred Design, and conformity to security and accessibility guidelines, guarantee that library applications are safe and easy to use. While important features like search and discovery tools, personalised recommendations, digital resource access, and notifications improve user engagement, obstacles like financial limitations and technological integration highlight how difficult it is to design mobile apps for libraries. All things considered, modern libraries must create mobile library applications in order to be current, accessible, and user-responsive in a world that is becoming more and more digital. Libraries can offer a smooth, engaging experience that promotes education, research, and community involvement globally by utilising these technologies and tactics.

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LIBRARY BLOGS: ENHANCING E-SERVICES AND OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

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Abstract :*In the digital era, libraries have transformed into dynamic hubs of learning, fostering community engagement and providing access to digital resources. Library blogs play a crucial role in this transformation by serving as interactive platforms that facilitate communication, enhance service delivery, and expand online visibility. These blogs disseminate updates on new acquisitions, library services, research tools, and access to e-resources. Through platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium, libraries connect effectively with patrons, providing timely and valuable information. As a result, library blogs have become essential tools for improving communication, service quality, and user engagement in modern libraries.*

1. Introduction

Libraries have moved beyond their traditional role of book lending and study spaces to become centers of digital learning and interaction. The integration of technology, particularly library blogs, has enabled libraries to adapt to the needs of a tech-savvy audience. Blogs serve as cost-effective and versatile tools to enhance a library's online presence while providing valuable information, updates, and services to patrons. Platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium allow libraries to create customized blogs with ease, enabling text, audio, video, and multimedia

content. This flexibility has made blogs indispensable for libraries aiming to stay relevant in the digital age.

2. Library Blog

Library blogs are created to inform users and their organizations about the library and its services, as well as sharing information linked to their library users.

Libraries have undergone a significant transformation, evolving beyond their conventional roles as mere book repositories and study spaces to become dynamic centres of digital learning and interaction. The infusion of technology has been instrumental in this shift, with library blogs emerging as a powerful tool to enhance engagement, accessibility, and knowledge sharing. By leveraging blogging platforms like Blogger, Word Press, and Medium, libraries can create customized, content-rich websites that cater to the needs of a tech-savvy audience.

One of the key advantages of library blogs is their versatility. Unlike static web pages, blogs allow libraries to share a variety of content formats, including text, images, audio, video, and interactive multimedia elements. This enables librarians to provide book reviews, research guides, author interviews, event updates, and digital literacy resources in an engaging and accessible manner. Additionally, blogs serve as an interactive platform where patrons can leave comments, ask questions, and participate in discussions, fostering a sense of community among readers and learners.

Moreover, library blogs act as cost-effective solutions for outreach and marketing. Traditional promotional methods can be expensive and have limited reach, whereas a well-maintained blog can serve as a hub for announcements, new acquisitions, and upcoming workshops. Blogs also play a crucial role in supporting lifelong learning by offering curated reading lists, online tutorials, and open educational resources.

As libraries continue to embrace digital transformation, the integration of blogs helps bridge the gap between traditional library services and modern technological expectations. By leveraging the power of blogging, libraries can maintain their relevance, enhance user engagement, and provide innovative learning experiences in the digital era.

3 .The Role of Library Blogs

Library blogs serve as a dynamic and interactive platform for communication, service delivery, and outreach. In the digital age, they have become an essential tool for libraries to engage with users, disseminate important information, and promote library resources. By offering an easily accessible and regularly updated medium, library blogs help bridge the gap between traditional library services and modern digital expectations. The following sections elaborate on the various roles library blogs play in enhancing library services.

1. Digital Library Information

One of the primary functions of library blogs is to provide up-to-date information about library operations. Details such as library hours, policies, membership guidelines, and contact information are readily available on blogs, ensuring users can access this information at any time. Unlike static web pages, blogs allow real-time updates, making them an efficient tool for conveying urgent announcements such as holiday schedules, temporary closures, and special notices.

2. Library Collections and New Arrivals

Library blogs serve as an effective medium for highlighting new acquisitions, special collections, and featured materials. Libraries can post about new books, journals, multimedia resources, and special archives, ensuring users stay informed about available resources. Features such as "New Arrivals" sections generate excitement among patrons and encourage frequent library visits. Additionally, book recommendations and reviews posted on blogs help readers make informed choices about their reading selections.

3. Access to Online Catalogs (OPAC)

Modern libraries rely on Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) to help users locate resources quickly. By integrating OPAC links and search tools into library blogs, users can conveniently search for books, articles, and other materials without visiting the library in person. This integration enhances user experience by providing a seamless transition between library blogs and catalog systems, ensuring that patrons can efficiently explore library holdings.

4. E-Resources and Digital Tools

With the increasing popularity of digital resources, library blogs play a crucial role in promoting e-books, online databases, and digital journals. Through blog posts, libraries can guide users on how to access and utilize these resources effectively. Tutorials, instructional videos, and step-by-step guides help users navigate digital collections and maximize their use of available e-resources. Additionally, blogs can highlight newly acquired databases and digital subscriptions, ensuring users remain informed about their expanding digital options.

5. Research Support

Library blogs offer invaluable support to researchers, students, and academicians by providing research guides, citation tools, and literature search strategies. Many libraries use their blogs to post guides on academic writing, research methodologies, and citation management. Additionally, blogs can introduce patrons to reference management tools such as EndNote, Zotero, and

Mendeley, helping them organize and manage their research effectively. By offering structured research support, library blogs contribute significantly to academic success and scholarly activities.

6. Educational and Multimedia Content

Incorporating multimedia content into library blogs enhances user engagement and caters to diverse learning preferences. Libraries can embed videos, podcasts, and interactive content such as online quizzes and info graphics to make information more accessible and engaging. For instance, instructional videos from the library's YouTube channel can be linked to blog posts, providing step-by-step tutorials on library resources and research techniques. Additionally, libraries can use multimedia to showcase virtual tours, author interviews, and recorded lectures, making their content more interactive and appealing.

7. Promoting Library Events and Programs

Library blogs are excellent platforms for announcing and promoting events such as book clubs, workshops, author talks, and community programs. Regularly updating blogs with event details ensures greater participation from library patrons. Blog posts can include event highlights, guest speaker introductions, and even post-event summaries with photos or videos. By maintaining an active and engaging blog presence, libraries can foster a sense of community and encourage more users to take part in library activities.

8. Customized Information Services

Library blogs can provide tailored information services such as Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) and Current Awareness Services (CAS). SDI ensures that users receive updates and recommendations based on their specific interests and research needs. Meanwhile, CAS helps patrons stay informed about the latest developments in their field by curating relevant articles, journals, and reports. By offering these personalized services, library blogs enhance user satisfaction and encourage active engagement with library resources.

Library blogs have emerged as a vital component of modern library services, bridging the gap between traditional and digital library experiences. Their role in disseminating information, promoting library resources, providing research support, and enhancing user engagement cannot be overstated. As libraries continue to evolve in response to technological advancements and user expectations, blogs will remain a crucial tool for communication, outreach, and service delivery. By leveraging the potential of blogs, libraries can create a more connected, informed, and engaged user community, ultimately enhancing the overall library experience for all patrons.

4. Benefits of Library Blogs

Library blogs offer a range of benefits that make them effective tools for modern libraries:

1. **Improved Communication**

   Blogs create a direct communication channel between libraries and their patrons, fostering stronger relationships and feedback loops.

2. **Increased Visibility**

   A well-maintained blog enhances the library's online presence, attracting more visitors and creating opportunities for collaboration.

3. **Cost-Effective Outreach**

   Blogs are affordable platforms compared to traditional print media, allowing libraries to maximize their resources.

4. **Interactive Content Delivery**

   Multimedia content, such as videos and images, makes blogs more engaging and appealing to users with diverse preferences.

5. **Support for Lifelong Learning**

   By sharing Open Educational Resources (OER) and research tools, blogs promote continuous learning and skill development among patrons.

6. **Community Engagement**

Blogs enable libraries to highlight their community programs and involve patrons in library activities, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

5. Challenges in implementing library blogs

Library blogs have emerged as an effective tool for libraries to connect with patrons, provide updated information, and share valuable resources. However, despite their many benefits, implementing and maintaining a library blog comes with many challenges. These challenges include technical skills, content management, digital segmentation, and resource allocation. Removing these barriers is essential to ensuring that library blogs effectively serve their intended purpose.

1. **Technical Skills**

One of the primary challenges in implementing library blogs is the need for technical proficiency. Library staff may not always have the skills needed to effectively manage and maintain a blog. Blogging platforms like Word Press, Blogger, and Medium require knowledge of content management systems (CMS), search engine optimization (SEO), and formatting techniques to create engaging and accessible content. To overcome this challenge, libraries should invest in training programs for their staff. Workshops, online courses, and practical practice sessions can help librarians gain the necessary skills. Additionally, libraries can collaborate with IT professionals or digital media experts to provide guidance and technical support. Another effective approach is to hire a dedicated digital librarian or content manager who specializes in handling online platforms, including library blogs.

2. Content Management

Creating and maintaining engaging content is another big challenge. A library blog should be regularly updated with relevant and interesting posts to keep patrons engaged. However, consistent content creation requires time, effort, and a well-thought-out content strategy. Libraries often have difficulty identifying appropriate topics for blog posts. Common topics can include book reviews, upcoming events, research tips, and digital literacy tutorials. However, it can be difficult to constantly find new and fascinating topics. Another issue is to ensure the quality and accuracy of the material. Because libraries are reliable sources of information, blog posts should be well researched, properly cited, and free of errors. To address content management challenges, libraries can establish an editorial calendar outlining topics, deadlines, and responsible authors. Encouraging contributions from different staff members and guest writers can also help distribute the workload. Additionally, engaging with patrons by soliciting their input on desired topics or allowing them to contribute guest posts can enhance the variety and relevance of the content.

3. Digital Divide

The digital divide refers to the gap between individuals who have access to digital technologies and those who do not. Many library patrons, especially in rural or economically disadvantaged areas, may not have reliable internet access or the necessary digital literacy skills to engage with library blogs. This divide limits the reach and impact of the blog, as the very audience that could benefit from the information may not be able to access it. Additionally, some patrons may lack the confidence or skills to navigate blogs, leave comments, or interact with multimedia content. To bridge this gap, libraries can adopt a hybrid approach by integrating blog content with offline services. For example, printed versions of blog posts can be made available at library premises for those without internet access. Hosting digital literacy workshops can also help patrons develop the skills needed to navigate and engage with online content. Additionally, libraries can explore partnerships with community centres or local organizations to provide internet access points where patrons can read blog content.

4. Resource Allocation

Managing a blog requires a significant investment of time, effort, and financial resources. Libraries, especially those with limited budgets and staff, may struggle to allocate sufficient resources for maintaining an active and high-quality blog. The process involves not only content creation but also technical maintenance, promotion, and engagement with readers. In many libraries, staff members already handle many of the responsibilities, making it challenging to dedicate time to blog management. Also, it may not always be possible to secure funding for website hosting, design improvements, and marketing. To overcome the lack of resources, libraries can receive external funding through grants or sponsorships. Partnerships with local businesses, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations can also provide financial and technical assistance. Additionally, libraries can take advantage of volunteer efforts, student interns, or library science students to contribute to the maintenance and content creation of the blog.

Library blogs offer innumerable benefits, their successful implementation and maintenance requires overcoming several challenges. Technical skills, content management, digital segmentation, and resource allocation are important barriers that libraries must address to ensure an effective blogging strategy. By investing in staff training, developing a structured content strategy, bridging the digital divide, and optimizing resource allocation, libraries can create and maintain impactful blogs that increase patron engagement and access to information. Through collaborative efforts and innovative solutions, libraries can continue to evolve in the digital age and better serve their communities.

Recommendations for Effective Library Blogs

To maximize the impact of library blogs, libraries should implement the following strategies:

1. Provide Staff Training

Equip library staff with essential blogging skills, including writing, content management, and digital engagement. Regular workshops can enhance their ability to create relevant and engaging content.

2. Engage Users

Encourage library patrons to participate by contributing book reviews, feedback, or guest posts. Interactive content, such as discussion forums or polls, can further boost user engagement.

3. Leverage Analytics

Utilize web analytics tools to monitor blog traffic, popular topics, and user behavior. Insights gained from data analysis can guide content planning and improve user satisfaction.

4. Ensure Accessibility

Design the blog with accessibility in mind by using readable fonts, alternative text for images, and screen-reader compatibility. A well-structured layout benefits users with diverse needs, including those with disabilities.

5. Maintain Consistent Update

Regularly update the blog with fresh content, such as book recommendations, event highlights, and research tips. A consistent posting schedule keeps users engaged and returning for more.

6. Promote Across Platforms

Share blog content on social media, library newsletters, and email campaigns to reach a broader audience. Cross-promotion helps drive traffic and enhances the blog's visibility.

By implementing these recommendations, libraries can create compelling and user-friendly blogs that serve as valuable resources for their communities.

Conclusion

Library blogs are transformative tools that enable libraries to expand their reach and improve service delivery in the digital age. By providing timely updates, promoting resources, and engaging with patrons, blogs create a vibrant and interactive library experience. As libraries continue to adapt to the evolving needs of their communities, blogs will remain essential platforms for enhancing communication, fostering learning, and building lasting relationships with patrons.

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IMPACT OF QR CODES ON LIBRARY RESOURCE UTILIZATION: A CASE STUDY FROM ARTS AND COMMERCE COLLEGE, JARUD

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Abstract : *The integration of QR code technology in academic libraries has revolutionized access to digital resources, enhanced user engagement, and streamlined library services, as evidenced by its implementation at the Arts and Commerce College Library in Jarud. This study explores how QR codes, strategically placed on bookshelves, promotional materials, and digital platforms, have provided rural students with innovative and efficient access to educational materials, including old question papers, OPAC, e-books, faculty research publications, and rare book collections. Additionally, QR codes facilitate library membership registration, event*

promotions, and access to the institutional repository, significantly improving user convenience and resource utilization. The findings reveal a marked increase in digital resource usage, greater awareness of library services, and enhanced accessibility for both students and faculty. This case study underscores the transformative potential of QR code technology in bridging the gap between traditional and digital library services, making information retrieval more efficient and user-friendly. The paper concludes by outlining best practices for QR code implementation in academic libraries and discussing the potential for further advancements in library automation, highlighting its role in driving digital transformation in educational institutions.

Keywords:*QR Code, Academic Library, Digital Accessibility, Library Automation, Information Retrieval, Rural Education, digital age,*

1. Introduction

The rapid evolution of digital technology has significantly reshaped academic libraries, empowering them to provide seamless access to information and resources while enhancing user engagement and operational efficiency. As traditional library services increasingly integrate digital tools, innovations such as Quick Response (QR) codes have emerged as a vital bridge between physical and digital resources. QR codes enable users to instantly access information by scanning them with smartphones, offering a user-friendly and efficient approach to library services. This technological integration is particularly transformative for academic libraries in rural areas, where access to digital resources can be limited. By adopting QR code technology, libraries can modernize their services, improve accessibility, and cater to the evolving needs of students and faculty in the digital age.

This study examines the implementation of QR code technology in the library of Arts and Commerce College, Jarud, an institution established in 1990 under the Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati, with a mission to provide higher education to rural students while fostering academic excellence and social awareness. The library has strategically incorporated QR codes to facilitate access to a wide range of resources, including old question papers, bookshelf listings, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog), e-resources such as N-LIST, faculty research publications, rare book collections, and membership registration. Additionally, QR codes have been utilized in promotional materials and event registrations, enhancing user engagement and awareness of library services. Through this case study, the research analyzes the impact of QR code technology on digital resource utilization, ease of access, and overall library efficiency. The findings provide valuable insights into the benefits, challenges, and best practices of integrating QR codes into library operations, offering a model for other academic institutions, particularly in rural settings, to bridge the digital divide and advance their library services. This study contributes to the broader discourse on library digitization and automation, highlighting the potential of QR codes as a transformative tool in the ongoing evolution of academic libraries.

2. QR Code Technology Overview

2.1 Definition

A QR code is a two-dimensional barcode that can be scanned using a smartphone or a dedicated QR reader. It can store various types of information, including URLs, text, contact details, and more. QR codes can be generated easily and printed on various materials, making them accessible for users.

2.2 Historical Context

While QR codes were initially used in manufacturing and logistics, their application has expanded significantly with the rise of smartphones and mobile technology. Libraries have begun to adopt QR codes to meet the demands of a tech-savvy user base and to provide innovative services.

3. Applications of QR Code Technology in Libraries

3.1 Enhancing Access to Information

QR codes can be placed on library shelves, linking directly to the catalog entry of items, enabling users to check availability and related materials instantly.Digital Resources: Users can scan QR codes to access e-books, databases, and other digital resources, streamlining the process of finding and utilizing library materials.

3.2 Promoting Library Services

Libraries can use QR codes on flyers and posters to provide information about upcoming events, workshops, and programs. Codes can link to pages detailing library services, such as interlibrary loans, reference assistance, and community programs.

3.3 User Engagement and Interaction

Libraries can create interactive displays where users scan codes to learn more about specific topics or exhibits, fostering a more engaging learning environment. QR codes can be used to gather user feedback through quick surveys, allowing libraries to assess user satisfaction and improve services.

3.4 Streamlining Library Operations

Libraries can use QR codes for inventory checks, simplifying the process of tracking and managing collections.QR codes can facilitate self-checkout processes, allowing users to check out materials quickly and with minimal staff intervention.

4. Case Studies:

Implementation of QR Codes in *Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati* , Arts and Commerce College, Jarud *, Affiliated to Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Amravati*

Arts and Commerce College, Jarud, was established in 1990 to provide higher education to rural students while instilling high moral values, patriotism, social awareness, and academic excellence. The college library has adopted QR code technology to enhance accessibility and user engagement with its digital resources.

4.1 Implementation of QR Codes in the Library

The library has effectively integrated QR codes for various purposes, improving ease of access and promoting its resources. The key implementations are:

1. **QR Code for Old Question Papers** – Enables students to quickly access previous years' question papers for exam preparation.

2. **Bookshelf Display List QR Code** – Provides a categorized list of books available in different sections of the library.
3. **Library Blog QR Code** – Directs users to the library's official blog, containing updates, news, and articles.
4. **Web OPAC QR Code** – Allows users to search the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for book availability.
5. **N-LIST Link QR Code** – Facilitates direct access to the N-LIST e-resources and digital library services.
6. **Library Website QR Code** – Gives instant access to the library's official website for updates and services.
7. **Book Membership Form QR Code** – Provides students and faculty with a quick way to register for library membership.
8. **College Faculty Biodata QR Code** – Displays faculty profiles, qualifications, and research contributions.
9. **Librarian Information QR Code** – Offers direct access to the librarian's contact details and professional background.
10. **Faculty Research Publications QR Code** – Links to faculty members' research papers, published articles, and conference proceedings.
11. **Rare Books Availability QR Code** – Informs users about rare and valuable books available in the library collection.
12. **Library Digitization QR Code** – Provides access to digitized resources, including manuscripts, archives, and special collections.

4.2 Impact and Benefits

- **Enhanced Accessibility** – Users can access digital resources instantly via QR codes.
- **Increased Usage** – Significant rise in the use of e-books, research papers, and other online materials.
- **Effective Promotion** – QR codes have improved the visibility of library events, services, and resources.
- **User Convenience** – Students and faculty can retrieve essential information quickly without manual searches.

The integration of QR codes in the Arts and Commerce College, Jarud library has modernized library services and significantly improved user engagement with digital resources.

5. Benefits of QR Code Technology in Libraries

5.1 Increased Accessibility

QR codes make information easily accessible to users, facilitating quick access to resources without the need for extensive searching.

5.2 Cost-Effectiveness

Implementing QR codes is relatively low-cost compared to other technological solutions, making it an attractive option for libraries with limited budgets.

5.3 Enhanced User Experience

By streamlining access to information and services, QR codes significantly enhance the overall user experience in libraries.

6. Challenges and Limitations

Despite their advantages, the implementation of QR codes in libraries is not without challenges:

6.1 Technological Barriers

Not all users may have access to smartphones or QR code readers, potentially limiting the effectiveness of QR codes in reaching all demographics.

6.2 Maintenance and Updates

QR codes require regular updates and maintenance to ensure that the linked information remains current and relevant. Libraries must allocate resources to manage this aspect effectively.

6.3 User Awareness and Education

Many users may be unfamiliar with QR code technology, necessitating educational initiatives to promote understanding and usage.

7. Future Directions

The future of QR code technology in libraries presents exciting possibilities:

7.1 Integration with Augmented Reality

The integration of QR codes with augmented reality (AR) could create immersive experiences for users, allowing them to interact with library materials in innovative ways.

7.2 Enhanced Analytics

Libraries can leverage QR codes to gather data on user interactions, providing valuable insights into user behavior and preferences, which can inform service improvements.

7.3 Expanding Applications

As technology evolves, libraries may find new and creative applications for QR codes, including integration into mobile apps and collaboration with other digital tools.

8. Conclusion

QR code technology has emerged as a valuable tool for libraries, enhancing access to information, promoting services, and streamlining operations. While challenges exist, the benefits of QR codes in improving user experience and engagement are significant. As libraries continue to adapt to the digital landscape, the strategic implementation of QR codes will play a crucial role in their ongoing transformation. Future developments in technology will likely expand the potential applications of QR codes, further enriching the library experience for users.

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TRANSFORMATION OF LIBRARY SERVICES: USING MOBILE APPLICATIONS WITH E-GRANTHALAYASOFTWARE

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Abstract: *This research paperanalyzes changes in library services through e-Granthalaya software and mobile applications. e-Granthalaya has made the traditional library user friendly by digitizing them. Mobile applications provided 24/7 access to digital content, advanced search options, and services availability. This study emphasizes the efficiency of library services and democratic access to knowledge. Digital technology has played an important role in taking libraries to new heights.*

Keywords:*Library Services, e-Granthalaya, , Online Library Services, e-Granthalaya, Mobile App,*

Introduction:

Libraries are a unique phenomenon in the society which collects, preserves and disseminates knowledge and information. Traditional library services, which the act of the reading of the books physically, had been the base source of knowledge of many for a very long time. But, with the emergence of the digital period, the very structure of library services has been altered.

The combination of digital technology and low-cost Internet access means information is now widely available, as are modern and user-friendly library services. Software like e-Granthalaya is playing a crucial role in this regard. This software serves as a means to transform old-fashioned libraries into a digital format and delivers better facilities to the users. The use of mobile applications has also revolutionised library services. Users now have 24/7 access to library services from their homes. This study covers this change in library service, where e-Granthalaya software and mobile applications together provide a new dimension to the dissemination of knowledge.

e-Granthalaya Software:

e-Granthalaya software is web-based library management software developed by the National Informatics Center (NIC), Government of India. Its goal is to guide traditional libraries to digital on the road of user convenience and efficiency. They brought the software as a way to automate the management process in libraries and access to digital resources. e-Granthalaya is developed with the vision for public, academic, and institutional libraries so they can inter-link through a unified network.

Role of Mobile Applications in Library Services:

In this digital age, with the widespread usage of mobile applications, ensuring efficiency and accessibility of library services has not remained a challenge. Libraries do not just operate in one hall. Library services can now be accessed anywhere easily due to mobile applications.

Features of mobile application:

1. Anywhere, Anytime Access: Through the mobile application users can get 24/7 access to the library's content and services.
2. Access to Digital Resources: Digital content such as books, magazines, research papers, e-books and audiobooks are available directly through mobile applications.
3. Advanced Search Tools:Mobile applications allow users to easily search content by keyword, topic, author, or publication date.
4. Notifications and Reminders: Users can receive reminders about book return dates, updates on new content, and other library services through the mobile application.
5. Book Reservation and Renewal: Through the mobile application users can reserve books or renew already issued books.
6. User-Friendly Interface: Mobile applications provide simple and user-centric interfaces, allowing intuitive use even without technical knowledge.

Changes in Library Services:

Mobile applications have given a new direction to library services. Now users can avail the services without visiting the library. Mobile applications play an important role, especially in rural and remote areas, where access to physical libraries is limited.

1. e-Granthalaya Mobile App:

e-Granthalaya mobile app is a digital platform available on Google Play Store for the users.

After downloading the app, the users will log in with their approved credentials. The main home page is displayed immediately after login process where user's name and library name chosen by him is mentioned in upper part. And here you see four choices in the middle:

1. Search Catalog,
2. Digital Library,
3. Open Access and
4. Library Display.

Library statistics are then shown, including total libraries in the cluster, total holdings, total members, fulltext, titles., Below that information is given for "recent arrivals", and then

Figure 01 "Current journals".

On the very bottom of the home page, we are given three choices: Home, Transactions, and Support. "Search Catalog" With this option, users can not only view the catalog of books in their library but also access resources from other libraries bound together within their group.

Moreover, a filter option is available in menu for the Search Catalog section which by this, users can choose the required library and see its digital resources. Search Tab: User is given an option of content-based search in which the user can search for books, research articles,

Figure 02: journals and news items etc.

This is a considerable endeavor, as it promotes technology in a library and user relies more on information for knowledge, as is frequently claimed and is more accessible with efficiency and easy search. Thirdly, the "Open Access" model-ed, users can search for the information that they want. Users can also search using “All”, “Free”, “Paid” filters.In the 'Library Display', option which allows users to simply search books by shelf/rack number. From the bottom of the home page there is an option of "Recent Arrivals" and "Current Journals" in that user can choose one of the libraries in the clusterand view the recent arrivals and current journals and access them as per the availability. The next page after the home page is the "Transactions", which displays the list of all the books or items borrowed or returned by the user. Page 3 is Support, Contact information for e-Granthalaya support services. The home page of the app also includes a "Dashboard" option, showing data on total libraries, total catalogues, total holdings and total members for the software along with year-wise chart of official implementations, year-wise showing at least how many libraries implemented the software between 2004 and 2022. The data of the number of trainings done from 2005 to 2019 is also shown in charts. .

Contribution of e-Granthalaya mobile application:

E-Granthalaya mobile application has made library services more efficient and effective. Via user mobile device:

- Library users in e-Granthalaya mobile application can see their issued and returned books' information. Moreover, they will be aware of till when they are supposed to return the issued books.
- Library users can access the library catalogue using e-Granthalaya mobile app to search for something in the collection.
- Through the e-Granthalaya mobile app, library users can view the catalog of all the resources in their cluster libraries and access them based on availability, without having to visit the library in person.

Impact on users:

1. Increased convenience: Users can avail library services sitting at home.
2. Time Saving: Users avoid the hassle of going to the library, and they save time by rapidly locating the required materials.
3. Expanding access to knowledge: Mobile applications have provided access to knowledge to people of every age group and region.

Conclusion:

Mobile applications have transformed library services to suit the digital age. Applications like e-Granthalaya are acting as a strong bridge between users and libraries. This has not only made services efficient but also democratized knowledge.

Useful Links

e-Granthalaya mobile app	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nic.eg4mobile
e-Granthalaya website	https://egranthalaya.nic.in/
e-Granthalaya software link	https://eg4.nic.in/

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THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OFFERED ON THE LIBRARY WEB PAGES OF AUTONOMOUS COLLAGES IN INDIA

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Abstract: *The research study investigating the services and resources available on the library web pages of autonomous colleges in India is essential for students, faculty, and researchers. These web pages serve as a vital source of information regarding library collections, e-books, online databases, reference materials, research support, digital repositories, and other digital assets. Furthermore, they provide access to important details about membership procedures, library hours, book reservation systems, and other critical services. The*

availability of these services and resources significantly contributes to the enhancement of academic achievement.

***Keyword**: - Library, Web Pages, Service, Facilities, Autonomous Colleges*

Introduction:

Autonomous colleges in India are integral to the higher education landscape, delivering quality education and promoting research through their academic autonomy. The libraries within these institutions are regarded as fundamental to academic and research endeavors. In the contemporary digital landscape, library web pages function as a crucial interface for offering a variety of services and resources, including access to library collections, e-books, databases, digital repositories, and research assistance. This study seeks to examine the services and resources provided on the library web pages of autonomous colleges and assess their influence on academic excellence and research facilitation.

Review of Literature:

The library is often referred to as the heart of academic institutions, playing a crucial role in facilitating access to knowledge and fostering research activities. Several studies have emphasized the importance of library services and facilities in supporting teaching, learning, and research.

(Lougee, Wendy Pradt, 2002) This examination of library functions spans the period of 10 to 15 years during which distributed computing, the Internet, and the World Wide Web became prominent. The context that fostered and stimulated library operations was shaped by numerous factors, both technological and non-technological; nonetheless, several key themes warrant consideration. These themes illustrate a developmental trajectory for the changing roles of libraries in the digital era.

(Akriti Sharma,Megabhat Singh, 2021) The study conjointly reveals that the library web sites got to add additional easy way web 2.0 options to reinforce the standard to bridge the gap between libraries and libraries users. This study shows that users' usage and preference for e-resources and e-services are increasing as there is a general trend to overlook traditional print resources where e-resources are available in the first place. The study recommends that a radical rethinking is required to strengthen the electronic collection and improve the library services.

(Reddy, 2024) The Study a analysed the technological advancements in library management systems and how they contribute to seamless operations, such as issuing books, maintaining records, and providing real-time updates on resource availability. They concluded that the integration of user-friendly interfaces on library web pages has become essential for academic libraries to remain relevant in the digital age.

(Narendra Bhattacharya, 2017)The study investigated the role of library services in autonomous colleges, with a focus on the availability of customized services tailored to the needs of students and researchers. The study emphasized the importance of continuous updates and improvements to library web pages to ensure they meet evolving academic demands. These studies collectively

underscore the critical role of library services and facilities in enhancing academic and research outcomes. They also highlight the growing reliance on technology and digital platforms to deliver these services efficiently. The present study builds upon this body of literature by specifically focusing on the services and facilities offered through the library web pages of autonomous colleges in India.

(Christian Jerome Sonnebarg, 2023)The study purpose of this research is to present a unique framework for mobile adaptation and prioritization that leads to a marked improvement in Mobile Web usability. The primary objective is to identify and deliver important content first and present it in an optimized format .The study highlighted the importance of digital libraries, online access to e-books, journals, and databases, which have become indispensable in modern academic settings. They argued that libraries must continuously evolve to meet the changing needs of users.

(Sudarshan Patil Kulkarni,Arshad Javeed, 2020) The research analysed the role of library services in autonomous colleges, particularly in India. Their findings revealed that autonomous institutions tend to have more advanced library systems with services tailored to specific user groups, such as students, faculty, and researchers. They also noted that library web pages often include links to open-access resources, plagiarism-check tools, and institutional repositories to support academic integrity and research quality.

Research Methodology:

The objective of this research is to examine the services and facilities available on library web pages of autonomous colleges and analyze their impact on academic and research outcomes. The research methodology is outlined as follows:

1. **Research Type**:
   This is a descriptive and analytical research study, focusing on a detailed examination of the services offered on library web pages. The study will primarily use surveys, feedback, and web page analysis for data collection.
2. **Research Area**:
   The study will focus on autonomous colleges across India. The library web pages of these colleges will be analysed, and data regarding services and user experiences will be collected from users.
3. **Data Collection Methods**:
   - **Survey**:
     Feedback will be collected from users (students, faculty, researchers) through online surveys. The survey will include questions about their experiences with the library's website, services, facilities, and suggestions for improvement.
   - **Web Page Analysis**:
     A detailed analysis of the library web pages from autonomous colleges will be

conducted. The analysis will cover the availability of services such as online catalogues, book reservations, research assistance, and other features.

4. **Data Analysis**:
   - Statistical methods will be employed for analyzing the collected data, including frequency distribution, mean, percentages, and other relevant statistical measures.
   - Qualitative and quantitative analyses will be combined to assess the effectiveness of services and the level of user satisfaction.
5. **Sample Selection**:
   The sample will consist of libraries from autonomous colleges across various disciplines and geographical regions in India. A representative sampling method will be used to ensure diversity in the data collection.
6. **Potential Limitations**:
   - The data collected will primarily reflect the experiences of users who are familiar with the internet and online platforms, which might exclude those who predominantly use physical library services or have limited internet access.
   - There may be issues related to the stability and updating of web pages, which could affect the consistency of the data.
7. **Evaluation of Collected Data**:
   The data collected from surveys, web page analysis, and related literature will be analysed to draw conclusions about the efficiency and effectiveness of library web pages. The findings will provide insights into necessary improvements and suggestions for enhancing library services.

Through this methodology, the study aims to provide robust data and analysis regarding the use of library web pages and their impact on academic and research productivity, along with practical recommendations for improvement.

Objectives of the Study:

1. **To Analyze Library Web Pages**:
   To examine the services, features, and functionalities available on the library web pages of autonomous colleges.
2. **To Assess User Accessibility**:
   To evaluate how effectively these web pages facilitate access to academic resources for students, faculty, and researchers.
3. **To Identify Technology Integration**:
   To study the extent of technological tools and digital platforms integrated into library services, such as online catalogues, e-resources, and automated systems.
4. **To Measure User Satisfaction**:
   To determine the level of satisfaction among users with the services provided through the library web pages.
5. **To Understand the Impact on Academic and Research Outcomes**:
   To analyse the influence of library web page services on academic productivity, research quality, and overall user experience.

6. **To Compare Services Across Institutions**:
   To compare the offerings and effectiveness of library web pages across various autonomous colleges and identify best practices.
7. **To Provide Recommendations for Improvement**:
   To suggest strategies and enhancements to improve library web pages and services to meet the evolving needs of users.

Findings:

1. Accessibility of Services:

The majority of library websites in autonomous colleges offer access to vital services such as online catalogues, electronic resources, and book reservation systems. Nonetheless, the degree of accessibility and ease of use varies considerably among different institutions.

2. Integration of Technology:

Colleges equipped with advanced digital infrastructure have incorporated tools such as plagiarism detection software, research support platforms, and institutional repositories, whereas others depend on more basic functionalities.

3. User Satisfaction:

Feedback from users suggests that well-structured and responsive web pages enhance satisfaction levels; however, many users encounter difficulties due to outdated designs or insufficient mobile compatibility.

4. Impact on Academic Productivity:

Libraries that utilize automated systems and digital resources facilitate improved academic performance, as users can access materials more effectively, thereby conserving time and effort.

5. Variation Across Institutions:

Autonomous colleges located in urban settings generally possess more advanced library systems compared to their rural counterparts, which reflects differences in funding and resource distribution.

6. Challenges Identified:

Frequent challenges include irregular updates, inadequate resources for users who are less technologically adept, and a lack of awareness regarding the full spectrum of available services.

Conclusion:

The analysis indicates that library websites are essential in enhancing academic and research productivity within autonomous colleges. The incorporation of technology, user-friendly designs, and responsive interfaces significantly influences user satisfaction and operational efficiency. However, the disparities in service quality and technological integration among institutions underscore the necessity for standardization and regular updates. To address the evolving needs of users, autonomous colleges should prioritize digital transformation, consistently refresh their web pages, and ensure accessibility across various devices. Additionally, raising awareness about available services and responding to user feedback can further enhance the effectiveness of library websites.

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ENHANCING LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH MOBILE APPS

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Abstract: *Mobile technology has revolutionized library services, enabling them to meet the demands of digitally connected users. Mobile apps are central to this transformation, providing seamless access to resources,*

streamlining operations, and enhancing user engagement. These apps empower users to search catalogues, access digital content (e-books, journals, multimedia), manage accounts, and receive personalized recommendations—all from their devices. Features like push notifications and location-based services further enrich the user experience. For libraries, mobile apps offer a chance to modernize, reduce administrative burdens, and expand reach. However, challenges like development costs and user adoption must be addressed.

This paper examines the transformative role of mobile apps in library services, highlighting key features and benefits and exploring emerging trends like AI and augmented reality. It analyses how these apps are reshaping library-user interaction and information delivery. The paper emphasizes the importance of user-friendly interfaces, robust search functionality, and seamless integration with existing library systems. It also discusses the need for ongoing maintenance, security, and content management to ensure app effectiveness.

The study concludes that mobile apps are essential for libraries seeking to remain relevant and user-centric in the digital age. By embracing mobile technology, libraries can ensure continued relevance and better serve evolving community needs. Strategic implementation, focusing on user needs and addressing challenges, is key to maximizing the potential of mobile apps in modern library services.

***Keywords**: Mobile Applications, Library Services, Digital Libraries, User Engagement, Information Access*

Introduction

Libraries have historically served as cornerstones of knowledge and learning, acting as information repositories and fostering intellectual growth within communities. Their physical collections of books, manuscripts, and other materials have been central to their function for centuries. However, the advent and rapid proliferation of digital technologies have fundamentally altered how information is accessed and disseminated, necessitating a significant shift in the operational models of libraries. This transformation has been further accelerated by the ubiquitous adoption of smartphones and mobile devices, which have become indispensable tools for accessing information in the 21st century. Recognizing this evolving landscape, Libraries are increasingly leveraging mobile applications (apps) to extend their services beyond the traditional physical boundaries of their buildings and meet the demands of a digitally connected user base.

Mobile apps have emerged as a critical tool in this evolution, enabling libraries to provide seamless, 24/7 access to vast resources, streamline internal operations, and significantly enhance user engagement. These apps empower users to easily search digital catalogues, access e-books, academic journals, and multimedia content from anywhere at any time, manage their library accounts, and even receive personalized recommendations tailored to their interests—all from the convenience of their personal devices. Furthermore, push notifications, real-time updates on library events and resource availability, and location-based services enrich the overall user experience, fostering more significant interaction with library resources and promoting a stronger connection with the library.

For libraries, mobile apps present a unique opportunity to modernize their services, reduce administrative burdens by automating key processes, and expand their reach to a broader and often more diverse audience. By embracing mobile technologies, libraries can remain relevant and adaptable in an increasingly digital world, ensuring their continued role as vital information and community engagement hubs. However, implementing and maintaining practical library mobile apps is challenging. These challenges include the initial development costs, ongoing technical maintenance and updates required to keep the app functional and secure, and the critical need to ensure user adoption across all demographics, including those less familiar with mobile technology. Addressing these challenges effectively is essential to maximizing the potential of library mobile apps and realizing their full benefits.

This paper examines the transformative role of mobile apps in modern library services, exploring how these apps reshape how libraries interact with their users and deliver information. It highlights the key features and functionalities that contribute to a successful library mobile app, analyses the numerous benefits these apps offer to both libraries and their users, and delves into the emerging trends that are shaping the future of library technology, such as AI-driven personalization and the integration of augmented reality. The study concludes that mobile apps are becoming increasingly indispensable for libraries aiming to remain relevant, adaptable, and user-centric in an increasingly digital world. By embracing mobile technologies strategically, libraries can ensure their continued relevance in the information ecosystem and better serve the evolving needs of their communities.

Objectives:

1. Assess the Impact of Mobile Apps on Library Services.
2. Identify Key Features and Challenges.
3. Explore Emerging Trends in Library Technology.

Methodology:

This paper employs a mixed-methods approach, combining a comprehensive literature review with an in-depth analysis of case studies. The literature review examines existing research, journal articles, industry reports, and best practices related to mobile apps in library services. The case study analysis examines successful library mobile apps, including examples from global institutions and Indian libraries such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and DELNET, to identify key trends and lessons learned.

The Evolving Landscape of Library Services

Libraries have undergone a significant transformation, evolving from traditional physical repositories to dynamic digital hubs. The rise of the internet and mobile devices has fundamentally

changed information access, requiring libraries to adapt and innovate. A key shift has been the expansion of collections to include a vast array of digital resources like e-books, e-journals, and online databases, accessible 24/7. This digital transformation has exponentially increased the scope of library resources and offered unparalleled convenience.

The increasing reliance on mobile devices has further accelerated this evolution. Libraries now prioritize mobile-friendly services and resources, with mobile apps becoming crucial for delivering services directly to users' devices. These apps facilitate access to library resources anytime, anywhere, catering to users' changing information-seeking behaviour.

Furthermore, libraries play a vital role in promoting digital literacy. They offer programs and services to equip users with the skills to navigate the digital world effectively, contributing to a more informed citizenry. This aligns with the concept of "libraries without walls," where mobile apps extend library reach beyond physical buildings, connecting with users in diverse locations and demographics.

In this evolving landscape, libraries are no longer places for borrowing books; they are centres for information, learning, and community engagement. Mobile apps are central to this transformation, enabling innovative services, new user connections, and continued relevance in the digital age. Embracing mobile technology is crucial for libraries to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

The Crucial Role of Mobile Apps in Modern Libraries

Mobile apps have become essential for modern libraries, bridging the gap between traditional services and user expectations. They are no longer optional but crucial for library relevance and community service. Beyond providing access to digital collections, they are transforming library operations and user interaction.

A core function is seamless access to diverse digital resources. Users can directly browse and retrieve e-books, journals, multimedia content, and learning modules from their devices. Integration with platforms like Overdrive and Hoopla allows access to various providers through a single interface, which is invaluable for students, researchers, and lifelong learners. This mobile access empowers users to research and explore topics anytime, anywhere.

Mobile apps also enhance the user experience through personalized services. Based on user data, AI-powered recommendations suggest relevant titles and alert users to new releases. Real-time notifications about book availability, due dates, and events further improve user satisfaction and engagement.

Effective communication is another key benefit. Push notifications, in-app messaging, and social media integration allow libraries to communicate directly with users about updates, events, and new acquisitions. Two-way communication is also facilitated, with in-app chat support or virtual help desks providing immediate assistance from librarians.

Finally, mobile apps significantly enhance the user experience by streamlining key functions. Searching the catalogue, borrowing and renewing books, placing holds, and managing accounts are simplified. Features like barcode scanning and digital membership cards further reduce wait times and enhance convenience. Access to event calendars, program registration, and online discussions is also readily available. User-centred design ensures that these apps are intuitive and accessible to everyone.

Key Features and Functionality of Library Mobile Apps

The effectiveness of a library mobile app hinges on its features and functionality. A well-designed app should provide access to resources and offer a user-friendly and engaging experience. Several key features contribute to a successful library mobile app:

User-Friendly Interface: A well-designed interface with intuitive navigation ensures ease of use for all users, including those with limited technical knowledge. A simple layout with clear icons and a responsive design enhances accessibility.

Search and Discovery: Advanced search functionalities, including keyword-based searches, filters, and AI-powered suggestions, help users quickly locate books, articles, and other library resources. Integration with metadata and subject classifications can further refine search results.

Push Notifications: Timely alerts regarding due dates, book availability, new arrivals, and upcoming library events keep users informed and engaged. Personalized notifications based on user preferences improve interaction with the library's resources.

Integration with Library Systems: A seamless connection with the library's integrated library system (ILS) enables real-time book availability, reservations, and transaction history updates. This ensures efficient synchronization between physical and digital library services.

Offline Access: Providing users with the ability to download e-books, articles, and reference materials for offline reading enhances accessibility, particularly for those with limited internet access.

Multimedia Support: Libraries are no longer limited to text-based resources. Mobile apps should support a variety of content formats, including audiobooks, videos, podcasts, and interactive digital materials, catering to diverse learning preferences.

Feedback Mechanism: Allowing users to submit feedback, reviews, and suggestions fosters a sense of community and helps libraries improve their services. A structured feedback system ensures that user concerns and recommendations are addressed effectively.

V. Benefits for Libraries and Users

The integration of mobile apps into library services offers numerous benefits for both the libraries and the users they serve. These advantages contribute to increased efficiency, improved accessibility, and a more engaging experience for everyone involved.

For Libraries:

24/7 Access to Library Resources: Mobile apps transcend the limitations of traditional library operating hours, providing round-the-clock access to digital collections. This constant availability empowers users to engage with library resources conveniently, regardless of time or location. This is particularly beneficial for students studying late at night, researchers working on projects with tight deadlines, or anyone seeking information outside regular business hours. The library becomes open and accessible through the user's mobile device.

Enhanced User Interaction: Mobile apps facilitate a more dynamic and personalized interaction with library users. Features like customized recommendations, tracking of reading history, and bookmarking capabilities allow libraries to understand user preferences better and tailor content accordingly. By analyzing user data, libraries can gain valuable insights into what resources are most popular, what topics are most interesting, and how users engage with the library's offerings. This information can then be used to refine collection development strategies, improve marketing efforts, and enhance the overall user experience.

Streamlined Library Management: Mobile apps can automate various administrative tasks, freeing library staff to focus on more complex and user-focused activities. Automated functions like book reservations, renewals, overdue alerts, and catalogue searches reduce the burden on library staff and improve operational efficiency. For instance, instead of manually sending overdue notices, the app can automatically generate and send reminders to users, saving staff time and resources. This streamlining improves efficiency and reduces the potential for human error.

Improved Communication with Users: Mobile apps provide a direct and efficient channel for libraries to communicate with their users. Push notifications, in-app messages, and integration with social media platforms allow libraries to keep users informed about important updates, upcoming events, new book arrivals, policy changes, and membership updates. This timely communication ensures that users are always in the loop and helps to foster a stronger sense of community. For example, a library can use push notifications to remind users about upcoming book club meetings or to announce special events, such as author talks or workshops.

Cost-Effective and Sustainable: By promoting the use of digital resources, mobile apps contribute to cost savings and environmental sustainability. Reducing reliance on printed materials minimizes printing, storage, and maintenance expenses. This shift towards digital resources reduces paper consumption and waste, contributing to a more environmentally friendly library operation. Investing in digital resources and mobile technology can be more cost-effective in the long run than maintaining extensive physical collections.

For Users:

Convenience and Accessibility: Perhaps the most significant benefit for users is the sheer convenience and accessibility that mobile apps provide. Users can browse catalogues, borrow e-books, access research databases, and manage their library accounts from anywhere with an internet connection. This eliminates the need for physical visits to the library, saving users time and effort. This is particularly valuable for homebound users with mobility limitations or who live far from a library branch.

Support for Remote Learning: Mobile apps significantly enhance the learning experience for users engaged in remote learning. Integrated e-learning modules, digital courses, and access to open-access resources empower students to learn at their own pace and on their schedule. Students can download study materials, attend virtual library sessions, and collaborate with peers, all through the convenience of their mobile devices. This support for remote learning is crucial in today's educational landscape, where online and hybrid learning models are becoming increasingly common.

Multilingual and Inclusive Features: Many library apps are designed with inclusivity, offering multilingual support and accessibility features such as text-to-speech, screen reading tools, and adjustable font sizes. These features cater to a diverse user base, ensuring everyone, including individuals with disabilities or those who speak different languages, has equal access to library resources and services. This commitment to inclusivity is a core value for many libraries, and mobile apps provide a powerful tool for realizing this goal.

Seamless User Experience: Mobile apps streamline library processes, making it easier for users to borrow, renew, and return materials. Features like barcode scanning for instant book searches, digital membership cards, and automated renewals simplify these tasks and save users valuable time. Real-time search filters help users quickly locate relevant resources within vast digital collections, enhancing the user experience. The goal is to make interacting with the library as frictionless and efficient as possible.

Multimedia and Interactive Learning: Modern library apps often incorporate multimedia content, including audiobooks, video lectures, and interactive study materials. This diverse range of content caters to different learning styles and preferences, making the learning process more

engaging and effective. Users can choose the format that best suits their needs, whether listening to an audiobook during their commute or watching a video tutorial on a specific topic.

Challenges and Considerations

While mobile apps offer numerous benefits for libraries and users, their implementation and maintenance present challenges that must be carefully considered and addressed to ensure successful adoption and long-term sustainability.

Cost and Resources: Developing and maintaining a high-quality mobile app requires significant financial investment and technical expertise. Libraries often operate under limited budgets, making allocating sufficient funds for app development, regular updates, technical support, and ongoing maintenance challenging. The cost of hiring skilled developers, designing a user-friendly interface, ensuring compatibility across different platforms, and implementing robust security measures can be substantial. Libraries may need to explore various funding models, such as grants, partnerships with other institutions, or even consider open-source solutions to manage costs effectively. Furthermore, ongoing maintenance and updates are essential to keep the app functional, secure, and compatible with evolving technology trends, requiring a sustained resource commitment.

User Adoption: Ensuring widespread user adoption is crucial for maximizing the return on investment in mobile app development. However, not all library users are equally comfortable with mobile technology. Some patrons, particularly older users or those with limited digital literacy, may struggle to navigate mobile applications or be hesitant to embrace new technologies. Libraries must develop strategies to promote app usage among all demographics, including providing user-friendly interfaces, detailed tutorials and training sessions, and readily accessible customer support. Addressing the digital divide and ensuring that all users can benefit from mobile library services is a key consideration.

Privacy and Security: Protecting user data is paramount for libraries offering digital services. Libraries must ensure their mobile apps comply with relevant privacy regulations, such as GDPR or data protection laws in their respective regions. Implementing robust security measures, including encryption, secure login systems, and strict access controls, is essential to prevent unauthorized data breaches and misuse. Users need to feel confident that their personal information is handled responsibly and that their privacy is protected. Transparency about data collection practices and clear communication about privacy policies are crucial for building user trust.

Compatibility: Ensuring that the app works seamlessly across a wide range of devices and operating systems (Android, iOS, Windows, etc.) is a significant technical challenge. The mobile landscape is constantly evolving, with new devices and operating system versions being released regularly. Developers must continuously test the app for compatibility issues, optimize performance for different devices, and release updates to keep up with these evolving technology

trends. This requires ongoing technical expertise and a commitment to staying current with the latest mobile technologies.

Content Management: Regularly updating and managing digital content is essential for maintaining user engagement and ensuring that the app remains a valuable resource. Libraries need to establish efficient content management systems to streamline the process of adding new books, journals, and research materials while removing outdated or irrelevant content. This requires a dedicated team or individual to curate and manage the digital collection. Furthermore, the content should be presented in a user-friendly format with explicit metadata and easy navigation.

Case Studies of Successful Library Mobile Apps

Examining successful library mobile app implementations provides valuable insights into best practices, practical features, and the positive impact these apps can have on library services and user engagement. Here are some expanded case studies showcasing diverse approaches and successful outcomes:

New York Public Library (NYPL) App: The NYPL mobile app offers seamless access to the library's vast digital collections, including e-books, audiobooks, research databases, and even digitized historical documents. A key feature is the integration with the NYPL's physical collections, allowing users to search the catalogue easily, place holds on books, and locate branches near them. The app also provides barcode scanning for self-checkout, simplifying the borrowing process for users visiting a physical branch. Event notifications keep users informed about library programs, author talks, and other events happening at their local branches. Based on reading history and interests, personalized recommendations help users discover new titles and explore different genres. The NYPL app exemplifies a comprehensive approach, integrating digital and physical library services into a user-friendly platform.

British Library App: The British Library's mobile app provides access to its extensive digital archives, rare manuscripts, and historical documents. High-resolution images, interactive tools, and multimedia content bring these historical materials to life, making them more accessible and engaging for researchers and history enthusiasts. The app's AI-powered search and categorization features enhance the discovery process, allowing users to find specific documents or explore topics of interest easily. For example, a user researching a specific historical period can use the app to browse digitized manuscripts, letters, and other primary sources related to that era. The British Library app is a powerful tool for researchers and anyone interested in history and culture.

National Library Board (NLB) Singapore App: The NLB Singapore app exemplifies a holistic approach to digital library services, integrating multiple functionalities into a single platform. Users can borrow e-books, track their reading progress, receive personalized book recommendations, and

even access digital learning resources. The app's robust digital lending system and seamless integration with library databases make it a model for modern digital library services. The NLB app also incorporates features like digital library cards and in-app payment options, making it a convenient and efficient tool for managing library accounts.

Denver Public Library App: The Denver Public Library app prioritizes accessibility and inclusivity, offering text-to-speech functionality, multilingual support, and assistive technologies for visually impaired users. This commitment to accessibility ensures that all community members can benefit from the library's digital services. The app also enables users to register for events, receive real-time notifications, and access research resources from anywhere, making it a valuable tool for staying connected with the library and its offerings.

National Digital Library of India (NDLI) App: The NDLI app, developed by the Ministry of Education and IIT Kharagpur, provides millions of educational resources, including books, research papers, multimedia content, and learning materials. Its multilingual interface makes it accessible to a diverse audience across India. The app offers personalized recommendations, an advanced search system, and integration with various educational platforms, making it an essential tool for students, researchers, and educators. The NDLI app is crucial in bridging the digital divide and providing a vast population with quality educational resources.

DELNET (Developing Library Network) App: The DELNET app facilitates resource sharing among libraries across India, providing seamless access to an extensive inter-library loan system, online databases, and digital catalogues. It is vital to connect academic and research institutions with necessary learning materials. The DELNET app empowers researchers and students to access a broader range of resources available at their local library, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing.

These case studies illustrate how libraries leverage mobile technology to enhance their services, improve accessibility, and engage with their communities. While each app has unique features and focus, they all share a common goal: to make library resources and services more accessible and user-friendly in the digital age.

Future Trends and Emerging Technologies

The landscape of library mobile apps is constantly evolving, driven by technological advancements and changing user expectations. Several emerging trends and technologies are poised to shape the future of these apps, offering exciting possibilities for enhancing library services and user engagement.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is rapidly transforming many aspects of our lives, and library mobile apps are no exception. AI-powered chatbots can provide instant support to users, answering

frequently asked questions, assisting with catalogue searches, and even offering personalized book recommendations based on reading preferences and history. AI algorithms can also analyze user data, providing libraries valuable insights into user behaviour and preferences. This data can then be used to optimize library services, personalize content recommendations, and improve the overall user experience. Imagine a user asking a chatbot for "books similar to Pride and Prejudice"; the AI could analyze their reading history and suggest other classic novels, romance stories, or even contemporary works that share similar themes.

Augmented Reality (AR): AR technology has the potential to revolutionize the library experience, creating immersive and interactive learning environments. Users could scan book covers with their mobile devices to access additional multimedia content, such as author interviews, book trailers, or even virtual tours of historical settings related to the book. AR could also be used to create interactive exhibits, virtual library tours, and gamified learning experiences. For example, a user could point their phone at a historical artefact in a library exhibit and see additional information about the artefact overlaid on their screen.

Integration with IoT (Internet of Things): Integrating smart devices and the Internet of Things (IoT) opens up new possibilities for automating library services and enhancing the user experience. IoT-enabled bookshelves could track book availability in real-time, notifying users when a book they are looking for becomes available. Smart notifications could remind patrons of due dates and upcoming events. Self-checkout kiosks could be integrated with mobile apps, allowing users to borrow books simply by scanning their phones. Imagine a library where users can use their phones to locate a specific book on a shelf, receive personalized recommendations based on their location, and even check out books without waiting in line.

Gamification: Incorporating game-like elements into library mobile apps can significantly increase user engagement and motivation. Features such as reading challenges, reward points for completed books, interactive quizzes, and virtual badges can encourage users to explore more resources, participate in library programs, and become more active members of the library community. Gamification can make learning fun and engaging, particularly for younger users. For example, a library could create a reading challenge where users earn points for every book they read, with the top readers receiving prizes or recognition.

Open Access and Collaboration: Libraries increasingly collaborate to develop shared mobile platforms that provide broader resource access. By integrating open-access digital libraries and repositories, institutions can offer a more extensive collection of books, research papers, and learning materials. Cloud-based services can facilitate seamless resource sharing among libraries and educational institutions worldwide. This collaborative approach can reduce costs, expand access to information, and promote knowledge sharing on a global scale.

Personalized Learning Paths: Mobile apps can create personalized learning paths for users, guiding them through curated collections of resources based on their interests and learning goals. AI-powered recommendation engines could suggest relevant books, articles, videos, and other materials, while progress-tracking tools could help users monitor their learning journey. This personalized approach can make learning more effective and engaging, allowing users to explore topics of interest at their own pace.

Voice Search and Control: The increasing popularity of voice assistants like Siri and Alexa will likely influence library mobile app development. Voice search and control features could make it easier for users to find resources, navigate the app, and interact with library services. Imagine being able to ask your phone, "Find me books about the history of artificial intelligence," and having the library app instantly display relevant results.

These future trends and emerging technologies represent exciting opportunities for libraries to enhance their mobile app offerings and better serve their communities. By embracing innovation and staying abreast of the latest technological developments, libraries can ensure that their mobile apps remain relevant, engaging, and valuable resources for users in the digital age.

Conclusion

Mobile apps are essential for modern libraries to thrive in the digital age. They transform services by providing convenient resource access, personalized experiences, and increased user engagement. However, challenges include development costs, maintenance, user adoption, and data security. Sustainable funding, training, and robust security are crucial. Libraries must embrace innovation and adapt to evolving technologies like AI and AR to enhance app offerings and meet future needs. The future library is mobile, and embracing this is key to success.

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Abstract : *ICT develop the digital era. In this era all the world begins in a one click. Even in field of library all information is now available in one click. Various app and information are now available in our palm. E-learning is change the world of information technology. Now library is also expanded out of four wall. Librarian gives the various services through mobile app. In this paper we have discuss about mobile apps, its services, Benefits and limitations.*

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Introduction

As per the fifth law of Dr. S. R. Rangnathan "Library is growing organism". The information technology has change the lifestyle of human being. That's fact also applied in the library services. In mobile era library services is given by using mobile technology. Information communication technology (ICT) in library services have change insignificantly. ICT has been change the mode of library services. Mobile based library services also a part of ICT. In Pandemic period the use of ICT plays a vital role of library services in online mode. In the hub of information user want to quick access of information within a second with the help of online resources. Library service by Mobile phone are flexible for users to access the information any time and any were.

Now a days in digital era libraries accepts the challenges of providing services through various devices such as mobile, Wi –Fi , Bar code system, RFID, etc. are used by users need.

1. What is Mobile apps

Mobile is a smart device for retrieving the information of world wide in a one place. Mobile app is a computer program designed to run on mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. Mobile is movable devices which helps to access the ant type of information. Mobile app is software which is used for the particular operations which is designed by an internal program languages. There are a billions users of mobile without ant limits. Mobile system is quick access to content.it is a way of easily access the information.

2. Mobile Technology

In a technical era mobile technology plays a smart role of for access the information. This technology is accepting a task to perform with various skill. Mobile technology became a smart in all field. In library services also given by mobile apps. Ex. E-books. Databases, important links, audio – video recorded lecturer. Now the mode of library services also change, the library is not limited as in a four wall the information world of library is now in worldwide through the use of mobile technology. In library there are various types of users like Researchers, students, teachers. As per the demand of user only physical library services are not able the user's needs. That's why librarian use mobile technology with various types of mobile apps.

3. Mobile based Library services

3.1 SMS Alert Services:

This service is important service by Mobile. By using this the user know the alert of library details and time period of particular service. ex. New book arrivals notification, about e-journals, renewal of books, library calendar, library program events etc. by this service librarian can indicate all the services through it. SMS Message can be sent to many users at one click. User also keep update about library.

3.2 Database browsing service:

Librarian can provide a database access through the mobile to users.it is useful to retrieval the information ex. OPAC, M-OPAC, Subscribe databases, World cat in a one click to find the books and other resources available in web application.

3.3 Suggestion for Purchasing a books.

M-Library services are useful to suggestion for purchasing of books as per the users demand. If someone not is unable to visit a library for demanded books they can used this services by mobile app.

3.4 Reference Service: - Library users can ask librarians about live chat, text messages, feedback, with help of sending and receiving the SMS. My library users can also get the resources from library. User can access all operation by this services.

3.5 E- Resources with mobile Interfaces: In an information hub there are lot of information available in internet. All the information accessible with mobile phone such as e-books , audio books, images, articles, dissertation, such can be used with mobile. Mobile devices can share an information, photos, audio video link from one devices to another.

3.6 Library News and Events: library events such as orientations program, stock verification, book recall, various lectures on special topics, news in relation to scholarly work. Are display online.

3.7 Q. R. Code Service: - It is quick response service, which is save the time of user. It is two dimensional barcode can be scanned by cell phone. Search by resources by scanner.

4. Benefits of Mobile Apps Library Services:

The use of mobile apps in library has grown day by day. Hub of information age users likes to access in virtual mode within a minuets. It's save the time of user. Mobile application provide library services easily.

There are following Benefits of using Mobile apps:-

4.1 Easy making:- When a number of user can access the library in a ones time, if they wants to access the resources, it is very easy get the resources.

4.2 Time saving: - There is no time consuming by using mobile apps. At anywhere without any geographical restriction. User can access the library website on one click of mobile.

4.3 Compatibility: - Virtual libraries are accessible ant where with a chip cost as compare to laptop or desktop computer. It is cost effective and comfortably handled.

4.4 User Participation: - Libraries can upload the various task by user like link for online course feedback of any program, suggestion, users view etc.

4.5 User Friendly:- Mobile apps is easy for handling . It is user friendly app to perform the operation.

4.6 Collection Development Suggestion:-User can give a suggestion to librarian for developing or increase a library collection. Via mobile phone.

4.7 Library News and Events: - Library apps provide a various news and events about library such as orientation program, Research related topics, topics on users demand , reminders about books, shorts messages about library events easily

4.8 Display New Arrivals:- This apps is also display the new arrivals of library collection. This service is good for user knowledge.

4.9 Quick feedback:- this service is helpful for quick feedback about related services by libraries.

4.10 Library virtual Tour:- User can unable to attend any workshop or any other program , library can provide this virtually by displaying the web link or broacher about the events.

5. Limitations of mobile library app:-

The theme of library services by mobile app is very fast and beneficial to all uses. It is good for retrieving the information anywhere but there is some limitations of technology which are discuss as below.-

1. Less Internet Speed:- there is major problem in India about less bandwidth speed. Due to less Internet speed users facing the problem of downloading, uploading the information. Users face the difficulties to accessing the service.
2. Design of the format:- The format of particular contents is suitable for desktop screen only .it is not viewable on mobile screen clearly. Because of size of text and graphics, images etc.
3. Handling multimedia files:- it's a big challenge for the future development as a large learning objectives require flash, shockwaves, java application in mobile library site.
4. Staff Training: - In the field of library and information science there is a lack of skilled staff to give a service to others. It is essential to give a tanning in library staff to develop this service.
5. User Education:- User are not aware about the guideline of how to access and use a library resources. They some need guideline about this. So they can access easily.

6 Motivate to Enhancing Mobile apps library services

Now a days I.C.T. improved the technology everywhere. In field of information services it's bring a big change to enhancing the digital era. Mobile technology is good for library services. It is easy way to retrieve the information at anywhere. In Covid -19 pandemic period, this technology is very useful for users, students, and researchers. This service is useful for pandemic period to awareness about the situations. Mobile services through mobile app is beneficial for all types of users in various way. Mobile apps providing a alert services, SMS services, M-OPAC, Wi-Fi facility to users. Users can retrieve the information anywhere at 24/7. Librarian gives the services by this apps brings the library profession smart. Librarian can keep update to mobile site for user's point of view. It is good for updating information. Librarians can also kept license for website to maintain a data for users.

Library services by Q.R. Code is also make easier for users to access the information. Library services through mobile apps maintain the quality information and update information. Mobile app is easier way to give library services without consuming time.

Conclusion:

This paper is conclude about the mobile app, library mobile app services, its benefits, Limitations of accessing the information through mobile app.Incresing the ICT technology all information is available in one click. It is easy way to access the information in one click. Library services by mobile app is useful in any situation, even in pandemic period its useful for various purpose like study, give a updating about pandemic period. This app never stop to library services. It is very challenge to the librarian to update the every information time to time. And also give a tanning to the library staff, and also marketing a various mobile apps.

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USE OF ONLINE PLATFORMS FOR RESEARCH VISIBILITY AMONGST ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS IN MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract :
Purpose : *The purpose of the present research work is to look into how academic library professionals in Maharashtra use online platforms to make their research more visible.*
Methodology : *The study used an online surveying technique. To gather information from responders using the Google form, a questionnaire was created. Information was gathered from seventy one academic librarians within Maharashtra.*
Findings : *The results show that the majority of college librarians have an academic network profile, have joined ResearchGate, and have registered on Google Scholar. The platforms with the fewest profiles include Vidwan, Web of Science, ORCID, and Scopus. SSRN has the fewest profiles of any platform. But most librarians use Sci-hub and DOAJ to find papers and read them in full. According to most academic librarians, author profiles on various online platforms have several benefits, including drawing more attention to the author and their work, increasing the number of people who read their papers, expanding the audience for their articles, and even attracting funding for future research. According to the qualitative research, the most common strategies to boost one's exposure among librarians include publishing in open access journals, building a Google Scholar profile, being a member of the ResearchGate and academia networks, and publishing in publications that are indexed and abstracted. It has also come to light that there are a number of obstacles to creating a profile on these platforms, including the following: network issues, a lack of institutional motivation, librarians' lack of interest, and the unavailability of institutional e-mail.Further it was found that very few academic institutions are registered members of IRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) from Maharashtra.*
Research Implication

This research will be useful in getting academic library staff to recognise the importance of academics registering their online presence via profile creation and publishing linkages. The significance of publicly available articles throughout the world will rise, and academic grading will undoubtedly improve, thanks to these platforms.
Originality value : *The findings of this study will be useful in persuading university library staff to support researchers in creating an online profile and tying their publications to it. Both the academic grading process and the significance of publicly available papers will undoubtedly be improved by these platforms.*
Keywords: Academic Librarians, Citations, Online Platforms, Research Visibility, Research accessibility, Research communities.

1. Introduction

Rapid growth of published information has resulted in information explosion. Hence sheer publication of research is not a last step for any researcher or author. The next step for them is to make easy to find and discoverable. Visibility of a research work is essential to increase citations and for future collaboration opportunities. The way researchers share their work and their results differs across disciplines and across institutions.

Technological advancements resulted in drastic change in the process of information accumulation, storage and dissemination in case of libraries. These differences have a significant impact on the way library professionals, as well as researchers, view the adoption of new ICT technologies to make their work visible.As the knowledge centre of an institution, the academic library assists and fosters the quality of research. According to (Baxter et al.,1998) research has a fundamental academic role in the educational sector. Publication of research has been emphasized in academic norms as of late. Research in any field establishes benchmarks for improvement and boosts the profile and standing of the institution. Individual employees also stand to gain from this in terms of advancing their careers, making a positive impact on society, establishing themselves as authorities in their fields, and gaining a reputation for excellence. An institution's researcher plays a crucial role. An academic's research activities increase the profile of their university and foster cooperation with other organizations. Insights gained from research have an effect far beyond the confines of academic institutions; they permeate whole communities, inspiring fresh perspectives and even new ways of thinking. ICT and advancement in publishing technology is persistent to develop which results in adopting and facilitating new services and capabilities in case of libraries. The purpose of the present research work is to look into how academic library professionals in Maharashtra use online platforms to make their research more visible along with the visibility of their academic institutions.

2. Literature Review

Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID), online research networks, and blogs are just a few of the freelance publishing platforms made available by the internet. Facebook, LinkedIn, Blogs, Kudos, Google Scholar, ORCID, ResearchGate, Academia, and Twitter were all recognised by (Tripathy et al., 2017) as key methods for making research discoveries more visible.

The conventional method of determining an author's influence, as stated by (Bar-Ilan et al., 2012), relies on the frequency with which their name appears in the reference lists of scientific papers; this information may be discovered in academic databases. However at present with the availability of Google Scholar and Google Scholar Citations, authors can create their profile along with the bibliographic details of their publications which are accessible in public domains. Google Scholar Citations is another way that Google helps with measurements like h-index and i10 index. According to (Heller, 2015) an open-access journal's higher profile can expedite the process of

gaining international recognition and making a scientific effect. Collaboration and citation rates rise when these conditions are met.

In order to address the new demands of researchers and to ensure that research findings are broadly disseminated, libraries play an increasingly important role in supporting research across all disciplines. So, in this technological age, librarians and information science professionals have a lot on their plates. They need to keep up with the times by adopting new services and products and participating in exciting new activities. Researchers can benefit greatly from technology, which allows them to conduct high-quality research that attracts more attention and funding. Therefore, academic information experts in Maharashtra are going to look at how they use internet platforms to make their research visible.

3. Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to investigate the strategies employed by academic library staff in Maharashtra to increase the visibility of their research through the usage of various internet platforms. In order to achieve the study's aim, the following objectives have been set.

I. To explore the qualification and contributions to research work by academic library professionals in Maharashtra
II. To discover the involvement of academic library professionals in Maharashtra in various online platforms
III. To discover the engagement of academic library professionals in Maharashtra in various Online Research Communities
IV. To study the advantages of having a public profile in the online platforms
V. To learn the challenges faced library professionals in Maharashtra while creating an online presence.

4. Data Analysis and interpretation

4.1 Qualification and contributions to research work

An academic library as knowledge provider plays a vital role in promoting research as well as in highlighting the research output of an institution through online platforms. In order to increase the visibility of research of their own as well as of their institution, and at the same time support the quality of research, qualified and learned library professionals are making use of the available technologies, for the distribution of scholarly information.To explore the scenario of Maharashtra, questions were asked to academic library professionals about their highest qualifications and the number of research publications. As compared to undergraduate courses library professionals who have already completed their post graduate as well as M. Phil., Ph D degrees will be apparently involved more in research activities.

Figure 1: Qualification and the number of published research papers

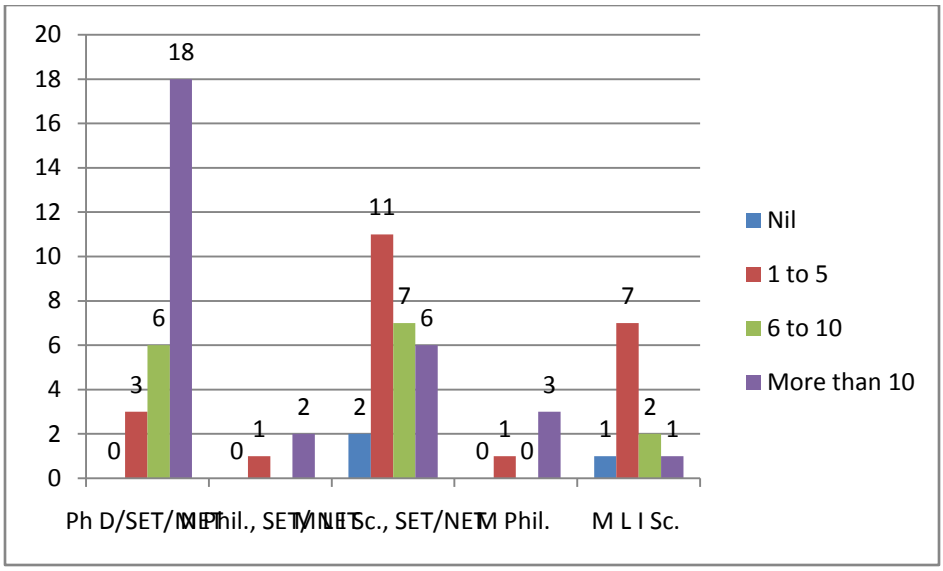


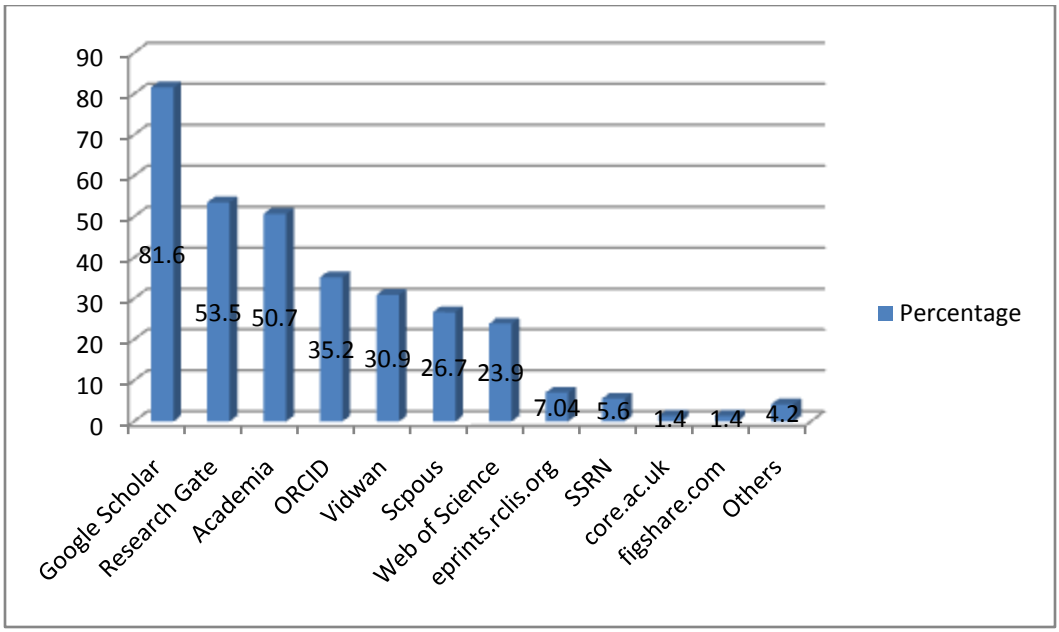
Figure 1 highlights library professionals with Ph D degree given highest contribution to the research paper publications as compared to PG and M. Phil degrees.

4.2 Profile in various online platforms

Previous work on establishing visibility has focused on web presence, such as having a homepage, a LinkedIn account, a Google scholar citation account, and a twitter account. However new social media platforms are cropping up that provide alternate methods to see how influential and visible authors are. (Bar-Ilan, et al. 2012).In order to promote and highlight the research output of the institution, library professionals should be aware and have a profile in various emerging online platforms. Hence the question was raised about having a profile in different online platforms through multiple choice alternatives.

The results showed that 38 respondents (53.5%) had a ResearchGate profile and the majority (58: 81.6% of the total) reported that they had a Google Scholar profile (Figure 2). A total of 36 individuals, or 50.7%, had an academic profile. The online profile with the least profile noted were ORCID 25 (35.2%), Vidwan 22 (30.9%), Scopus 19 (26.7), Web of Science 17 (23.9%), eprints.rclis.org 5 (7.04%) and Social Science Research Network 4 (5.6%). Core and Figshare profile was created only by a single librarian (1.4%).

Figure 2: Librarians and profile in online platforms

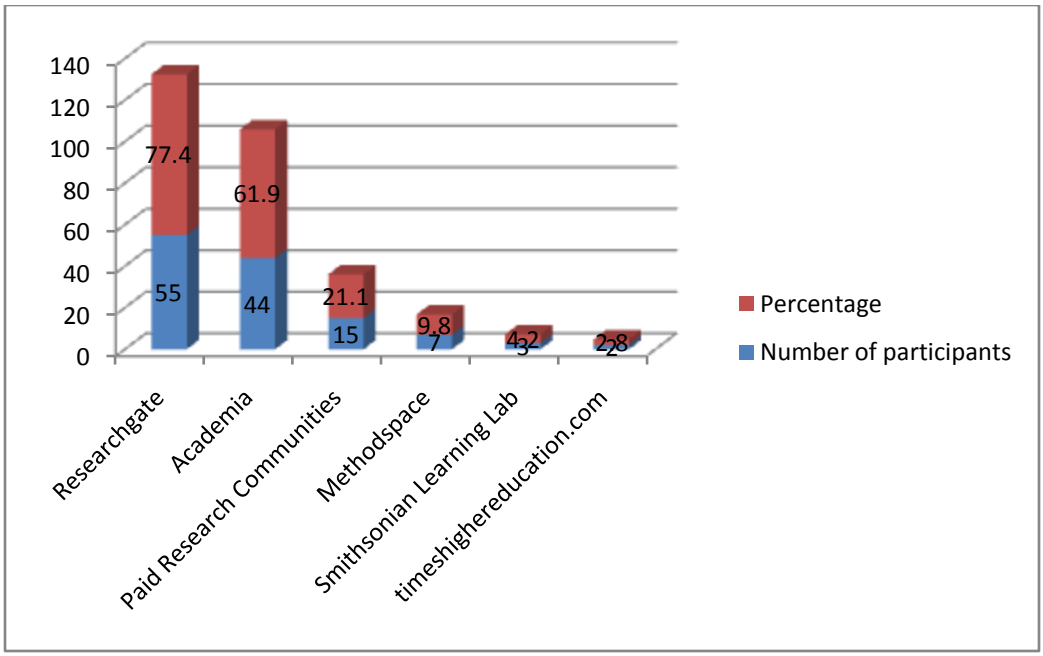


Libraries with the goal of sharing knowledge have been replaced by new ways to share scientific research results, like social networks, research social networks, and institutional repositories. Hence it was further asked to the librarians that which are the online platforms they had used to access full-text research papers excluding google scholar, researchgate and academia without creating a profile for browsing and searching. The findings indicated that maximum librarians used Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) 55 (77.4%), followed by Sci-Hub 30 (42.2%) and Mendeley Research Network 28 (39.4%) for accessing full-text research papers.

4.3 Engagement in Online Research Communities

Online research communities are becoming increasingly useful and popular due to collaborative research. These communities enable researchers to share their ideas, to receive research guidance from the experts and to involve in collaborative research through online forums by creating a profile in such research communities. Hence the engagement of academic library professionals in online research communities was explored.

Figure 3:Engagement in Online Research Communities of academic Library Processionals



Finding from Figure 3 highlights that maximum that is 55(77.4%) library professionals are engaged in accessing and using Researchgate, followed by Academia 44(61.9%). Very few library professionals are using paid research communities. The figure indicates many librarians are not aware about other research communities like Methodspace, Smithsonian Learning Lab and timeshighereducation.com.

4.4 Benefits of having a public profile in the online platforms

According to Table 1, the vast majority of respondents (70 out of 98.6%) believe that having accounts on different platforms allows them to research and keep up-to-date on the literature. In addition, the vast majority of respondents (67 out of 94.4%), agree or strongly agree, that author recognition is a direct result of having a presence on an online platform. In addition, over 90% of those who took the survey agree or strongly agree that an author's presence on an internet platform affects their position in academic rankings. Creating a profile on an online platform boosts readership and accessibility of the publications, according to the maximum number of respondents (70: 98.6%). An overwhelming majority of respondents (67 out of 94, or 94.4% of the total) believe that increasing one's visibility online increases the likelihood that one's work will be mentioned in subsequent works.

Table 1. Perceived Benefits of having a public profile in the online platforms

Perceived Benefits	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly Disagree	Disagree
To explore the literature and update yourself	42(59.2%)	28(39.4%)	1(1.4%)	0	0

Brings recognition to the author	43(60.6%)	24(33.8%)	4(5.6%)	0	0
It influences author's institutional ranking	30(42.2%)	33(46.5%)	7(9.9%)	1(1.4%)	0
It increases readership and accessibility of the papers	43(60.5%)	27(38.1%)	1(1.4%)	0	0
It promotes in getting cited by other authors and researchers	40(56.3%)	27(38.1%)	4(5.6%)	0	0

According to Table 1, most Maharashtra library professionals understand the value of using the internet to disseminate research.

4.5 Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms

Table 2 shows that 54.7% of respondents agree or strongly agree that it is difficult to create a profile on online platforms due to the lack of institutional domain email. That institutional domain e-mail being unavailable was a big obstacle to building a profile on numerous online sites, including Google Scholar, Researchgate, ORCID, and many more.

The majority of respondents (46 out of 64.8%, or 64.8% of the total) do not know about the many internet platforms that are available to them. Beyond that, 36 out of 100 respondents (or 50.7% of the total) said they were unsure of how to make a profile on these sites. It shows the need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms and the need of hands-on training for creating profiles on such online platforms.

Creation and availability of institutional repository to deposit own publications are one of the important ways to increase visibility. The absence of institutional impetus to develop an institutional repository was cited by more than half of the respondents (37: 52.2%).

Sharing our own research papers and articles in full-text form will lead automatically in increasing research visibility and accessibility. The more the research will be visible and accessible the more citations will be gained by the researcher. Hence willingness of library professionals to share self-publications in full-text form was explored. However more than half (38: 53.6%) of the respondents replied their unwillingness to share self-publications in full-text form.

Table 2: Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms

Difficulties associated with creating a profile on online platforms	**Strongly Agree**	**Agree**	**Neutral**	**Strongly Disagree**	**Disagree**
Unavailability of institutional domain e-mail	21(29.6%)	32(45.1%)	11(15.5%)	3 (4.2%)	4 (5.6%)

Not aware about availability of different online platforms	16(22.5%)	30(42.3%)	12(16.10%)	4(5.6%)	9(12.6%)
Unaware about how to create profile on these platforms	9(12.6%)	27(38.1%)	16(22.5%)	7(9.9%)	12(16.9%)
Lack of motivation from the institution to create institutional repository	15(21.2%)	22(31%)	17(24%)	9(12.6%)	8(11.2%)
Unwillingness to share self-publications in full-text form	10(14.10%)	28(39.5%)	15(21.1%)	8(11.2%)	10(14.10%)

4.6 Practices and ways implemented to increase the visibility of own and institutional publications by the academic librarians in Maharashtra

The practices and different ways to increase visibility implemented by some of the respondents (21: 29.5%) as an academic librarians in Maharashtra were preference to publish research papers in an open access and indexed journals by Scopus or Web of Science, creation of institutional repository and publication portal for sharing of knowledge to update their profile on the online platform and updated research tab on college website and use of different social media platforms for sharing publications. Very few of respondents (2: 2.8%) replied that they were associated as a Nodal officer of Vidwan and IRINS to share their institutional publications.

5. Findings and Discussion

The majority of college librarians have signed up for Google Scholar and are active members of networks like ResearchGate and academia network, according to the data. The platforms with the fewest profiles include Vidwan, Web of Science, ORCID, and Scopus. SSRN has the fewest profiles of any platform. But most librarians use Sci-hub and DOAJ to find papers and read them in full. According to most academic librarians, author profiles on various online platforms have several benefits, including drawing more attention to the author and their work, increasing the number of people who read their papers, expanding the audience for their articles, and even attracting funding for future research. According to the qualitative research, the most common strategies to boost one's exposure among librarians include publishing in open access journals, building a Google Scholar profile, being a member of the ResearchGate and academia networks, and publishing in publications that are indexed and abstracted. Also, it became clear that there are a lot of obstacles to creating a profile on these platforms, such as the institution's lack of motivation, network issues, librarians' lack of interest, and the unavailability of institutional e-mail..Further it was found that a very few academic institutions are registered members of Vidwan andIRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) from Maharashtra. Rather majority of respondents were unaware about Vidwan, IRINS, SSRN, Core, Figshare and e-prints. Hence there is a need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms and the need of hands-on training for creating profiles on various online platforms like Google Scholar,

ResearchGate academia, ORCID, Scopus, Web of Science, Vidwan, IRINS, SSRN, Core, Figshare and eprints.rclis.org.

6. Suggestions and Recommendations

Based on the observations analysis and findings followings suggestions and recommendations were provided:

- Need of conducting workshops or seminars for the awareness about availability of different online platforms.
- Encourage library professionals for the development and updation of institutional repositories.
- **Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre created IRINS, a web-based Research Information Management (RIM) tool. Academic institutions, research and development organizations, faculty members, and scientists can all use the site to build scholarly networks and share and exhibit scholarly communication initiatives. The IRINS may be accessed by research and academic institutions in India using a free SaaS model. In order to consume scholarly publications from a variety of sources, it has merged with academic identities such as ORCID, Scopus, Research ID, Microsoft Academic ID, and Google Scholar ID.**
- **VIDWAN is the most comprehensive database of Indian academic institutions, research institutes, and other organizations that employ scientists, researchers, and faculty members for teaching and research purposes.**
- Strengthening the domestic research community and keeping up with scientific breakthroughs require increased international engagement and collaboration in research.
- College librarians and universities in India should promote registration and use of Vidwan and IRINS for sharing knowledge and research publications.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES & APPLLICATIONS

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Abstract :*In this article, we will enter into the world of QR codes and NFC technology, exploring their benefits, applications and how they can be used for quick access to resources QR codes and NFC technology are two powerful tools that offer quick access to resources and information.*

Keywords : *Quick Response (QR), Near field communication (NFC), marketing & Advertising, Education, Healthcare, Retail, Mobile payments, Data Transfer, Access Control, Distance, Security.*

Introduction

In today's fast paced digital world quick access to information and resources has become a necessity. Two technologies that have revolutionized the we access information are QR lodes and NFC (Near Field Communication). In this article we will delve into the world of QR codes and NFC technology exploring their benefits, application and how they can be used for quick access to resources.

QR Codes : A Brief Introduction,

QR (Quick Response) codes are two dimensional barcodes that can store a wide range of data, including text, URLs, phone numbers and even payment information. QR codes were first introduced in Japan in to 1990 and have since gained popularity worldwide.

1, How QR Codes Work :- QR codes work by using a smartphone camera to scan the code which is then decoded to reveal the stored information. This information can be used to perform various actions such as:

- Opening a website or webpage.
- Making a phone call or sending a text message.
- Sending an email or message.
- Accessing a digital wallet or making a payment.
- Downloading an app or file.

2, Application of QR Codes :

QR codes have a wide range of application across various industries including :

- Marketing and advertising :- QR codes can be used to track customer engagement provide additional product information and offer exclusive promotion.
- Education :- QR codes can be used to provide students with quick access to learning resources such as videos, articles and interactive simulations.
- Health Care :- QR codes can be used to store patient information, track medical records and provide access to medical resources.
- Retail :- QR codes can be used to provide customers with product information, track inventory and facilitate mobile payments.

3, NFC Technology : A Brief Introduction :- NFC (Near Field Communication) technology is a wireless communication standard that enables devices to exchange data over short distances typically up to 10 cm. NFC technology is commonly used in mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

3.1 How NFC Technology Works :

NFC technology work by using a reader devices to detect and read date form an NFC tag or another NFC enabled device. This data can be used to perform various actions such as.

- Transferring data between devices.
- Making payments.
- Accessing information and resources.
- Controlling devices and appliances.

3.2 Application of NFC Technology :

NFC technology has a wide range of applications across various industries including.

- **Mobile Payments :-** NFC technology is widely used in mobile payment systems such as Apple pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay.
- **Data Transfer :-** NFC technology can be used to transfer data between devices such as photos, videos and files.
- **Access Control :-** NFC technology can be used to control access to building, rooms and devices.
- **Health Care :-** NFC technology can be used to trade patient information, monitor medical conditions and provide access to medical resources.

4, Comparison of QR Codes and NFC Technology :-

Both QR codes and NFC technology offer quick access to resources and information. However there are some key differences between the two technology.

- **Distance :-** QR codes can be scanned from a distance while NFC technology requires close proximity (typically up 10 cm).

- **Data Transfer :-** QR codes can store a wide range of data while NFC technology is primarily used for data transfer and communication.
- **Security :-** NFC technology is generally considered more secure than QR codes as it uses encryption and secure authentication protocols.

5, Conclusion :- QR codes and NFC technology are two powerful tools that offer quick access to resources and information. While both technologies have their wn strengths and weaknesses, they can be used in conduction with each other to provide seamless and convenient user experience. As technology continues to evolve we can expect to see even more innovative applications of QR codes and NFC technology in the future.

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LIBRARY MOBILE WEBSITE CREATION: A CASE STUDY

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Abstract: *This research paper discusses the important issues involved in creating a library mobile website. It discusses the concept of a mobile library website, the development of mobile technology, and issues related to creating a mobile library website.*

Key Word*: Library Mobile Website*

INTRODUCTION:

Learned a little detailed information about basic website creation technology, languages used for it, HTML, XML and other complementary tools like CSS, Java Script, PHP, frameworks useful for content management like Joomla, Drupal etc.Library websites created with the help of such language tools and frameworks can be viewed on a large screen of a text tob or laptop.Day by day the availability of internet is possible from desktop or laptop to mobile, tab, ipod, the youth prefers to see internet as smart mobile. Because they find it convenient. Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile.Day by day the availability of internet is possible from desktop or laptop to mobile, tab, ipod, the youth prefers to see internet as smart mobile. Because they find it convenient. Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile.Also, internet can be searched anywhere on mobile. Then, if the library website is made available on the mobile devices on which the youth prefers to browse the Internet, the students will use it to the maximum and it seems that they can increase their time to find the resources in the library while playing.However, it is a challenging task for librarians to make the library website available on mobile. How it can be done technically will be taken from the following description

.1Mobile Library Website: Concept

There are two points or concepts in the discussion of this topic.

1 . Ability of mobile phone to view internet or website on mobile.

2. Creating a library website for mobile phones only.

In general, the first such system used in creating a webpage is that the website is designed for desktop or laptop, i.e. for a large screen. A mobile version of it is also created and made available on the web.Many websites of the current paper have mobile versions available and can be viewed on mobile. So let's look at what to keep in mind while creating a mobile version of a website and what technology will be required for it.

1.1 .Development of Mobile Technology:

Mobile technology has evolved since Apple first introduced the iPhone to the market.Mobile browsers have never been so capable before. The browsers created by Apple are compatible with HTML, CSS3 and CSS animation technologies. After that, Google created Android software and its development continued. Today, the latest Android version 4.4 is available. This has created a real trend in mobile technology. Software with a unique name like Android has come into the market and Windows 11 has become available on mobile. The purpose of this is to say that mobiles and smart mobile phones in particular are capable of using the Internet.

Reference: Now the issue comes to making a suitable library website on mobile and making it available to the student. For this, some ready-made frameworks are available.

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A mobile library website can definitely be created using the above framework. Now let's first understand the concept of a mobile library website.

2 .Mobile Library Website Creation Issues:

Before this discussion, we should look at the list of services on the mobile library website.

1. University Library
2. Hours
3. OPAC
4. Training
5. My Book A/c
6. About/Feedback
7. Full Site/ contracts

The rate of mobile usage has increased tremendously. Currently, the flow from mobile to smartphone is also rapidly increasing. Surfing the web from mobile has also become a habit. In 2009, the number of mobile users was 5.3 million. It is predicted that it will exceed 1 billion by 2024. Smartphones have already surpassed computers in sales. Using smartphones is a pleasant experience and more and younger people are trying to experience it. They will use this technology to surf the library website. Let us ask them,

"What are the five things you do when using the library?"

Perhaps this is difficult to answer. Let us ask another question. "

"Do you think that all the services provided by the library should be available on mobile?"

The answer to this will be yes. Let us take a brief review of what services a modern library currently offers to its readers through the website.

- Library Instruction
- SMS Services
- Even Calendar
- OPAC
- Audio Tours
- Location Guides
- Or Floor Map
- Or Codes
- Social Media
- Image Collection
- Video Collection
- Research Guide
- Open Access Resourcey
- Mobile Friendly
- Data based
- Virtual Reference Service

There are many more things in the above list. If you decide to consider them for a mobile website, you can ask for suggestions from the readers and make a list of the services in it. For this, a mobile library website creation center can be established. Also, a technical system has to be created for this. ex. A system for accessing the internet through WIFI zone will have to be set up in the library or institution / university premises. It is difficult to get all the things on the main website of the library on mobile as they are. The big problem in this is the screen of the mobile.You can also create a list of services available on mobile by combining the interests of maximum readers and the limitations of technology. Also, a separate and capable website will have to be created for the mobile website and it will have to be the center face of the main website so that it does not get jammed when a large number of readers read the website. It is necessary to pay attention to the fact that the site will not be jammed. Images or animations and other site-occupying apps in the main website will have to be filtered and information can be searched in text format. Since reading a magazine on a mobile may be troublesome, the website can be designed to the level at which these sources can be read.

3. Tips for creating a mobile library website:

Preparation for creating a mobile library website can be done as follows.

1. Bringing usability using mobile application tools
2. Using Java framework and ready-made code libraries available for it.
   - ✓ I query mobile
   - ✓ iUI
   - ✓ JQtouch
   - ✓ J webkit

   Chad Haefele's mobile site generator can be used for this.
3. Website design and functionality issues:

   Choosing a style sheet or framework - RSS Feeds Apps
4. Website components - Choosing minimal content.
5. Use QR codes to market site.
6. Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

4. Examples of Mobile Library Website Services:

After the above discussion, let us look at some examples of mobile library websites:

- Visit Library
- Search
- Current Exhibition
- Help
- Feedback
- Library Catalogue
- Account Login
- Hours
- Holiday
- Full Website

List of Data based

- FAQ
- Library Instruction
- Media Centre
- Library Hours
- Ask a Library
- Downloads
- Off Campus Access
- Reserves

- Ref Work
- OPAC
- Contact Us

Library

- Media Centre
- UH Libraries
- Mobile Version of Digital Library
- Youtubes
- Library Flicker Site

5. Mobile Library Website Creation:

Considering the capabilities and limitations of mobile technology, it would be appropriate to provide this facility as a complementary service to library services. It is possible to select the appropriate model by looking at many examples of mobile library websites. There are some guiding principles to keep in mind, for example.

1. Estimate the use of mobile phones by readers. Do you want mobile apps or websites?
2. Start by learning a very simple mobile style.
3. Do not create a mobile version of the entire library website.
4. Start small and include high-quality services in it.
5. Mix with the readers and take note of their feedback about the mobile website.
6. Determine the services that can be used as much as possible and in a short time.
7. Pay attention to how much entertainment the mobile website will provide, not how much it will be a library feel.

Conclusion:

In this research paper, how to create a library mobile website? Its use and its importance in the development of AI have been explained. Also, the issues of website creation have been clarified.

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ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS AND LIBRARY RESOURCES TOOLS

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Abstract: *This study emphasizes how important social media is to modern library services. Understanding user interaction patterns is essential for building meaningful online communities as libraries adjust to digital communication channels. Libraries may create dynamic, engaging online spaces that enhance the entire library experience by honing their content strategy, resolving issues, and seizing possibilities. This study adds to the larger discussion on how organizations may traverse this digital terrain to better serve their clients in the changing information age. The effort to fully utilize social media in libraries is still underway.*

Keywords: *social media, networks, library resources,*

Introduction

The landscape of library services has changed dramatically because of the incorporation of social media platforms. These days, libraries communicate with their communities, share information, and have a digital presence using social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter. This change stems from society's overall move toward digital communication. To remain relevant and interact with people in a way that aligns with current communication trends, libraries are increasingly expanding their reach into virtual spaces. Effective library services depend on user engagement because they capture the breadth and caliber of interactions between libraries and their patrons and go beyond simple likes or follows. By encouraging people to participate, share their ideas, and seek out individualized help, libraries want to turn passive patrons into active ones.

With an emphasis on comprehending user participation and evaluating the efficacy of these interactions, this study attempts to do a thorough content analysis of social media usage in libraries. Prior research has examined the relationship between social media and libraries, illuminating the many ways in which organizations employ these channels and the effects they have on user involvement.

Prior research has examined the connection between social media and libraries, emphasizing the favorable association between heightened user involvement and an active social media presence. Nonetheless, a more thorough analysis of the qualitative aspects of participation is required. The [Selected Theory], a theoretical framework, offers a conceptual lens through which to examine user interactions, behaviors, and motives within library services on social media platforms. The purpose of this study is to further knowledge of the variables affecting social media user behavior and how libraries may strategically employ these discoveries to improve their digital communication plans. information analysis, a methodical

and impartial way to examine information provided on social media platforms by libraries, is the study strategy used.

Popularity and applicability to library communication were the selection criteria for social media sites and libraries. Using tools specifically designed for each platform, data was collected by methodically extracting material from a chosen number of platforms over a certain time.

The study examined how libraries utilize a variety of channels to interact with consumers on social media. Using a framework that comprised both quantitative and qualitative features, the coding procedure entailed classifying the information according to themes and criteria. To guarantee dependability, a pilot test was carried out, and skilled programmers carried out the final coding procedure. Descriptive statistics and thematic analysis were used in the data analysis process to measure user engagement metrics and find underlying themes.

Facebook and Twitter were chosen for analysis, with Facebook utilized for informative posts and Twitter for brief updates and engagement with current trends. Libraries utilize Instagram and LinkedIn for communication and interaction, with Instagram serving as a platform centered on visuals to share enticing content and Stories for timely updates. LinkedIn appeals to a professional audience, providing networking possibilities and opportunities for professional growth. Libraries employ Facebook to announce events, recommend books, and share news relevant to the community, while Twitter is utilized for rapid updates, sharing links, and engaging in hashtag discussions. Instagram emphasizes visual content, promoting interaction through user-generated posts, contests, and various interactive elements. LinkedIn upholds a professional tone, sharing information related to career development and library services. (Anuradha, 2016)

User engagement metrics, including likes, shares, comments, click-through rate (CTR), impressions/reach, and follower growth, are utilized to assess the quality and extent of interactions between libraries and their users. Likes to reflect positive reactions to a post, while shares/retweets suggest that users found the content useful. Comments allow for direct interaction, and CTR indicates the proportion of users who click on a link or call-to-action. Impressions/reach assess the overall visibility of library content, and follower growth evaluates the library's increasing reach and influence. By understanding these metrics, libraries can enhance their social media presence and improve user engagement across various online platforms.

Examining these metrics over time can uncover the best times to post and patterns in user activity. Long-term analysis of follower growth can help determine the effects of initiatives, events, or strategic shifts on the library's online visibility. Recognizing seasonal fluctuations in engagement can assist in customizing content to match audience interests. Discovering relationships between the types of content and engagement metrics can guide the library's content planning. Evaluating user engagement metrics over time can assist libraries in enhancing their social media content and promoting ongoing interaction with their online communities. This section investigates the different content types and formats utilized by libraries on social media to connect with their audience, highlighting event promotions, book suggestions, behind-the-scenes material, interactive content, and informational updates. (Chakrabarti, 2016)

The research also highlights popular subjects and trends, patterns of user interaction, trending hashtags, and trends in user-generated content. It assesses how effective content is in driving engagement by looking at quantitative metrics such as likes, shares, comments, and click-through rates, as well as qualitatively reviewing user comments and comparing content effectiveness across various platforms. The goal of the analysis is to offer insights that can enhance content strategies to better align with the preferences and expectations of their online audience. Additionally, the research investigates user feedback and interactions, analyzing how libraries engage with users and the influence of user feedback on library services. This study emphasizes identifying prevalent topics and trends in library social media, along with examining user interaction patterns and trends in user-generated content.

Evaluate the effectiveness of content in interaction stimuli and analyze quantitative metrics such as taste, promotion, comments, and clicks. Qualitative analysis of user comments helps measure mood, determine repeat subjects, and understand interactions with users. Comparative analysis across all platforms helps you identify trends and preferences specific to your user engagement platform. This study also examines user comments and interactions by examining how libraries respond to user interactions and the effects of user comments on library services. The analysis aims to identify repetitive subjects, common subjects, interesting questions, often asked and notable expressions of appreciation or anxiety. The emotional tone of user comments gives valuable information on the efficiency of the content and services of the library. (Vijayakumar, 2011)

The study explores how libraries respond to interactions with users on social media platforms. He analyzes response times, the nature of the response, and the use of interactive features. The study also examines the impact of user testing on library services, highlighting how it affects changes in services, policies, or programs. Libraries often require user offers that include practices to reflect user-oriented approaches. This study also describes the library's efforts to improve the user experience in response to feedback. Issues facing libraries in the field of social network interaction include limited resources, constant changes in algorithms, accessibility and inclusiveness issues, content balance and community and management efforts. Includes: These challenges highlight the need for libraries to adapt their strategies to better serve their user community and maintain a strong online presence.

Understanding the types of content that resonates with users allows libraries to adapt their social media strategies. This parameter improves the user experience, guaranteeing this information and efforts to engage in the preferences of the target public. A specific understanding of the platform allows libraries to strategically distribute resources and efforts across a variety of social networks. Recognizing where the audience is most active allows the library to optimize interaction strategies for maximum impact. The balance between promotional content and community strengthening initiatives is extremely important. The library uses the results to find the optimal balance and ensures promotional efforts are consistent with user interests while promoting a sense of community and commitment. (Pradhan, 2016)

Responsive Communication Strategies: Analysis of user feedback and interaction patterns provides valuable insights into how libraries can improve their communication strategies. Being responsive to user inquiries, addressing concerns, and actively engaging with the audience contribute to a positive user experience. By including user content, comments and

offers in your service planning, you can develop libraries based on your users' needs. This user-oriented approach contributes to the constant improvement of library services. Based on the results, this subsection provides effective recommendations to libraries to improve interaction with social networks according to the results of content analysis.

Libraries need to develop a well-defined strategy for social networks that caters to their goals, target audiences and affordability. This strategy should include content planning, engagement initiatives and a concrete approach to the platform. Actively encouraging users to participate using interactive features, user content campaigns, and community discussions contribute to attribution. Libraries should create opportunities for patrons to actively engage and contribute. Regularly analyze social media metrics and user feedback to inform decision-making. The library can use data to clarify content strategies, identify trends, and adapt to communication for better participation.

The library should ensure that content on social networks is comprehensive and affordable. This includes providing alternative text for images, creating video captions, and using accessible languages to accommodate a diverse audience. Effectively use social media as a tool for education and promotion. Libraries can exchange information on their upcoming services, resources and events, demonstrating the value they bring to the community. By introducing these recommendations and adapting the services according to the consequences obtained from content analysis, libraries can improve their interaction with social networks, contribute to an online community animated and ultimately provide more efficient and oriented services . Although this study provides valuable information, there are ways for future research to extend and deepen our understanding of the use of social media in libraries and user engagement. The potential areas for a future survey include a long -term impact: research could explore the long -term impact of specific content strategies on user engagement and sustained growth in the library online communities. Comparative studies: Comparative studies of libraries of different types and sizes can subtly understand how social network strategies differ depending on institutional characteristics. (Al-Menayes, 2015)

Other studies allow us to dive into user segmentation and analyze how different user groups in the library respond to different types of content and engagement initiatives. Continuing research into algorithm changes on social network platforms and their results for visual and library involvement are necessary for long-term adaptation of strategies. Quality research allows users to explore the life experiences of users interacting with library content on social networks, providing a deeper understanding of their outlook and expectations.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study focused on understanding user engagement and delved into content analysis of social media use in libraries. This study uncovered several important findings that provide valuable insight into how libraries can connect dynamic social media landscapes with audiences. Analysis has shown that libraries use a variety of content strategies on various social media platforms, including event announcements, book recommendations, behind -the -scenes and interactive functions. Various platforms require suitable approaches, and the study has revealed that libraries strategically adapt their content to unique functions and the demography of users of each social network platform.

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QR CODES AND NFC TECHNOLOGY FOR QUICK ACCESS TO RESOURCES

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Abstract :*Using QR (Quick Response) code and NFC (Near Field Communication) tags in library can certainly be a valuable and innovative approach to enhance the utilization of library resources and services. It also make easier, fast and smooth working in library. QR & NFC technologies facilitate fast data transfer and allow seamless communication between patron and library.*

The researcher wants to explain the multiple aspects of QR codes and NFC tags in upgrading library collection and its services, with all possible execution to maximize their use. It increases the interest in freely available tools to generate QR codes and NFC tags to Librarian. With help of these approach, we can create an interactive and attractive library experience,by inspiring students to get in the library regularly and giving most of available resource.

Keywords : *QR Code; NFC; NFC Tag; Microchips; Library Services; Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*

Introduction –

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is an Information Technology (IT), which includes all communication technologies like the internet, wireless networks, cell phones, video-conferencing, social networking, computers, software, and other media applications and gives services which enabling users to access, retrieve, store, transmit, and develop information in a digital form. For the information exchange NFC and QR codes are the technology widely used in the various applications.

Objectives of Study –

1) To awareness of QR code & NFC Technology.
2) To promote mobile based Library services.
3) To promote mobile base library products.
4) To provide fast and easy library services to users.
5) To access library resources in two dimensional QR codes.
6) To save time of users and staff.
7) To Promote and aware of use of open source technology.

Need of Study –

Library is a growing organism as stated by our father of Library Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Everyday there is increase in collection of information and data in library. For Librarian it getting more difficult to manage or to update each and every data or information about books and services given by library.so to overcome this we can use NFC & QR Code technology.

NFC Technology in Library Operations –

NFC (Near Field Communication) - NFC is a short range, high-frequency, wireless communication technology that enable device to exchange data in short range approximately within 10 cm. Itis a powerful tool in the digital era to develop Digital Library. It helps to strengthen library activities in fluent manner, develop security, and provide an easy interactive experience for library users. Now a days NFC has get popular due to its simplicity. It is less time-consuming process so, for same reason libraries are now started to improving their traditional operations including library access, membership, inter loan process and books issue-returns, cataloguing of library books and Journals, audio and video materials, etc. For library user it provide secure and convenient financial transactions such as library payment for membership, fine or purchases etc. It boost library efficiency and eliminate many issues faced by librarian.

Uses of NFC in Library - As we discuss many uses of NFC are available but some of them are;

1) **Eliminate the Manual Data Entry -** Accession of books is a lengthy process and require more effort. But with the use of NFC tags allows Librarian as well as patron for easy access and borrow without the need for manual processing. Library members just need to tap their smartphones on the NFC tags embedded in books so that they can instantly retrieve information about the book and its availability, and even reserve or renew their books.
2) **To get Additional Information -**With the help of advanced of NFC technology libraries is improved accessibility. Also using NFC-enabled libraries, patrons can access additional information and resources through tags affixed to library materials such as audio versions, translations, or related online resources.
3) **Library Inventory Management -**Inventory management is a most critical aspect of library operations. With NFC tags libraries can smartly track the movement of materials, streamline inventory processes, and provide ensures about the availability of resources. For that when books or any library materials are received, library staff can tap the NFC tags on that, and the system will automatically update the library's database to reflect their arrival. It also used when items are moved or transferred within the library, staff can tap the NFC tags to update their location in the database to ensure the accurate tracking of library materials. Due to this it reduces the time and expenditure required for inventory management and liquidate the need for manual barcode scanning or counting.
4) **For making Library Enabled Smart Shelves -**NFC technology makes library enabled smart shelves with the help of NFC tags placed on library shelves. Whenever the visitor taps their device on a shelf's NFC tag, they can quickly access the books' information, such as titles, authors, and availability. So, in this way it assisting visitors in exact and quicker navigation through the library's inventory and provide them choices regarding the books they desire.
5) **Increases Library Security -**Every Librarian wants to protect books and valuable resources from theft and manage library safely. For that we use many different technologies, ideas and effort. We provide only authorized personnel could access the library. To reduce theft and increase library security NFC technology is to implement

advanced security measures. Libraries can track their inventory, prevent theft, and accurately locate missing items by embedding NFC tags in books. Also we can use NFC technology to execute restrictions on certain materials, secure their proper usage and preventing unauthorized access.

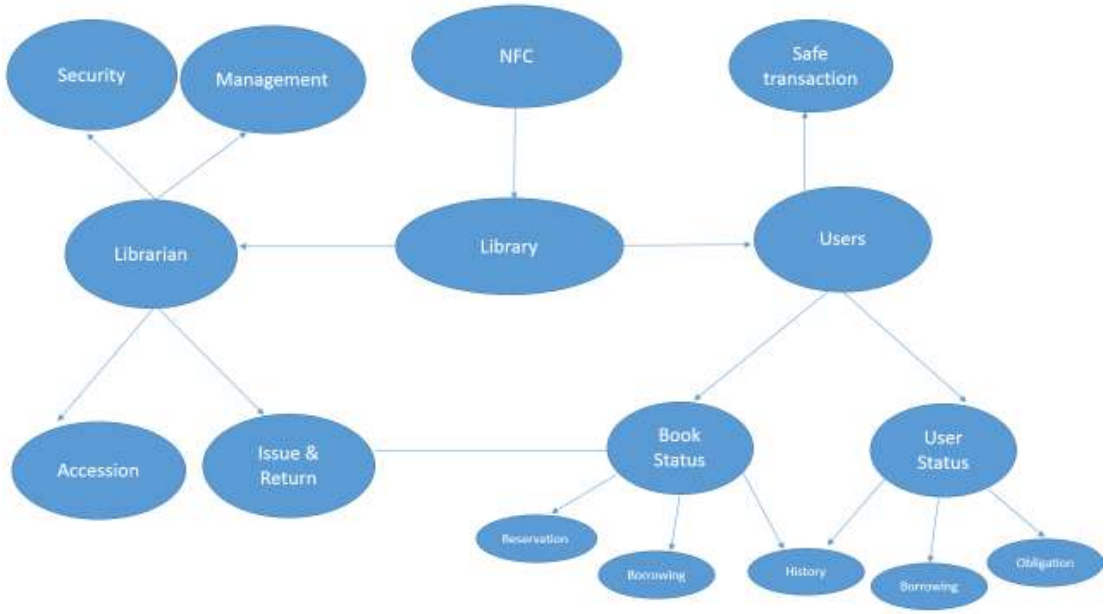

Fig.1 – Use of NFC Technology in Library

QR Codes Technology in Library Operations –

QR codes (Quick Response) –

QR codes are two-dimensional barcodes which has been scanned with a smartphone, camera or QR code reader app. It is widely used technology. Now a days many libraries were started using QR codes for library location findings, saving old question papers, news, articles etc. It provide easy access for user. We also link QR code to physical object or virtually anything to digital that provides detailed information on your products or services.QR codes are mostly available, inexpensive, and can be scanned from a distance. It provides contactless payment and allowed a high degree of traceability. After the COVID-19 pandemic, as more people looked for contactless solutions, Many Libraries are started using QR codes for providing information and data.

QR codes is a tool that fill the gap between printed and digital materials. They can store multiple data types, including numbers, Latin alphabets, digits, and also mathematical data's. The QR code is two-dimensional and has an ability of coding more than 7,000 characters. Due to this it can be used for coding more and more information.

There are many types of QR Codes depends on their use. But main two types of QR Codes 1) Static and 2) Dynamic are used.

Fig.2 – Types of mainly used QR Codes in Library

1) Static QR Codes - It encrypt information directly into the code and can't be edited or can't be overwritten once generated. Due this characteristics static QR codes are used to code data or information which cannot be changed after published or coded, it will always lead the same destination for a long time. But it is necessary to pay attention that the information or destination which is available in static QR code may change or become inaccessible over time even if the QR code remains unchanged. To avoid this QR Code can regularly checked for the given information to ensure that it is still accurate and up to date. In this way your data and Static QR code does not get expired.

2) Dynamic QRCodes - To Store data in an online server, making them editable. In Dynamic QR Codes short URL (*l*.ead.me/bbLviR) is used to redirects users to their desired landing page. It means it send user on to specific information or data or web page link with it. Due to this Dynamic QR are mostly used for tracking information or products. This QR can be read by QR code reader built in smart phone also. Dynamic QR code can collect data from scan statistics including the number of scans, the date, time, and location of a scan, as well as what operating system was used.There is alsothe option to select "Details" to see additional scan statistics. Dynamic QR are editable after being print also. That's why it gets easy to change both the function and content of a Dynamic QR Code at any time and whenever werequired.

QR Codes and its utilization Library –

QR Codes are the revolutionized tool for library. It enhances accessibility, efficiency and user engagement. Now we see how QR codes are beneficial for Library revolution.

1) For Effective library promotions - We can use QR codes for economical and money saving idea for marketing. They are mostly used for advertising events, new books and programs increasing community engagement and awareness of library offering library services.

2) To find Library Location - QR Codes can be used to find exact library location in widely spread area of school, college, university and in city also.

3) Simplified Book Searching - Library can provide two different QR for searching the books. First when user comes in library QR code printed on shelves can give information about the books available in shelves. Also on library website librarian can provide a QR for accessing e-library, e-books, e-resources, question papers, sample papers and other information regarding many activities done in library.

4) Instant Access to Reading Materials - With the help of QR code users can access e-Books research paper digital magazine instantly it is ideal for students and researchers also because it is time consuming and gives information's within a time it also extend the excess to remote users.

5) To Attract User towards Library -For engaging young and tech savvy patrons in library we can use QR codes them making the library experience more engaged. With the help of QR codes you attract tech savvy oriented users offering digital scavenger hunt interactive learning and automated reality features.

6)Breezing -To Fill the gap between printed formats like books, art, information and electronically stored information which can be accessible through electronic device, QR code are utilized. It also links printed formats to digital content like reviews given by author and many book readers.

7) Issue and Borrow - Convenient library process be offer patron for self-checkout and checking systems. By using QR code in cell check out system it started QR code based self-checkout system authorize user to borrow books quickly and effectively by scanning the codes given on the book and their library cards.

8) Assessing Audio and Video –We can provideQR code for assessing music, video clips and art collection available in Library. By using QR code we also link multiple media collections to communicator which provide an interactive and factual experience in the art exhibition. QR code create virtual exhibitions where QR code leads to detail information's about the artworks or musical pieces including artist bibliographical and historical information.

Conclusions –

1) By using combination of traditional and modern technology we can incorporate NFC and QR technology with new emerging technologies in library for its development in present digital era. This this technology provide personalized library service and enhances user experience and boost, motivate user for using library.

2) By conducting library user's research, we can investigating behavior and preferences of library users to inform the development of NFC and QR best library services.

3) By accepting NFC and QR Code technology, libraries can stay pioneer of innovation and enhance user experience and provide more efficient and accessible services.

4) Improve resource discovery by using QR Codes and NFC technology, we can link physical material, the manuscript and rare data to digital resources facilitating discovery and access to library collections.

Future Directions –

Improve resource discovery by using QR codes and NFC technology we can link physical material or the manuscript rare data in digital resources facilitating discovery and access to library collections.

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QR CODES AND NFC TECHNOLOGY FOR QUICK ACCESS TO RESOURCES: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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Abstract : *In today's fast-paced digital age, seamless access to information is paramount. Quick Response (QR) codes and Near Field Communication (NFC) technology have become prominent tools for facilitating instantaneous access to resources, whether physical or digital. QR codes offer an easy-to-scan solution to retrieve information, while NFC provides a touch-based interaction for secure data exchange. This research paper explores both technologies, compares their functionalities, examines their applications, and identifies their advantages and limitations for quick access to resources in various industries.*

Keywords: *QR Codes, NFC Technology, Quick Access, Resource Management, Contactless Communication, Digital Payments,*

Introduction

With the increasing reliance on digital technologies, the need for efficient and quick access to information and resources has grown significantly. Traditional methods, such as searching for URLs or scanning barcodes, often fall short in terms of speed and convenience. QR codes and NFC technology have emerged as viable solutions to this challenge, each offering distinct features and benefits that enhance user experiences. QR codes, as two-dimensional barcodes, store information that can be quickly retrieved through smartphones or dedicated scanners. On the other hand, NFC (Near Field Communication) operates via a short-range wireless communication protocol, enabling devices to exchange data with a simple tap.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive comparison of QR codes and NFC technology, exploring their mechanisms, applications, and advantages for accessing resources in real-time. By analyzing their use cases in various industries, we aim to provide insights into which technology best meets the needs of different contexts.

Objective

The primary objective of this study is to compare and analyze the functionalities, advantages, limitations, and applications of QR codes and NFC technology for quick access to resources. Specifically, the research aims to:

1. Explore the underlying technologies of QR codes and NFC.
2. Identify their key use cases in industries such as retail, healthcare, and transportation.

3. Compare the security, cost-effectiveness, speed, and user experience of both technologies.
4. Assess the adoption barriers and future potential of QR codes and NFC in facilitating seamless access to resources.

Hypothesis

1. **Primary Hypothesis**: NFC technology provides faster, more secure, and user-friendly access to resources compared to QR codes, particularly in applications involving sensitive data transactions like mobile payments and access control.
2. **Secondary Hypothesis**: QR codes, while less secure, offer greater versatility, cost-effectiveness, and wider compatibility, making them more accessible and ideal for widespread use in marketing, education, and public services.

1. QR Codes: An Overview

1.1. Definition and Technology

A QR code is a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional barcode) that can store various forms of information such as text, URLs, contact details, or even payment data. QR codes were first developed in Japan in 1994 by Denso Wave, a subsidiary of Toyota, to track automotive parts. However, with the advent of smartphones and digital wallets, QR codes have become ubiquitous in modern society, offering a fast and effective way to access information.

QR codes consist of black and white squares arranged in a grid pattern, and they can be read by any device with a camera and a QR code reader. When a user scans the code, the device decodes the data and processes the request, whether it be opening a webpage, retrieving a discount coupon, or linking to a Wi-Fi network.

1.2. Applications of QR Codes

QR codes are widely used across different sectors:

- **Retail**: QR codes are used for product information, promotional content, and contactless payment methods.
- **Marketing and Advertising**: QR codes enable easy access to digital content, special offers, and website links from printed materials like posters, flyers, and business cards.
- **Education**: QR codes can store links to online resources, videos, or learning modules, enhancing educational materials and providing quick access to supplementary content.
- **Healthcare**: Medical records, prescriptions, and appointment scheduling can be linked via QR codes, making healthcare systems more efficient.
- **Public Services**: QR codes are used in public transport systems for ticketing, as well as in museums, exhibitions, and historical sites to provide visitors with additional information.

1.3. Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

- **Ease of Use**: QR codes can be scanned with a simple click of a smartphone camera.
- **Cost-Effective**: QR codes are free to generate and require minimal infrastructure for deployment.
- **Versatility**: QR codes can store various types of data, including links, text, and multimedia content.

Limitations:

- **Dependence on Visual Clarity**: QR codes may be difficult to scan if printed poorly or damaged.
- **Security Concerns**: Malicious QR codes can potentially redirect users to harmful websites or initiate unintended actions.

2. NFC Technology: An Overview

2.1. Definition and Technology

Near Field Communication (NFC) is a wireless communication technology that enables devices to exchange data by being in close proximity, typically within a range of 4 cm or less. NFC technology operates on the principles of radio-frequency identification (RFID) but differs in that it requires active communication between two devices. This technology allows for secure, quick, and intuitive interactions with just a tap.

The NFC protocol is supported by a wide range of devices, including smartphones, contactless payment cards, access control systems, and smart tags. NFC is commonly used for both data transfer and secure authentication.

2.2. Applications of NFC

NFC has found applications in various fields due to its versatility:

- **Mobile Payments**: NFC is widely used for contactless payments, with platforms such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay relying on NFC technology to allow users to make quick and secure transactions.
- **Access Control**: NFC tags are often used for secure access to buildings, hotels, and even public transportation systems.
- **Event Management**: NFC-enabled wristbands and tickets are used to grant entry to events, providing a seamless and efficient entry process.
- **Healthcare**: NFC technology allows for secure access to medical devices, patient records, and medication data.

2.3. Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

- **Security**: NFC transactions are highly secure, thanks to encryption protocols that prevent unauthorized access.
- **Convenience**: The tap-based interaction is intuitive and does not require direct line-of-sight, unlike QR codes.
- **Speed**: NFC data exchanges are faster than QR code scanning, often requiring just a brief tap for authentication or data retrieval.

Limitations:

- **Range**: The short range (a few centimeters) limits the usability of NFC in some contexts.
- **Device Compatibility**: Not all smartphones or devices support NFC, which can limit its widespread adoption.
- **Cost**: Implementing NFC systems requires additional hardware, such as NFC-enabled devices or tags, which may incur costs.

3. QR Codes vs. NFC Technology: A Comparative Analysis

3.1. Speed and Ease of Use

QR codes and NFC both offer quick access to resources, but NFC has the advantage in terms of speed. While scanning a QR code may take a few seconds, NFC interactions are almost instantaneous, requiring just a tap of the device. However, QR codes are easier to generate and deploy, as they only require a printed code and no additional hardware beyond a standard camera.

3.2. Security

In terms of security, NFC is superior. NFC transactions, particularly in mobile payments, utilize encryption and authentication methods to ensure secure data exchange. QR codes, on the other hand, can be vulnerable to security threats, such as phishing attacks where malicious links are embedded in the code.

3.3. Infrastructure and Cost

QR codes are inexpensive to generate and require minimal infrastructure. Users only need a smartphone with a camera to scan the code. In contrast, NFC requires the use of specialized tags, readers, or NFC-enabled devices, which can be more costly to deploy and maintain.

3.4. Compatibility

QR codes are universally compatible with most smartphones and cameras, whereas NFC requires specific hardware support, which can limit its accessibility. However, NFC's integration into mobile payment systems and secure authentication is increasingly expanding its reach.

3.5. Versatility

QR codes are more versatile than NFC in terms of the types of information they can store and the variety of devices that can scan them. They can store URLs, text, and multimedia content, making them applicable across many sectors. NFC, while excelling in security and speed, is limited to specific use cases, such as payment systems and access control.

4. Use Cases and Applications

4.1. Retail and Commerce

- **QR Codes**: Used for product information, promotions, and payment systems.
- **NFC**: Commonly used for contactless payments (e.g., Apple Pay) and loyalty programs, offering a faster and more secure transaction experience.

4.2. Healthcare

- **QR Codes**: Used for linking to medical records or patient information in a healthcare setting.
- **NFC**: Enables secure access to medical devices and patient data, ensuring a more streamlined and secure system for healthcare professionals.

4.3. Travel and Tourism

- **QR Codes**: Commonly found in transportation systems (bus tickets, train passes) and in tourist locations for accessing information.
- **NFC**: Used in NFC-enabled cards or mobile apps for seamless check-ins at airports, hotels, or theme parks.

Conclusion

Both QR codes and NFC technology play crucial roles in providing quick access to resources across various sectors. QR codes offer simplicity, cost-effectiveness, and broad compatibility, making them ideal for marketing, education, and public services. NFC, however, excels in security, speed, and convenience, especially in scenarios requiring secure transactions or access control.

While QR codes are universally accessible and inexpensive to deploy, NFC provides enhanced functionality in areas that require more secure or rapid interactions, particularly in mobile payments and authentication systems. Ultimately, the choice between QR codes and NFC depends on the specific needs of the industry, considering factors such as cost, security, speed, and ease of use.

Future developments in both technologies may lead to even more integrated and seamless ways to access resources, suggesting that the two will continue to complement each other in our increasingly digital world.

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Cyber Securities in Libraries

PROTECTING USER PRIVACY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN LIBRARY SYSTEMS: A CYBER SECURITY PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract: *Libraries are integral to the dissemination of knowledge, but the growing digital transformation of library systems introduces significant cybersecurity risks. These risks, including data breaches, intellectual property theft, and cyberattacks, threaten both user privacy and intellectual property protection. This paper explores the cybersecurity challenges facing libraries and examines the technical measures necessary to secure these critical systems, such as encryption, AI-driven threat detection, and blockchain. Additionally, it delves into emerging technologies, system design considerations, and practical solutions to overcome operational challenges. The paper concludes with a discussion on how libraries can enhance their cybersecurity frameworks despite resource limitations and evolving threats.*

Keywords*—Libraries, cybersecurity, data protection, encryption, intellectual property, artificial intelligence, blockchain, system design.*

Introduction

Libraries have long been trusted as sanctuaries of knowledge, providing essential access to information for the public. However, as libraries increasingly rely on digital resources—such as electronic books, online catalogs, and digital archives—they have become vulnerable to a range of cybersecurity threats. These systems store sensitive information, including personally identifiable information (PII) and intellectual property (e.g., books, journals, research data), making them prime targets for cybercriminals. In addition to the direct impact on privacy and security, cyberattacks can erode public trust and damage the reputation of libraries.

Cybersecurity is no longer optional for libraries but a fundamental requirement to ensure that patrons' data and intellectual property are safeguarded. This paper explores the key cybersecurity threats confronting libraries and outlines the technical solutions that can mitigate these risks. We discuss emerging technologies—such as AI, blockchain, and edge computing—that offer new opportunities for strengthening security. Finally, we address common operational challenges and propose practical solutions to help libraries improve their cybersecurity posture.

Cybersecurity Threats in Library Systems

Libraries face a variety of cybersecurity threats due to their reliance on digital infrastructure and the vast repositories of sensitive information they manage. The major cybersecurity threats to library systems include:

A. Data Breaches

Data breaches involve unauthorized access to sensitive information, such as personal details, borrowing history, and payment information. With libraries increasingly storing large amounts

of personal data, they have become attractive targets for cybercriminals. A data breach can expose patron information, resulting in significant legal, financial, and reputational damage.

B. Intellectual Property Theft

Digital assets, including e-books, journals, and research data, are vulnerable to theft and illegal distribution. Cybercriminals may exploit security weaknesses to steal these assets, leading to copyright violations, revenue loss, and reputational harm to content creators and libraries themselves. Intellectual property theft also undermines the broader goal of promoting knowledge-sharing in a secure environment.

C. Insider Threats

Library staff, who often have elevated access privileges, pose a significant risk to system security. Whether through intentional misconduct or unintentional actions, insiders can leak, steal, or misuse sensitive data. Insiders may also be susceptible to social engineering tactics, allowing attackers to gain unauthorized access to critical systems.

D. Ransomware Attacks

Ransomware attacks are increasingly targeting libraries. In these attacks, cybercriminals encrypt critical data and demand payment for its release. Such attacks can cripple library operations, leading to data loss, prolonged downtime, and severe financial losses. Libraries, especially smaller or underfunded institutions, are particularly vulnerable to such attacks.

E. Phishing and Social Engineering

Phishing attacks, where attackers impersonate legitimate entities to steal login credentials or financial information, are common in library systems. Both staff and patrons are potential targets of these attacks, which can result in unauthorized access to library systems and the exposure of personal or financial data.**Technical Solutions for Protecting Privacy and Intellectual Property**

To mitigate these threats, libraries must adopt a range of technical solutions that adhere to modern cybersecurity best practices. The following measures are essential:

A. Data Protection through Encryption

Encryption is a fundamental security measure to protect sensitive data. Advanced encryption protocols such as AES-256 for data at rest and TLS 1.3 for data in transit are crucial for safeguarding both stored and transmitted data. Additionally, end-to-end encryption (E2EE) is recommended for systems where patrons enter personal data online, such as during registration or payment transactions.

B. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and Access Control

MFA significantly enhances security by requiring users to provide two or more forms of identification before accessing library systems. This is particularly vital for staff members with access to administrative functions. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) should be implemented to ensure that users only access data and systems necessary for their roles, limiting the exposure of sensitive information.

C. AI-Based Threat Detection

Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers powerful tools for enhancing threat detection and incident response. AI systems can analyze network traffic patterns and identify anomalous behaviors that may indicate an impending cyberattack. Machine learning algorithms can be trained to detect phishing emails, fraudulent activities, and other malicious communications, providing an additional layer of protection for library systems.

D. Blockchain for Intellectual Property Protection

Blockchain technology provides a decentralized and immutable ledger for managing and protecting intellectual property in digital formats. By utilizing blockchain, libraries can ensure that digital copies of books, articles, and other materials are securely stored and protected from unauthorized distribution. Blockchain can also support digital rights management (DRM), ensuring that content is accessible only to authorized users.

E. Data Anonymization and Masking

For libraries that collect personal data, data anonymization and masking are vital techniques to mitigate the risks of data breaches. Differential privacy algorithms can aggregate data while ensuring that individual identities are not easily re-identified, preserving both privacy and utility.

System Design and Architecture

Library systems should be designed with security in mind from the outset. A layered security approach ensures that if one layer is breached, other protective measures remain intact. Key architectural considerations include:

A. Network Security and Segmentation

Libraries must implement network segmentation to isolate sensitive data (such as user information and intellectual property) from less-sensitive systems. Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) and firewalls can help protect critical systems from external threats and unauthorized access.

B. Cloud Security

Many libraries are migrating their systems to the cloud, which presents unique security challenges. Libraries should thoroughly vet cloud providers' security measures to ensure compliance with industry standards and regulatory requirements. Data encryption and access control mechanisms should be enforced at every stage of cloud data storage and processing.

C. Real-Time Monitoring and Intrusion Detection

Libraries must deploy Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS) to detect and respond to unauthorized access attempts. Additionally, Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems can provide real-time monitoring, collecting logs from various systems to detect anomalous behavior and potential breaches.

Emerging Technologies to Enhance Library Cybersecurity

The integration of emerging technologies provides an opportunity to future-proof library cybersecurity. Notable technologies include:

A. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)

AI and ML are revolutionizing cybersecurity across industries. Libraries can implement AI-driven threat detection systems that analyze vast amounts of data to detect vulnerabilities and predict potential attacks. Machine learning algorithms can also be trained to detect advanced persistent threats (APTs) targeting library systems.

B. Blockchain

Blockchain technology offers a decentralized, immutable ledger that ensures digital intellectual property remains secure and tamper-resistant. Libraries can leverage blockchain for managing access to digital resources, preventing unauthorized distribution, and providing transparent rights management.

C. Edge Computing

Edge computing involves processing data closer to its source, reducing latency and enhancing security. Libraries can deploy edge computing solutions to process sensitive data locally, minimizing the risk of data interception during transmission and improving overall system responsiveness.

Security Audits and Compliance

A. Importance of Security Audits

Regular security audits are essential to ensure that cybersecurity measures remain effective and aligned with best practices. These audits help detect vulnerabilities, assess compliance with industry standards, and provide accountability for data access and usage.

B. Types of Audits

- **Access Control Audits**: Regular reviews of user permissions and access logs ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive information.
- **Compliance Audits**: Libraries must adhere to privacy regulations like GDPR, CCPA, and emerging international standards governing personal data.
- **Vulnerability Audits**: Tools such as Nessus and Wireshark can be used to scan for system vulnerabilities and potential weaknesses.
- **Penetration Testing**: Simulated cyberattacks identify weaknesses before malicious actors can exploit them.

Challenges, Limitations, and Solutions

While the need for robust cybersecurity is clear, libraries face several challenges in implementing security measures. The following are key challenges and solutions:

A. Legacy Systems

Many libraries still rely on outdated systems incompatible with modern cybersecurity technologies.

Solution: Libraries should prioritize upgrading core infrastructure and integrate legacy systems with new security measures, such as encryption layers or access controls, to provide immediate protection.

B. Budgetary Constraints

Many libraries face financial limitations, making it challenging to implement cutting-edge security solutions.

Solution: Libraries can explore open-source cybersecurity solutions and collaborate with other institutions to pool resources. Additionally, cloud-based security solutions often provide cost-effective options.

C. Lack of Cybersecurity Expertise

Many library staff lack the technical expertise needed to manage complex cybersecurity systems.

Solution: Libraries should invest in cybersecurity training and certification programs for staff. Collaboration with external cybersecurity consultants can also help manage complex systems.

D. Resistance to Change

Both library staff and patrons may resist new security measures due to perceived complexity.

Solution: Libraries should emphasize the importance of cybersecurity through education and communication. Implementing user-friendly solutions, such as Single Sign-On (SSO), and gradually rolling out security measures can help mitigate resistance.

Conclusion

The cybersecurity landscape for libraries is complex and ever-evolving. Libraries must take proactive steps to safeguard user data and intellectual property by adopting advanced security technologies such as encryption, AI-driven threat detection, blockchain, and edge computing. Regular security audits, combined with careful planning to address operational challenges, will help libraries enhance their security posture and maintain public trust. By addressing these issues, libraries can continue to play a vital role in society while protecting the privacy and intellectual property of their patrons.

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CYBER SECURITY IN LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *As libraries incorporate more digital tools and services into their operations, cyber security becomes a more significant problem. The risk of cyber attacks has increased due to our growing reliance on online databases, cloud-based storage systems, and electronic resources. The importance of cyber security in libraries, the kinds of cyber threats they encounter, and the best practices and tactics to safeguard user privacy and library data are all covered in this article.*

Keywords :*Ramsomware, Cloud Security, Blockchain, Phishing*

1. Introduction

Libraries have evolved in recent years from conventional physical locations to cutting-edge online hubs that provide access to a wealth of digital information and services. Libraries are becoming great targets for cyber attacks because of the change in how they manage and preserve sensitive information brought about by the incorporation of new technology. Libraries benefit greatly from digital collections because they give users access to a variety of scholarly materials, including as databases, e-books, electronic journals, and multimedia. Libraries frequently organise and oversee these collections to assist teachers, students, and researchers in their research, teaching, and learning endeavors'. (Watkins et al., 2015). This paper's focus is on how libraries should view cyber security as a basic and essential component when establishing their information system infrastructure, regardless of their financial resources, and how to set up procedures that allow each functional office within the organisation to assume responsibility for information security. (Ajie, 2019).

2. The Importance of Cyber security in Libraries

Sensitive data, including academic materials, research resources, and patron information, is stored by libraries. Private information might be made public, intellectual property could be lost, and the institution's image could be harmed by a breach of library systems. As a result, protecting digital assets has become essential for maintaining user confidence as well as the availability of library services.

a) **Data Privacy:**Names, library card numbers, and borrowing records are among the personal information that libraries are responsible for protecting. Unauthorised access may result in data abuse or identity theft.
b) **Intellectual Property Protection:**Digitally stored academic and research resources must be protected from dissemination, duplication, and illegal access.

3. Cyber Threats Faced by Libraries

Libraries are especially susceptible to cyber attacks because of their open access policy and dependence on outside digital resources.

a) **Phishing and Social Engineering Attacks:** Patrons and library employees might be duped into disclosing personal information or login passwords. Phishing attacks entail posing as reliable organisations in order to fool consumers into disclosing private information. (Boulton, 2017). Phishing emails, texts, or websites may target users of digital collections, such as administrators and academics. People can be tricked by social engineering tactics into divulging login passwords or other important information. (Ajie, 2019; Boulton, 2017).

b) **Ransomware:**Libraries are vulnerable to ransomware attacks, in which online thieves encrypt data and demand payment to unlock it. One kind of malware that can impact computers, servers, and other devices is ransomware.Particularly, ransomware attacks have the ability to encrypt data and demand a fee to unlock it, resulting in serious interruptions. (Boulton, 2017)

c) **Data Breaches:**Cyber attacks can steal academic content or private user information by taking advantage of flaws in library systems. When sensitive information is accessed by unauthorised parties, data breaches take place. A data breach may expose research materials, copyrighted content, or personal information in the context of digital collections. Hackers may obtain unauthorised access by taking advantage of system flaws. (Boulton, 2017).

d) **Denial of Service (DoS) attacks:** These assaults have the potential to interrupt resource access by taking down digital services or library websites. The goal of denial-of-service (DoS) assaults is to overwhelm a system's resources so that authorised users cannot use it. These kinds of assaults have the potential to interfere with access to digital collections, depriving the public, students, and researchers of important resources. Attacks known as Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) are very powerful because they involve flooding the target with several systems.

e) **Insider Threats:** People who misuse their authorised access to digital assets within an organisation or institution are known as insider dangers. These might be volunteers, contractors, or staff members who purposefully or inadvertently abuse or divulge private information. Because they are close to the data and systems, insider threats represent a serious danger. (Boulton, 2017).

f) **Third-Party Risks:**For a number of reasons, including hosting, data storage, and content management systems, digital collections frequently depend on outside vendors or service providers. The security of the digital collection may be at risk due to inadequate security measures or flaws in these third-party systems. Making sure these partners adhere to strong cyber security procedures is crucial. (Boulton, 2017).

4. Cyber security Measures for Libraries

Libraries must implement thorough security measures to safeguard their employees and visitors in light of the diverse array of cyber threats.

a) **Encryption:**Sensitive information should always be encrypted, both in transit and at rest, to prevent readable data from being intercepted.

b) **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** MFA lessens unwanted access by requiring several kinds of authentication, such as passwords and SMS codes.

c) **Regular Security Audits:**Finding weaknesses and strengthening the library's cyber security posture may be accomplished by conducting routine audits of its systems.
d) **Firewall and Anti-virus Software:** Setting up firewalls and antivirus programs can serve as defences against malware and malevolent invasions.

5. Best Practices for Cyber security in Libraries

In addition to technical measures, libraries should adopt a culture of cyber security awareness among staff and patrons.

a) **Staff Training:** It's crucial to make sure library employees understand the dangers of cyberspace and how to prevent them. This entails being aware of phishing schemes and managing your passwords effectively.
b) **Patron Education**: Libraries ought to educate its users on safe online habits, such avoiding dubious emails and using secure passwords.
c) **Data Backup and Recovery Plans:** In the event of a cyber attack, regular backups of digital assets and customer data are crucial, as is a strong recovery strategy.
d) **Secure network infrastructure:**Install firewalls, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and update network hardware and software often to guarantee the security of the library's network infrastructure. (Netwrix, 2023).
e) **Maintain up-to-date software:** To fix known vulnerabilities, patch and upgrade operating systems, software programs, and security solutions on a regular basis. Cyberattacks may easily target outdated software. (Boulton, 2017).
f) **Regular security assessments:**To find flaws and vulnerabilities in the library's systems and infrastructure, conduct regular security audits and assessments. Penetration testing, vulnerability scanning, and security risk assessments are a few examples of this. Deal with any problems as soon as they are discovered. (Boulton, 2017).

6. Legal and Ethical Considerations

The ethical and legal implications of cyber security must also be taken into account by libraries.

a) **Compliance with Regulations**: If libraries handle sensitive data, they have to abide by laws like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

b) **Ethical Obligation:** Libraries have an ethical duty to safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of the personal information of its users. Breaking this trust might harm the credibility and reputation of the library.

7. Case Studies of Cyber security Challenges in Libraries

A number of cases demonstrate how crucial cyber security is for libraries:

a) **The New York Public Library (NYPL):** experienced a data breach when customer records were accessed without authorisation. A thorough assessment of library security procedures was prompted by this incident.

b) **The University of California Libraries:**encountered a ransomware assault that caused a brief interruption of access to educational materials. The institution made significant investments in cyber security infrastructure as a result of this event.

8. Emerging Trends in Library Cyber security

Libraries need to keep up with the latest developments in cyber security as the area is always changing.

a) **Cloud Security:**Making sure cloud services adhere to security requirements is crucial as libraries transition to cloud-based solutions. Strong cloud security measures are crucial as libraries use cloud-based services more and more for data management, collaboration, and storage. To safeguard sensitive data and guarantee adherence to privacy laws, technologies including encryption, access restrictions, secure application programming interfaces (APIs), and data loss prevention (DLP) solutions are essential. (Palo Alto Networks, n.d.).

b) **AI and Machine Learning:**By seeing odd patterns of behaviour or questionable activity, these tools can assist libraries in proactively identifying security threats. Because AI and machine learning can automate threat detection and response, they can be extremely useful in cybersecurity. Large volumes of data may be analysed by these technologies to find trends, abnormalities, and possible security flaws. Real-time network traffic monitoring, malicious activity detection, and proactive defence measures against cyber attacks can all be facilitated by AI-powered systems.

c) **Blockchain for Digital Content Protection:**Blockchain technology may offer a safe solution for tracking academic resource usage and managing digital rights. Blockchain provides a decentralised, impenetrable platform that can improve authentication, privacy, and data integrity. Academic records, research data, and sensitive user information are all handled by academic libraries. Blockchain can safeguard intellectual property rights, facilitate safe and transparent transactions, and stop illegal access to or alteration of important data. (Zhang, 2019).

Conclusion

Cybersecurity will continue to be a primary concern as libraries develop in the digital era. To preserve confidence and continue offering services, it is crucial to secure sensitive information, intellectual property, and customer privacy. Libraries need to have strong cyber security policies, keep up with new threats, and teach employees and users the value of cyber security.

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DEVELOPING A CYBER SECURITY FRAMEWORK FOR LIBRARIES: A CASE STUDY

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Abstract: *This research paper investigates the development of a cyber security framework tailored for libraries, using a case study of a university library. As libraries increasingly rely on digital systems to store sensitive information, including personal user data and intellectual property, they face significant cyber security risks. Despite this, many libraries lack comprehensive cyber security measures. This study proposes a cyber security framework that addresses the unique needs of libraries and ensures the protection of user data, privacy, and library resources. The case study highlights the challenges of implementing the framework and offers practical recommendations for improving cyber security in library settings.*

Keywords:*Cyber security, Libraries, Information Security, Framework, Case Study, Library Management, Data Protection, Risk Management*

1. Introduction

Background and Context

The digital transformation of libraries has made it possible for them to provide a wide range of services, including access to online databases, e-books, and digital archives. However, this also exposes libraries to a variety of cyber threats. Libraries handle sensitive user data, such as names, addresses, borrowing histories, and even payment information, making them prime targets for cyber attacks. Cyber security measures in libraries are often insufficient, with many institutions lacking dedicated resources to address these issues. This research aims to develop a cyber security framework specifically designed for libraries.

Research Problem

The main problem identified in this research is the lack of a tailored cyber security framework for libraries, which makes them vulnerable to cyber threats. Many existing frameworks are not designed with libraries in mind, and the unique nature of library operations presents challenges in applying generic cyber security practices.

Purpose and Scope

This research aims to develop a cyber security framework for libraries and apply it to a university library case study. The goal is to create a framework that not only addresses common cyber threats but also accommodates the specific needs of libraries, such as protecting intellectual property, ensuring user privacy, and maintaining system integrity.

2. Literature Review

Cyber security in Libraries

Libraries, especially those in academic settings, handle vast amounts of data that must be protected. A lack of cyber security awareness can result in serious breaches, which may

jeopardize the trust of library users. Existing literature indicates that libraries are often underprepared for cyber security incidents, with limited budgets for cyber security measures.

Cyber security Frameworks

Several cyber security frameworks exist, such as the NIST Cyber security Framework and ISO/IEC 27001, which are designed to protect information systems. However, these frameworks are not always directly applicable to libraries, as they do not take into account the specific functions and resources libraries manage, such as the management of digital collections, databases, and user access.

Security Threats in Libraries

Libraries are vulnerable to a variety of cyber threats, including:

- **Data breaches**: Unauthorized access to personal user data.
- **Phishing attacks**: Deceptive communications aimed at stealing login credentials.
- **Ransom ware**: Malicious software that encrypts library data and demands a ransom for its release.
- **Malware**: Software that can disrupt library operations, corrupt data, or steal information.

Regulatory Compliance

Libraries are also bound by regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the EU, which requires them to protect user data. Compliance with these regulations demands robust cyber security protocols and frameworks.

3. Methodology

Case Study Selection

The case study for this research focuses on the university library of XYZ University, which has experienced increasing cyber security challenges due to its growing digital resources and user base. The library's infrastructure includes a network of servers, databases, and online systems that store sensitive user information.

Research Design

A qualitative research approach was adopted for this study. The framework development involved a combination of risk assessments, interviews with library staff, and a review of current cyber security practices. The objective was to identify key vulnerabilities and gaps in existing security measures.

Data Collection

Data was collected through:

- **Interviews** with library IT staff and management to assess their current security practices.
- **Surveys** of library users to gauge their awareness of cyber security risks.
- **System audits** to identify security weaknesses in the library's infrastructure.

Framework Development Process

The cyber security framework was developed using the following steps:

- **Risk assessment**: Identifying potential threats and vulnerabilities specific to the library environment.
- **Security control implementation**: Implementing technical and organizational measures to address identified risks.
- **Compliance integration**: Ensuring the framework aligns with relevant data protection laws and regulations.
- **Training and awareness**: Designing training programs for library staff and users on cyber security best practices.

4. Results

Findings from the Case Study

The case study revealed several key cyber security challenges faced by XYZ University Library:

- The library had outdated software and lacked advanced encryption for user data.
- The library's staff had limited cyber security training, resulting in weak password practices and insufficient monitoring of digital resources.
- The library's network was vulnerable to malware and phishing attacks, with a lack of proactive threat detection systems.

Proposed Cyber security Framework

The proposed framework consists of five key components:

1. **Risk Management**: Identifying, evaluating, and managing risks associated with library systems.
2. **Access Control**: Implementing role-based access control (RBAC) to ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive data.
3. **Data Protection**: Encrypting user data and ensuring secure storage and transmission of library resources.
4. **Incident Response**: Developing a clear incident response plan to quickly address breaches and cyber attacks.
5. **Staff Training**: Implementing regular cyber security training sessions for all library staff, along with awareness campaigns for users.
6. **Comparison with Existing Frameworks**: The framework was compared to existing cyber security standards like NIST and ISO 27001. While these frameworks are comprehensive, the proposed framework adds specific guidelines for library operations, such as managing digital collections and user data privacy.

5. Discussion

Impact on Library Operations

The implementation of this cyber security framework is expected to significantly reduce the risk of data breaches and cyber attacks. It will enhance user trust and ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of library services. By addressing the specific needs of libraries, this framework provides a tailored approach to managing cyber security risks.

Challenges and Limitations

Implementing the cyber security framework posed several challenges:

- **Budget Constraints**: Limited financial resources made it difficult to implement certain advanced security technologies.

- **Resistance to Change**: Some staff members were initially reluctant to adopt new security practices.
- **Ongoing Maintenance**: Continuous monitoring and updating of systems will require sustained effort and resources.

Recommendations

- **Staff Education**: Regular training should be mandatory for all library staff to keep them updated on cyber security threats and best practices.
- **Investment in Technology**: Libraries should allocate a portion of their budget to invest in modern cyber security tools, such as encryption software and intrusion detection systems.
- **User Awareness Programs**: Libraries should run educational campaigns to help users recognize phishing attempts and other common cyber threats.

6. Conclusion

Summary of Findings

This study developed a cyber security framework tailored for libraries and applied it to a university library case study. The framework addresses critical vulnerabilities and provides a comprehensive approach to managing cyber security risks in libraries.

Implications for the Library Sector

The findings highlight the importance of a dedicated cyber security framework in libraries. Implementing this framework can enhance the security of digital resources and build user confidence. Libraries must prioritize cyber security as part of their overall service offering.

Future Research

Future research should explore the effectiveness of the proposed framework across different types of libraries, such as public libraries and special libraries. Additionally, research into emerging technologies like artificial intelligence for cyber security in libraries could offer new solutions to enhance security.

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CYBER SECURITY AND ITS IMPLICATION ON ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *It is an undeniable fact that technological advancements have reached a point where it is nearly impossible for individuals to function without internet-connected devices or abstain from services offered through internet connections. However, alongside these advancements, the internet has also introduced threats, attacks, and crimes in cyberspace. The near invisibility of individual interactions online has made cyberattacks particularly challenging to combat. While technology has created the cyberspace and its associated insecurities, it is also advancing rapidly to provide tools and solutions aimed at securing the digital environment. Various security measures are regularly introduced to counteract cyber threats, such as two-step verification, antivirus programs, and firewalls, among others, as discussed in this paper. This paper reviews the issue of privacy invasion, particularly in relation to the security measures implemented to protect against cyberattacks, and explores the ethical implications of these security practices, especially within the context of libraries.*

Keywords*: Cyber security, Cyber-attacks, Privacy, Library, Users' data,*

Introduction:

Cyberspace and Its Impact on Libraries

The term "cyberspace" was coined by William Gibson in 1982, although the concept gained widespread recognition in the 1990s with the advent of the World Wide Web (WWW) (Lippert & Robert, 2021). While there is no universal definition for "cyberspace," Lippert and Robert (2021) describe it as a global domain within the information environment, consisting of a network of information technology infrastructures. These include the Internet, telecommunication networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers, all of which reference objects and identities that exist within this virtual space. This definition aligns with similar descriptions from other authors. Simply put, cyberspace is a virtual realm that supports and facilitates online communication.

Cyberspace can be understood in three layers: the physical layer, which includes geographical and physical network components; the logical layer, which comprises the logical network components; and the virtual space that has become increasingly popular due to social media and cloud computing. Technological advancements have reached a point where it is almost impossible to live without internet-connected devices or completely abstain from the services enabled by internet connections. The library sector is not exempt from this trend, as libraries have increasingly moved online and adopted virtual spaces to enhance library management, usage, and services for users.

However, with the rapid expansion of the internet and cyberspace, there are associated risks such as cyber threats, attacks, and crimes. The anonymity of online interactions has made cyberattacks a difficult crime to combat. At the same time, the technology that gave rise to cyberspace and its insecurities is also rapidly advancing to create tools and solutions to secure

the digital space. As nearly everything becomes internet-enabled or connected, it is increasingly challenging to keep one's personal data or information secure from cyberspace.

The virtual world is now integral to modern life and has transformed the way things are done, especially when compared to the early days of computer technology. Every webpage visited is logged and archived, contributing to the vast amount of personal data left behind in cyberspace.

The Library in Cyberspace

The library serves as a custodian of diverse and extensive information sources. Before the advent of computers and information technology, libraries were primarily storehouses for books and manuscripts, organized and categorized for easy access. Over time, libraries expanded from storing traditional materials like carvings, parchments, scrolls, and pictorials to housing information in various forms, such as on disks, CD-ROMs, and microfilms.

With the rise of technology, the medium of information resources in libraries also evolved. Libraries transitioned from manually performing tasks to automating services to reduce the burden of repetitive tasks and improve service delivery. This shift paved the way for libraries to become digital. Going digital allowed libraries to store vast amounts of information without needing larger physical spaces. Electronic resources, digital collections, and online services became central to library operations.

In the 21st century, ICT-compliant libraries now have a strong digital presence, offering real-time services to users. Most services that were once limited to physical libraries can now be accessed online, such as user registration, access to library catalogs, book loans, current awareness services, reference services, and even reading materials. The rise of virtual space has made library usage and management more efficient. Information management has also evolved from computer network-based systems to cloud computing, enabling even greater flexibility and accessibility for libraries and their users.

Overview of Digital Collections in Academic Libraries

Digital Collections

Digital collections refer to curated sets of digital resources or materials available in electronic format. These collections can include a variety of digital content, such as documents, images, videos, audio recordings, and datasets. Digital collections are typically created and maintained by libraries, archives, museums, educational institutions, government agencies, and other organizations that aim to preserve and provide access to valuable cultural, historical, scientific, or educational materials. These collections cover a wide range of subjects and themes, catering to diverse interests and research needs.

Types of Digital Collections There are various forms of digital collections, which performs different functions based on their nature and the purpose they were made for. Here are some types:

Types of Digital Collections

Digital collections come in various forms, each serving different functions based on their nature and the purpose for which they were created. Some common types include:

- **Digital Libraries**
- **Digital Archives**
- **Image Galleries**
- **Video Archives**
- **Data Repositories**
- **Digital Museums**
- **Digital Exhibitions**
- **Specialized Collections**

Advantages of Digital Collections

The benefits of digital collections include:

- **Access and Availability:** Digital collections provide easy, remote access to materials from anywhere.
- **Preservation and Conservation:** They help in the long-term preservation of valuable resources.
- **Searchability and Discoverability:** Digital formats make it easier to search and locate specific items.
- **Enhanced User Experience:** Digital collections offer interactive features, enhancing the overall user experience.
- **Collaborative Research and Interdisciplinary Exploration:** They encourage collaborative research and support cross-disciplinary exploration.

Significance of Digital Collections to Academic Research, Teaching, and Learning

Digital collections play a crucial role in academic research, teaching, and learning by providing:

- **Convenience and Flexibility:** Students and researchers can access materials at any time and from any location.
- **Enhanced Research Capabilities:** They offer a wealth of resources that support deeper, more comprehensive research.
- **Interdisciplinary Research Opportunities:** Digital collections facilitate research across multiple disciplines by providing access to diverse materials.
- **Long-term Data Availability:** They ensure the ongoing availability of resources for future academic use.

Cybersecurity Threats to Digital Collections

Digital collections, including online databases, archives, and libraries, are vulnerable to a variety of cybersecurity threats. Some common threats include:

- **Data Breaches:** Unauthorized access to sensitive data, leading to loss or exposure of personal information.
- **Malware Attacks:** Malicious software that can corrupt or steal data.
- **Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attacks:** Disrupting access to online resources by overwhelming systems with excessive traffic.
- **Insider Threats:** Security breaches caused by individuals within the organization, such as employees or trusted users.

- **Zero-day Vulnerabilities:** Exploits targeting unknown vulnerabilities in software or systems.
- **Data Loss or Corruption:** Unintended deletion or corruption of critical data, often due to technical failures or attacks.
- **Reputational Damage:** The loss of trust in the library or institution due to a data breach or security failure.

Best Practices for Cybersecurity in Academic Libraries

Cybersecurity is a critical concern for academic libraries, especially in developing countries, where resource constraints and limited expertise can hinder security efforts. However, several best practices can significantly improve cybersecurity in academic libraries.

Creating a Campaign for Information Security Literacy

A. Regular Cybersecurity Awareness Programs
Regular cybersecurity awareness programs should be conducted for both library staff and users. These programs should focus on essential cybersecurity practices, such as creating strong passwords, identifying phishing attempts, and protecting sensitive information. It's essential to emphasize the importance of data privacy and safe online practices. Faculty, staff, and students should be informed about the necessary steps to take if they discover their credentials have been compromised.

B. Constant Communication Between the Library and ICT Unit
The library and the ICT unit should maintain constant communication to discuss strategies for improving the overall security posture of the institution. Collaborative efforts are essential for ensuring that both the library and ICT departments work together to safeguard the library's digital resources.

Key Practices for Improving Cybersecurity

- **Developing Mature Information Security Practices:** Establishing comprehensive and well-developed information security protocols to safeguard library resources.
- **Secure Network Infrastructure:** Ensuring that the network infrastructure used by the library is secure and protected against external threats.
- **Use of Encryption and Secure Protocols:** Encrypting sensitive data and using secure communication protocols to protect information from unauthorized access.
- **Backup and Disaster Recovery:** Implementing regular data backups and a disaster recovery plan to ensure data can be restored in case of loss or corruption.
- **User Access Controls:** Establishing strict user access controls to ensure that only authorized individuals can access sensitive library resources.
- **Regular Security Assessments:** Conducting periodic security assessments to identify vulnerabilities and ensure that security measures remain effective.

Challenges and Future Directions

Implementing cybersecurity best practices for digital collections can be a challenging task for academic libraries in developing countries. Some of the challenges and limitations they may face include:

- Limited resources:
- Lack of expertise
- Outdated technology
- Limited awareness and training
- Regulatory and legal challenges:
- Connectivity and infrastructure limitations:
- Increased targeting:

Conclusion:

As custodians of information resources, including electronic resources, libraries are key stakeholders in the protection of users' data privacy. To ensure that regulations protecting user data are effective and beneficial, libraries must collaborate with other stakeholders in the development of these regulations. Moreover, libraries should position themselves to monitor and enforce compliance with these regulations.

In today's digital era, there has been a significant increase in the adoption of digital collections by academic libraries, enabling them to provide users with access to a vast amount of information. However, the digitization of library resources also brings the challenge of ensuring the security of these valuable digital collections. This issue is particularly pressing in developing countries, where cyber threats are more prevalent.

This paper aims to address the challenges academic libraries face in securing their digital collections. It also emphasizes the long-term benefits of prioritizing cybersecurity in these libraries. In addition to protecting valuable digital resources, implementing robust cybersecurity practices helps build user trust, fosters collaboration among institutions, and creates a secure environment for academic research.

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फिशिंग , मालवेअर, रॅन्सवेअरयासारख्याहल्यांमध्येमोठयाप्रमाणावरवाढझालीआहे.

३) **डिजिटलयुगातीलजटिलता** :–

व्यवसाय, शिक्षण , आरोग्यआणिइतरक्षेत्रेमोठयाप्रमाणावरडिजिटलप्लॅटफार्मवरअवलंबूनआहेत.

४) **राष्ट्रीयसुरक्षा** :–

सरकारीडेटाआणिपायभूतसुविधांवरसायबरहल्लेहोऊशकतात

सायबरसूरक्षेचेप्रमुखप्रकार :–

- नेटवर्कडेटाप्रवाहसुरक्षितठेवणे.
- फायरवॉल , वनक्रिप्शन, आणि VPN चावापरकरणे.
- संगणक, स्मार्टफोन, आणिअन्यउपकरणंचनासंरक्षीतकरणे.
- ॲन्टीव्हायरसआणिमालवेअरप्रोटेक्शसाफ्टवेअरचावापर.
- संवेदनशिलमाहितीसुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीएन्क्रिप्शनआणिबॅकअपचेव्यस्थापन.
- ऑनलाईनस्टोरेजआणिसेवासुरक्षितठेवणे.
- वेबसाईटआणिॲप्स्सुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीसुरक्षाउपायराबाविणे.

डिजीटलग्रंथालयासाठीसायबसुरक्षामधीलमुख्यसंकल्पना :

डिजीटलग्रंथालयासाठीसायबरसुरक्षेमध्येकाहीप्रमुखसंकल्पनाआहेत.
त्याग्रंथालयातीलमाहितीआणिवापरकर्त्याचेसंरक्षणकरण्यासाठीमहत्वाच्याआहेत.
काहीमुख्यसंकल्पनाखालीलप्रमाणेदिलेल्याआहेत.

10. **डेटा गोपनियता आणि सरंक्षण** (Data Privacy and Protection) :-
    वापरकत्याच्याव्यक्तिकवैयक्तिकमाहितीचेसरंक्षण (जसे नावं ई. मेल, मोबाईलनंबर)
    ग्रंथालयातीलडिजीटलसाहित्याचीअनधिकृत्तप्रवेशापासुनसुरक्षा.
11. प्रवेशनियंत्रण : (Access Contol)
    फक्तप्रमाणितवापरकर्त्यांना (Authorized Users) डिजिटलसामग्रीचाप्रवेश.
    मल्टीफॅक्टऑथेंटिकेशन (MFA) वापरुनप्रवेशअधिकसुरक्षितकरणे.
12. **डेटाएन्क्रिप्शन** (Data Encryption) :-
    माहितीप्रवाहआधिसंचयनदरम्यानडेटाचेएन्क्रिप्शन
    यामुळेअनधिकृत्त् व्यक्तीनाडेटाचागैरवापरकरतायेणारनाही.
13. **सुरक्षित नेटवर्क आणि सर्व्हर संररचना** (Seure Network And Server Architecture)
    फायरवॉल्स् VPN, आणिइंट्रुजनडिटेक्शन्सिस्टीमचावापर
    सर्व्हरनियमितसॉफटेव्हअपडेट्सआणिपॅचेसनेसुरक्षिततासुनिश्चितकरणे.
14. **डाटा बॅकअप आणि पुनप्राप्ती** (Data Backup and Recovery)
    नियमित डिजिटल साहित्याचे बँकअप घेणे.
    सायबरहल्यानंतरग्रंथालयाचीसेवाजलदपुन्हाकरण्यासाठीयोजनातयारकरणे.
15. **व्हायरस आणि मालवेअर संरक्षण** :-
    सर्व्हरआणिवापरकत्याच्याउपकरणांवरअँटीव्हायरससॉप्टवेअरइन्टॉलकरणे. डाऊनलोडसाठीउपल
    ब्धअसलेल्याफाईल्सचीस्कॅनिंगवापरकत्यांनाप्रशिक्षणदेऊनसायबरसुरक्षेच्यामुलभुतबाबीशिकवि
    णेउदाः सुरक्षितसंकेतशब्द्, फिशींगटाळणे.
    फक्त्आवश्यकमाहितीगोळाकरणेआणितिसऱ्यापक्षासोबतडेटाशेअरींगमर्यादितठेवणे.
    प्रवेशआणिव्यवहाराचेनियमिततपासणीआणिऑडिटकरणेसंशयास्पदकिंवाहानिकारकक्रियाकलाप
    ओळखणेआणित्यावरवेळीचउपाययोजनाकरणे.
    ग्रंथालयाच्याप्रणालीवरसंभाव्यहल्लयांचाअंदाजघेऊनप्रतिबंधात्म्कउपाययोजनाकरणे.
    सायबरथ्रेटइंटेलिजन्स्चावापर .

कायदेशिरअनुरुपतादेण्यासाठी GDPR, IT Act2000 (भारतासाठी)
किंवाइतरआंतरराष्ट्रीयकायदेआणिनियमाचेपालनकरणेवापरकत्यंच्याभुमिकेनुसार (जसेविद्यार्थी , शिक्षक, प्रशासक) यांनाफक्त्आवश्यकमाहितीचउपलब्ध् करुनदेणे.

डिजिटल ग्रंथालयामध्ये सायबर सुरक्षा : साधकआणिबाधक :-

सादक :-

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसायबरसुरक्षेचेमहत्ववाढतआहे. सायबरसुरक्षेच्याअनुषंगानेसाधक (फायदे) आणिबाधक (अडचणी) याचाखालीलप्रमाणेविचारकरतायेतो.

१) डेटासरंक्ष्णासाठीतंत्रज्ञानाचावापरकरुनडिजिटललायब्ररीतीलमहत्वाचीमाहिती , पुस्त्क, संशोधनकागदपत्रेसुरक्षितठेवतायेतो.
२) फक्त्अधिकृत्त् वारकत्यांनाचप्रवेशदेण्यासाठीपासवर्ड् , OTP , बायोमेट्रिक्स्यासारख्यातंत्रज्ञानाचावापरकेलाजातो.
३) सायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीमध्येनियमितबॅकअपघेऊनडेटाजमविण्याचीशक्य्ताकमीअसते.
४) सायबरसुरक्षेमुळेमालवअेर, फिशींगआणिहॅकिंगसारख्यासायबरहल्यापासुनसरंक्ष्णमिळते.
५) वापरकर्तागोपनियतेमुळेडिजिटललायब्ररीमधीलयुजरडेटाचादूरउपयोगहोण्याचीशक्य्ताकती असते.

बाधक :

सायबरसुरक्षाउपाययोजनांसाठीमोठयाप्रमाणावरआर्थिकगुंतवणूकआवश्यकअसते.
सायबरसूरक्षेच्याजटीलप्रणालीसमान्य्व्य्क्तींनासमजणेकठीनअसुशकते.
सायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीसततअद्यतनितकरणेआवश्यकअसते.
अन्य्थातीकालबाह्यहोऊशकते. वापरकत्याकडूनचुकीचेपासवर्डव्य्वस्थापनकिंवाफिशींगलिंगके ल्यासधोकासंभवते. हॅकर्ससततनविनतंत्रवापरतात,
ज्यामुळेसायबरसुरक्षाप्रणालीकधीकधीअपुरीपडते.

डिजिटल लायब्ररी सायबर सुरक्षा मध्ये आव्हाणे आणि अटी :

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसाबरसुरक्षेसाठीकाहीप्रमुखआव्हाणेआणिअटीआहेत.

आव्हाने : -

१) डेटाचोरीआणिहॅकिंग :- डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसंवेदनशीलडेटाअसतो, ज्यामध्येवापरकत्याच्यावैयक्तिकमाहिती, संशोधनकागदपत्रे , शैक्षणिकसामग्रीइत्यादीअसुशकते. हॅकींकव्दारेयाडेटाचीचोरीहोऊशकते.
२) सायबरहल्ले : - लायब्ररीच्यासदस्यांनाफसविण्यासाठीकधी, कधीफिशिंगईमेल्सकिंवामालवेअरहल्लेकेलेजाऊशकते. ज्यामुळेमहत्वाचीमाहितीगमावलीजाऊशकते.

३) ऑनलाईनहक्कांचीचोरी :
विशेषताइंटरनेटवरडेटाच्याविनापरवानगीवापराबाबतधोकेवाढलेआहेत.
बेकायदेशीरसामग्रीकिंवाप्रताधिकारउल्लंघनयाचाधोकाअसतो.

४) सुरक्षितकनेक्श्नअभाव :- इंअरनेटवरीलसुरक्षेचेप्रमाणकमीअसूशकते,
ज्यामुळेअनाधिकृत्त्व्यक्तींनाडेटासंप्रेषणतपासण्याचीआणित्यावरहल्लाकरण्याचीसंधीमिळू शकते.

अटी :

१) वापरकर्ताअभिगमनियंत्रण (VAC) :- सर्व्वापरकर्त्यांनात्यांच्याभुमिकेनुसारपरवानग्यादेणे,
उदाहरनार्थ् , काहीसदस्यफक्तवाचनासाठी,
तरइतरसंपादनकिंवाव्य्वस्थापनासाठीपरवागीमिळवूशकतात.

२) डेटाएनक्रिप्श्न : डेटासुरक्षितठेवण्यासाठीत्यालाएनक्रिप्श्करणे ,
विशेषताजेव्हातोनेटवर्कवरट्रान्समिटहोतो.

३) सुरक्षाप्रोटोकॉल्स् :- HTTPS, SSL/TLS
सारख्याप्रोटोकॉल्स्चावापरसुरक्षितकनेक्श्साठीआवश्यकआहे.

४) सुरक्षाअद्यतनेआणिपॅचेस :-
सॉप्टवेअरआणिप्रणालीनियममितपणेअद्यतनितकरणेआवश्यकआहे,
कारणसुरक्षेच्यागॅप्सआणिबग्स्मुळेहल्याचेशिकारहोऊशकते.

५) व्यक्तीगतमाहितीचीगोपनियता :-
ग्रंथालयामध्येवापरकर्त्यांचीवैयक्तिकमाहितीजनतकरतानागोपनियताधोरणांचेपालनकेलेपाहीजे.

६) बॅकअपआणिपुर्न्रप्राप्तीयोजना :-
डेटागमावल्यासकिंवासिस्ट्मक्रॅशझाल्यासपुनप्राप्तीयोजनाअसणेअत्यंतमहत्वाचेआहे.

७) सुरक्षाशिक्षण :- ग्रंथालयातीलकर्मचाऱ्यांना ,
वापरकर्त्यांनाआणिइतरसंबधीतव्यक्तींनासायबरसुरक्षेचेप्रशिक्षणदेणेआवश्यकआहे.
याअटीआणिआव्हानांचाविचारकरुनडिजिटललायब्ररीचीसुरक्षामजबुतकेलीजाऊशकते.

निषकर्ष् :-

ग्रंथालयातीलसायबरसुरक्षाअत्यंतमहत्वाचीआहे.
कारणडिजिटलयुगातमाहितीचेसरंक्ष्णआणिगोपनीयताराखणेहेप्रत्येकसंस्थेसाठीएकमहत्वाचे उदिष्ट्आहे. ग्रंथालयविविधडिजीटलसाधनांचावापरकरतअसताना,

त्यातअसलेल्यामाहितीचीसुरक्षाराखणे, हॅकिंग, मालवेअरहल्ले, आणिअन्यसायबरधोकेटाळण्यासाठीकठोरसुरक्षाउपायआवश्यकआहेत. योग्यपासवर्ड , दुहेरीप्रमाणिकरण , एनक्रिप्शन , नियमितआणिवापरकर्ताअभिगतनियंत्रणयासारख्यापध्दतींचाअवलंबकरुनग्रंथालयेसायबरसुरक्षावाढवूशकताता.

याशिवायवापरकत्यांनाआणिकर्म्चाऱ्यांनासायबरसुरक्षेच्यादृष्टीनेसततशिक्षितकरणेआवश्यक आहे. अशाप्रकारे, ग्रंथालयांनीसायबरसुरक्षेचीधोरणेलागुकरुन, डिजीटलसंसाधनांचेसुरक्षितआणिविश्वसनीयवाचनववापरसुनिश्चितकरुशकतात.

डिजिटललायब्ररीमध्येसायबरसुरक्षेसाठीसर्वोत्त्मपध्द्त :

डिजिटल लायब्ररीमध्ये सायबर सुरक्षेसाठी सर्वोत्त्म पध्द्ती आहेत

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ऑनलाइन सुरक्षा वह विधि है जिसमें वेब हमलों के विरुद्ध आवश्यक ढाँचों और संवेदनशील सूचनाओं की सुरक्षा dh tkrh gA fMftVy lqj{kk mik;k dk mí';] ftl MVk buko'ku ¼vkÃVh½ lqj{kk Hkh dgk tkrk g] 0;ofLFkr <kpk vkj vuç;kxk d fy, [krjk dk jkduk g] pkg o fdlh lxBu d vnj l 'k: gk ;k ckgj lA lkbcj lqj{kk gdl] Liel vkj lkbcj vijkfèk;k }kjk bVjuV l tM midj.kk vkj lokvk ij nHkkouki.k geyk d f[kykQ lqj{kk dh j[kk gA lxBu [kn dk Fkkd èkk[kkèkMh] juleo;j geyk] fQç'kx pkyk] lpuk pkjh vkj ekfæd nHkkX; l cpku d fy, bl lpkj dk mi;kx djr gA ;g 'kCn MVk èkk[kkèkMh l ydj ofÜood Lrj ij dEl;Vjhkqr gfFk;kjk d mi;kx rd lHkh çdkj d lkbcj vijkèk d fy, r;kjh dju d lcl vke rjhd dk lnqHkkr djrk gA bVjuV vkj bVjuV l{ke <kpk dk mu ?kVukvk l cpku d fy, mi;kx dh tku okyh lifÙk;k] pØk vkj fMtkbuk dk l?kVu vkj lkekftddj.k] tk dkuu }kjk Lohkqr lifÙk Lor=rk l vyx g] gekj futh vkj i'koj thou e vkèkfud xtV vkj oc d c<r mi;kx d dkj.k] ge igy dh ryuk e lkbcj geyk d çfr vfèkd lonu'khy gA lkbcjLil lHkh vU; vk|kfxd {k=k e bruh xgjkÃ l lek;k gvk g tk bVjduD'ku dh lfoèkk çnku djr g] blfy, bl bu {k=k l vyx djuk vkj tkf[kek dh igpku djuk ef'dy gA* स्पैमर, हैकर्स और साइबर अपराधियों जैसे दुर्भावनापूर्ण ऑनलाइन अभिनेताओं के खिलाफ सिस्टम और lokvk dh lqj{kk djuk lkbcj lqj{kk d {k= dk dæ çcn gA ledkyhu fo'k"kKk dk e[; Hkkx dl;Vj vkj ly Qku l ydj lxBuk vkj lpuk vkèkkjk rd lHkh llèkuk dk geyk l cpku d fy, fdlh rjg l fdlh rjg l çpfrr g] bl rF; d ckotn fd dN uVod lqj{kk Hkkxk dk rjr geyk 'k: dju d लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। पीसी, सर्वर, सेल फोन, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक फ्रेमवर्क, संगठन और सूचना सहित वेब से tM <kp ij 'k=rki.k geyk dk jkduk] uVod lqj{kk d :i e tkuk tkrk gA lqj{kk vkj fMftVy nk oxÊdj.k g ftue uVod lqj{kk dk vyx fd;k tk ldrk gA ÞfMftVyÞ dk rkRi; ,l uokpkj l g tk lxBuk] <kpk] ifj;ktukvk vkj lpukvk dk tkMrk gA lqj{kk dk ,d vkj fgLlk uVod] <kp] ,flyd'ku vkj lpukvk dh lqj{kk djuk gA ihlh lqj{kk, ऑनलाइन सुरक्षा या डेटा इनोवेशन सुरक्षा पीसी

ढाँचों और संगठनों को डेटा रिसाव, चोरी या उनके उपकरण, प्रोग्रामिंग या इलेक्ट्रॉनिक जानकारी को नुकसान igpku d lkFk&lkFk mud }kjk nh tku okyh lokvk e gLr{ki ;k Hke l cpkuk gA lkbcj lj{kk dl;Vj flLVe] MVk vkj uVod ij ?kliB dk jkdu d fy, dÃ rjg dh rduhdk] çfØ;kvk vkj j.kuhfr;k dk mi;kx djrh gA oÜohdj.k] fMftVyhdj.k vkj prjkÃi.k uokpkjk d dkj.k lkbcj vijkèk vfèkd lkekU; vkj vfèkd xHkhj gkr tk jg gA Bkl uVod lj{kk xkM <kp egRoi.k g] Hky gh यह अध्ययन और व्यवसाय का एक और क्षेत्र हो। इसे कॉर्पोरेट, सार्वजनिक और वैश्विक स्तरों पर देखा गया है। अनुमानों के अनुसार, वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था ने 945 बिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर तक के दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण नेटवर्क सुरक्षा udlku dk vuHko fd;kA fMftVy detkfj;k l lxBu d fy, egRoi.k lHkkouk, lkeu vkrh g] tk ekfæd nHkkX;] lj{kk mYy?ku vkj 0;kolkf;d gLr{ki dk dkj.k cu ldrh gA okLro e] ofÜod vFk0;oLFkk d fy, bld c<r egRo d ckotn] fMftVy tkf[kek d lcèk e vHkh Hkh MVk dh deh gA ;g vè;;u tkf[ke çcèku dृf"Vdk.k dk viukrk g] tk fMftVy tkf[ke ij è;ku dfær djrk g vkj tkf[ke pkyu vkj jkgr e uVod lj{kk vkj fMftVy lj{kk d rRok ij fopkj djrk gA leh{kk uVod lj{kk vkj fMftVy tkf[ke ij tkp d leg d lkFk&lkFk [ky rkj ij Hkh n[krh gA

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1981 में, इयानमर्फी, जिन्हें साइबर अपराध के दोषमें दोषी ठहरानेवाले पहले व्यक्ति थे।

अमेरिकनटेलिफोनकंपनीकोहॅककियाथा।साइबरअपराधपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशनसाइबरक्राइमपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशन,

जिसेसाइबरअपराधपरकन्वेंशनकेरूपमेंभीजानाजाताहै, राष्ट्रीयकानूनकेअनुरूपहै,

औरसाइबरअपराधऔरकंप्यूटरअपराधसेनीपटनेकेलिएराष्ट्रोंकेबीचसहयोगकोमिबूतकरताहै।साइबरक्राइमपरबुडापेस्टकन्वेंशनसाइबरअपराध कोकमकरनेवालापहलाअंतरराष्ट्रीयसमझौताहै।

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flLVe vkj MVk dh lj{kk d dk; dk lkbcj lj{kk d :i e tkuk tkrk gA Þlkbcj lj{kkÞ 'kCn fMftVy tkudkjh dh lj{kk dk o.ku dju d fy, x<k x;k FkkA ,d cgr gh vLi"V 'kCn gku d ckn ,d fofoèk vkj leko'kh] lkbcj j{kk ,d eY;oku midj.k gk ldrk gA

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vfèkfu;e] 2000 d vulkj% èkkjk 2 ¼NB½ lkbcj lj{kk dk vFk g lpuk] midj.k] fMokbl] dl;Vj] dl;Vj llkèku] lpkj midj.k vkj mle lxghr lpuk dk vufèkkçr igp] mi;kx] çdVhdj.k] 0;oèkku] l'kkèku ;k fouk'k l cpkukA

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pkjh ;k tcju olyh tl vijkèkk l vkËFkd ykHk deku dh e'kk j[ku oky vijkèkh(ljdkj ;k futh lLFkkvk }kjk bLreky dh tku okyh oxÊ¢r ;k ekfydkuk tkudkjh pjku dh e'kk j[ku oky tkl(jk"V&jkT; ;k)k tk {kerk, fodflr djr g vkj gdfVfoLV tk n'k d j.kuhfrd mí';k d leFku e lkbcj gey djr gA

Þfdlh fMokbl ;k dI;Vj flLVe ¼tl bVjuV ij½ dk ljf{kr dju d fy, vufèkÇr igp ;k vkØe.k fojkèkh mik;AÞ lkbcj lj{kk l rkRi; mu fuokjd mik;k l g ftudk mi;kx [kkÃ gÃ] gd dh xÃ ;k vkØked lkexh l cpu d fy, fd;k tkrk gA bld fy, ok;jl vkj vU; nHkkouki.k çkxkÇex tl lpuk dh lHkkfor detkfj;k d ckj e tkx:drk dh vko';drk gkrh gA igpku fu;=.k] ldV çcèku vkj vkikrdkyhu çcèku lkbcj lj{kk rduhd gA

6- Hkkjr dk lkbcj Li¡l%

fiNy n'kd e bVjuट की तेजी से वृद्धि ने ऑनलाइन हमलों के मामलों की संख्या में वृद्धि में मदद की है। ljdkj dk fofHkUu vkÃVh&lcfèkr lekèkku çnku dju d fy, Hkkjr e 1975 e jk"Vh; lpuk foKku dæ LFkkfir fd, x, FkA ml le;] rhu e[; uVod LFkkfir fd, x, FkA¼,½ bMkuV% ;g uVod Hkkjr dh dI;ÇVx ç.kkyh dk tkMrk g] ftle IBM euÝe 'kkfey gA¼ch½ ,uvkÃlh uV% ;g ,d lkotfud {k= dk ,uvkÃlh uVod g tk l?kh; ljdkj dk jkT; vkj LFkkuh; ljdkjk l tkMrk gA ¼lh½ ÃvkjuV% ÃvkjuV ,d f'k{kk vulèkku uVod g tk foÜofo|ky; vkj vulèkku lenk;k vkj vkrdokfn;k dh lok djrk g tk lkbcj geyk dk xj&jkT; ;k jkT; çk;kftr ;) d lkèku d :i e mi;kx djr gA

7- jk"Vh; lkbcj lj{kk uhfr 2013%

jk"Vh; lkbcj lj{kk uhfr] 2013] gekj n'k d lkbcj lj{kk ekgky dh j{kk d fy, Hkkjrh; ljdkj dh vkj l ,d cMh igy g] yfdu ble dN [kkfe;k g ftUg nj dju dh vko';drk g rkfd Hkfo"; dh tfVyrkvk d fy, bl vkj vfèkd çHkkoh cuk;k tk ldA

blfy, bl mí'; d fy, Hkkjr ljdkj u uÃ jk"Vh; lkbcj lj{kk j.kuhfr 2020 'k: dhA jk"Vh; साइबर सुरक्षा रणनीति 2020 का उद्देश्य उद्यम रिकॉर्ड की सुरक्षा करना है, जो एक संवेदनशील सूचना संसाधन g ftle jk"Vh; lj{kk vkj vFkZ;oLFkk dk çHkkfor dju dh {kerk gA bld fuEufyf[kr mí'; g%

1½ ljf{kr ¼jk"Vh; lkbcj Li¡l½
2½ etcr djuk ¼ljpuk] ykx] çfØ;k,] {kerk,½
3½ rkyey ¼lg;kx vkj lgHkkfxrk lfgr llkèku½

igyk rRo lkotfud lokvk d cM ieku ij fMftVyhdj.k] vkiÆr J[kyk lj{kk] egRoi.k lpuk voljpuk lj{kk vkj fMftVy Hkxrku lj{kk dk ljf{kr djrk gA nljk rRo ljpukvk] pfj=] lLFkkuk vkj 'kklu] ctV vkoVu] vulèkku] uokpkj vkj çk|fxdh fodkl] {kerk vkj dk'ky fuek.k] y[kk ijh{kk vkj vkÜoklu vkj MVk lj{kk dk etcr djrk gA rhljk rRo bVjuV cfu;knh <kp] ekud fodkl] lkbcj chek] ckM bfM;k] lkbcj dVuhfr vkj lkbcj vijkèk tkp dk lefUor djrk gA

8- **एंटी–वायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर** :

एंटीवायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर के रूप में जाना जाने वाला एक कंप्यूटर एप्लिकेशन वायरस और वर्म्स सहित खतरनाक सॉफ़्टवेयर को ढूंढता है, रोकता है और उनके खिलाफ़ कार्रवाई करता है। vfèkdk'k ,Vhok;jl mRikn ,d ऑटो–अपडेट क्षमता के साथ आते हैं जो एप्लिकेशन को वायरस प्रोफ़ाइल को डाउनलोड करने की अनुमति nrk g tl gh o ik, tkr g] ftlls ;g rjr u, lØe.kk d fy, Ldu dju dh vuefr nrk gA gj flLVe dk cfu;knh vko';drk d रूप में एंटीवायरस सॉफ़्टवेयर की आवश्यकता होती है।

9- fu"d"k %

Hkkjr dh vlxr dkuuh ç.kkyh dk vFk g fd lkbcj vijkèk dk vLi"V ;k ijku dkuuk d rgr nfMr fd;k tkrk gA vDlj dkuu d Hkfer dju oky ipod d dkj.k lLFkkvk d fy, ekud lykg çkIr djuk ef'dy gk tkrk g] ftlls vçHkkoh dk;kUo;u gkrk gA Hkkjr d lkbcj lj{kk <kp d fodkl d fy, ,d li.k vkj 'kf{kd lkbcj lj{kk dkuu dh vko';drk g] ftl vko';drkulkj fo'k"k fofu;eu }kjk le£Fkr fd;k tk,A vU;Fkk] yxkrkj fodflr gk jgh lkbcj lj{kk çprkvk e l dÃ dk gy dju dh dkf'k'k dju d ckotn] U;k;kèkh'k] çoru ,tfl;k vkj fu;ked vçR;kf'kr rjhdk l ijku dkuu dk cnyu dh dkf'k'k djr jgxA D;kfd uVod dk mi;kx egRoi.k yunu dju d fy, fd;k tk jgk g vkj nfu;k vfèkd l vfèkd vkil e tM jgh g] dl;Vj lj{kk ,d 0;kid fo"k; g tk rth l egRoi.k gkrk tk jgk gA

gj u, lky d lkFk] lkbcj vijkèk vkj lpuk lj{kk vyx&vyx ekM yr jgr gA lxBuk dk u doy mHkjrh vkj fo?kVudkjh çk|kfxfd;k l cfYd u, lkbcj midj.kk vkj [krjk d fujrj mnHko l viu cfu;knh <kp dh j{kk dju e pukfr;k dk lkeuk djuk iMrk g] tk u, lyVQkek vkj [kfQ;k tkudkjh dh vko';drk dk ijk djr gA gkykfd lkbcj vijkèkk dk jkdu dk dkÃ lVhd rjhdk ugÈ g] fQj भी हमें सुरक्षित ऑनलाइन भविष्य के लिए उन्हें कम करने का हर संभव प्रयास करना चाहिए।

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Role & Responsibility of Libraries in NEP 2020 framework

LIBRARY USAGE TRENDS AMONG ENGINEERING STUDENTS IN VIDARBHA: EXPLORING PRINT AND NON-PRINT COLLECTION PREFERENCES

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Abstract: *This study has been carried out to study the usage trends of library and students' perception about print and non-print collections in the engineering colleges of Vidarbha region. The study seeks to study the factors affecting student's preferences for traditional print resources and modern digital collections through accessibility, usability, and relevance to their academic work. A structured survey was administered to 250 engineering students and descriptive statistical techniques were used to investigate the data. However, the results indicate that non print resources have become more convenient and popular while the print collections are useful for in depth study and referencing. The main barriers, however, to full utilization of the library were found to be challenges, e.g. inadequate digital infrastructure and lack of awareness of the online resources. This paper calls for a balanced resource allocation to print and digital collections as complementary formats in order to satisfy various user preferences and improve the whole library experience. Finally, the study provides practical recommendations for library management regarding better management of engineering student's needs.*

Keywords: *Library usage trends, print collections, non-print collections, engineering college libraries, students' perceptions, digital resources*

1. Introduction

Libraries are the backbone of education institutions, offering critical resources for learning, research, and innovation. Libraries have a significant role to play in engineering education for knowledge acquisition, skill development of students. As technology advances, the traditional dependence on print collections has moved away from digital and non-print resources and the corresponding usage patterns and preferences of students have been changing. The need to evaluate how well libraries are meeting changing user needs is highlighted by this transition.

In the Vidarbha region which has come up with a growing network of engineering colleges, there is an opportunity which can be availed to understand students' perceptions and preferences regarding the collections in the libraries. In the past, the key elements of the academic library have been print resources i.e. textbooks, reference books, journals but going forward non print resources i.e. e-books, databases, multimedia are becoming popular for being easily accessible and convenient sources.

Library management needs to understand how the students prefer the library and their perception of adequacy of the library collections. The purpose of this study is to identify the usage patterns of print and non-print collections by engineering students in Vidarbha, spot

factors that influence their usage, and gain an insight about the future role of libraries in a digitally transforming academic environment.

This research aims to shed some light on these trends, and in doing so, produce actionable recommendations for how libraries can continue to deliver services that are perceived as relevant and valuable for students in the ever changing educational space.

2. Literature Review

Technology has positively transformed how technology is integrated in libraries making it easier for students to locate and use resources. To search recent studies of various dimensions of library usage involving perception of print and non-print collections by the students of academic institutions it can be safely stated that Indian authors from 2020 onwards have explored several areas of library usage.

Asif and Singh (2022) argued that libraries are evolving in the light of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The study focused on strengthening digital resources, which matches the policy of promoting innovation and research. Academic libraries are adapted to hybrid models to keep up with the increasing demand for e-resources with the maintenance of traditional collections, thus the authors have observed.

The role of libraries in higher education discussed in the NEP-2020 framework was analyzed by Lamani (2021). Libraries are found to contribute significantly to the digital literacy area. The author highlights how well print and digital resources may coexist to meet diverse student needs, particularly in the context of Vidarbha, where access to digital infrastructure may range from good to poor.

According to Shukla and Bajpai (2020), libraries have the historical and contemporary significance in the Indian education policies. Print resources remain indispensable to the foundational learning but they are increasingly supplemented by non-print collections such as e books and digital databases as they are available and easy to use. The study revealed other challenges, namely, the digital divide as well as lack of training for librarians in digital technology.

The impact of NEP 2020 on libraries, which have a role in supporting research and innovation, was analyzed using an analytical study conducted by Raut (2022). The findings indicate that engineering students find non print collections useful for their academic purposes and convenient, especially within remote teaching contexts.

Patil (2022) told the value of libraries in academic institutions; students are increasingly using non-printed materials like e journals, online databases and multimedia content for the study. Though, the study also brought to notice that some academic disciplines that require reading in–depth and reading from reference materials still find print resources important.

Pandey et al. (2021) examined the contribution of Indian academic libraries to promoting higher education. The library infrastructure was thus highlighted as a factor which needs to be

improved, in order to provide easy access to print and non-print resources. In addition, they suggested that libraries should take a user cantered approach to be retained as a vital learning tool in the fast changing academic environment.

Collectively, these studies emphasize the dual nature of libraries as sources of both print and non-print collections, in an effort to serve the diversity of student tastes and interests. Although there is a move away from print resources to use digital resources, academic libraries still utilize print collections. These studies provide a strong basis for further exploring specific perceptions and preferences of the engineering students in the Vidarbha region.

3. Objectives of the Study

- To analyze students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.
- To identify the factors influencing the utilization of library resources among engineering students.
- To examine the role of digital resources in enhancing academic performance and research activities.

4. Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant difference in students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.

Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): There is a significant difference in students' preferences for print and non-print collections in engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region.

5. Research methodology

This research uses a quantitative methodology to understand students' appetite towards choosing print as also non-print collections in the Engineering college libraries of the Vidarbha region. Data from engineering students across the region colleges was obtained through a structured questionnaire. Stratified random sampling was used to select a total of 250 respondents to represent different institutions as well as academic years. Like scale items in the questionnaire were used to measure students' preferences, perceptions, usage patterns of library resources. Frequency distribution, mean, standard deviation and t tests were used to analyze the data using descriptive and inferential statistical tools. It also explores factors that influence print and non-print materials adoption by students and how they contribute to increased academic performance and connection with library resources for students. However, all ethical guidelines were followed, keeping confidentiality and voluntary participation of the respondents.

6. Data analysis and discussion

Table 1 – Descriptive Statistics of Students' Preferences for Print and Non-Print Collections

Variable	Categories	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)	Mean	Standard Deviation
Gender	Male	140	56.0%		
	Female	110	44.0%		
Preferred Collection Type	Print	90	36.0%		
	Non-Print	160	64.0%		
Frequency of Library Usage	Daily	50	20.0%	3.5	1.20
	Weekly	120	48.0%		
	Monthly	80	32.0%		
Perception of Collection Quality	Excellent	70	28.0%	4.0	0.85
	Good	110	44.0%		
	Average	50	20.0%		
	Poor	20	8.0%		
Purpose of Library Usage	Academic Study	200	80.0%		
	Research/Projects	150	60.0%		
	Recreational Reading	100	40.0%		

Table 1 gives the descriptive statistics pertaining to the student preference and behaviour on print and non-print collection of engineering college libraries located in Vidarbha region. The distribution of gender shows that 44% of respondents are female while 56% are male, hence slightly more participation of male students in the study. When it comes to collection preferences, 64 percent of respondents prefer non–print materials – including e-books and digital resources – to print (36 percent) resources, indicating a shift away from print resources.

The majority of students (48%) frequent the library weekly, and 32% visit monthly; only 32% are daily library users. For moderate consistency in library visits among students, the mean library usage frequency score is 3.5, standard deviation 1.20. As concerns 44 percent of students note that the collection is "Good", 28 percent who answered that the collection is "Excellent", we can see that students provided positive feedback. Nevertheless, nearly 20% grade it as "Average" and 8% evaluate it as "Poor," showing us various pathways for spending quality/availability enhancements.

Academic study (80%) is the main reason for using library, research or projects (60%) and recreational reading (40%). We note that these findings underlie the fundamentally different role libraries play in supporting academic and research related activities, compared to their recreational reading role. The data overall indicates a preference for non-print resources through a positive perception of library collections, but the collections still have room for improvement of their quality to satisfy student needs.

Table 2: Chi-Square Test for Students' Preferences for Print vs. Non-Print Collections

Variable	Observed	Expected	$(O - E)^2 / E$
Print Collection Preference	90	125	11.00
Non-Print Collection Preference	160	125	10.80
Total	250	250	-

Chi-Square Test Results

Test Statistics	Value	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2)	21.56	1	0.000
Pearson Chi-Square	21.56		0.000
Likelihood Ratio	21.48		0.000
Linear-by-Linear Association	21.55		0.000
N of Valid Cases	250		

A Chi Square test was also conducted to check whether there is a significant difference in students' preferences of print & non print collections in engineering college libraries in Vidarbha region. The values in the table represent the actualnumber of respondents who preferred print or non-print collections whereas the expected values were obtained under the hypothesis that there is no significant difference among the categories (that is, the proportion of students preferring print or non-print collections is the same).

Observed vs. Expected Counts: The observed count of the preference of print collection was 90 and the expected count was 125. In the case of the non-print collection preference, we observed a count of 160 and an expected count of 125. The $(O - E)^2 / E$ column is the discrepancies between observed and expected values squared, and divided by the expected counts, to indicate how much the observed values deviated from the expected, in relation to what was expected.

Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2): The calculated Chi-Square value is 21.56 which is more than the Chi-Square value (ranging from 3.84 and above for 1 degree of freedom at a significance level of 0.05). This is very large compared to what we would expect.

p-value (Significance): The obtained p value is $0.000 < 0.05$. The results show strong evidence against the null hypothesis that there is no difference between the students' preferences for print and non-print collections. As a result, the null hypothesis is rejected.

Conclusion: Results of Chi-Square test results imply that there is significant difference in students' preference over print and non-print collection in engineering college libraries of the

Vidarbha region. The p value (0.000) suggests that students prefer non print collection to print collection.

There may be growing use of digital resources, available e books / online databases amongst student groups because they are frequently more immediate and readily available than traditional print resources.

7. Conclusion

The present study aimed at assessing students' preferences for print and non-print collections in the engineering college libraries in Vidarbha region. Additionally, the descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing findings have allowed understanding the student's trends and preferences for using libraries.

Almost three fourths of students (64%) prefer receiving non-print collections (e.g., e-books, online journals, digital databases), while only a fourth (36%) favour having print materials. A wide range (48%) of the students visit libraries often (weekly) for academic study (80%). Of those surveyed, 72% of students rated the quality of the library collections as excellent or good. The Chi-Square test detected a significant difference between print and non-print collections preferred by the students, with p value equal to 0.000, which confirmed that students incline more to non-print resources.

Implications: The transition from print collections to non-print collections makes it evident of increasing significance of digital resources in the academic settings, especially in the case of engineering colleges. Video, ppt, assessment and course notes are the most widely used non-print materials because they are easy to access, they contain up to date content, and they avail diverse resources at the student's fingertips.

There is a need to enhance and upgrade the existing non print collection of engineering college libraries in the Vidarbha region to fulfil the growing demand for digital resources. Enhancement of infrastructure and accessibility of online resources makes it easier for students to access and use the digital materials. Training sessions for libraries in the use of digital tools and resources can be offered in order to encourage students to utilize the non-print collections on the digital plane. The study concludes that digital resources play an important role in modern educational environments; and that libraries need to adapt to changing tastes by strengthening non-print collections and seamless access to digital content. Aligning library services to meet students' needs will enhance library services while bolstering students' academic success in engineering.

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THE ULTIMATE E-LEARNING FACE-OFF: E-PG PATHSHALA VS MOOKIT

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Abstract: *Technology is expanding new frontiers in education, transforming the landscape of teaching and learning globally. The study compares two Indian MOOC platforms, e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT, examining their features, courses, teaching methodologies, and language support. The research investigates the courses offered, teaching pedagogies employed, national coordinators involved, registration processes, and language options available on both platforms. The study employs a descriptive and investigative research methodology, analysing data collected from the websites of e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT. The findings reveal differences in course levels, pedagogical approaches, and language support, highlighting the distinct strengths of each platform in contributing to India's digital education landscape. While e-PG Pathshala emphasizes structured academic learning with multilingual content (primarily English), mooKIT offers a more adaptable and inclusive approach with greater language diversity based on instructor and learner preferences.*

Keywords: *E-Learning Platforms, MOOC management system, e-Pathshala, mooKIT, MOOCs and Online Teaching Learning Technology*

1. Introduction

The rapid growth of information technology has undeniably transformed society, and its integration into education has become crucial. Technology is reshaping instruction and accessibility in numerous ways. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have emerged as a significant development in this landscape, designed to provide education to a vast number of participants globally (Baturay, 2015). Typically offered by universities, colleges, or educational organizations, MOOCs are accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

In this new era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), teaching and learning methods are undergoing a profound transformation(Yu et al., 2017). AI is rapidly permeating various aspects of education, promising to revolutionize how knowledge is imparted and acquired.

2. Basic Information about MOOCs under Study

2.1) e-PG Pathshala

e-PG Pathshala is an initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India Under the National Mission of Education through ICT (NME-ICT). It provides free and high-quality educational resources for postgraduate students across various disciplines. The platform offers e-text, video Lectures, assignments, and quizzes created by subject matter experts. You can explore resources on topics like sciences, humanities, social sciences, management, and more at e-PG Pathshala.

2.2) mooKIT

mooKIT is a lightweight and flexible platform designed for creating and delivering Massive open Online Courses (MOOCs). It was developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) to cater to the growing demand for online education and distance learning. mooKIT is unique because it is specifically designed for users with limited internet access and bandwidth, making it highly suitable for learners in developing countries.

3. Background Study

Several studies in this domain have provided a comprehensive understanding of the topic and methodologies for identifying parameters and techniques to glean information about platforms through their web portals. A few of these are mentioned below as background:

Lebron & Shahriar (2015) in comparative study explains the pedagogical support and implemented technologies of three major MOOC platforms: Coursera, EdX, and Udacity. The paper examines the learning analytics support currently offered by these three MOOC platforms. The paper suggests a set of analytics concepts that can aid instructors in mining student interaction data and generating guidance for effective teaching.

Tsironis et al. (2016) In their study on MOOCs, derives conclusion that Coursera was perceived to be significantly more usable compared to edX and Udacity. Interaction efficiency was significantly higher when using Coursera compared to Udacity. There was no significant effect of MOOC platform on participants' interaction effectiveness and perceived task difficulty.

Kaur (2020) studied that the SWAYAM platform offers MOOCs that can facilitate career advancement and enhance the knowledge of library professionals in their own discipline.MOOCs on the SWAYAM platform provide career advancement programs for library professionals to enhance their knowledge and discipline.

Purkayastha & Sinha (2023) authors identified and studied of 26 faculty members from Central Universities in India who are offering MOOCs on the Swayam platform. Factors of motivating faculty to design and deliver MOOCs, including institutional reputation, creating national identity, and personal interest. Key factors required for designing effective MOOCs, such as institutional support, resources, time, content availability, instructor's role, and pedagogical approaches. The most common problem faced by faculty when designing MOOCs is a lack of infrastructure

4. Research Methodology

Descriptive and Investigation method of research have been used for the study. The two courses provided on MOOCs platform covered under study. The study was based on data collected through the website of e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT. The inferences are drawn using both platforms to know their features, performances and utilities provided within.

5. MOOC Platforms: The following Table 1 table provides a list of 44 different MOOC platforms, both national and international. The list includes well-known platforms like Coursera, Edx, and Udacity, as well as Indian platforms like SWAYAM, NPTEL, and mooKIT.

Table : MOOCs platforms at National and International Level

Sr. No.	MOOCs Platforms	Sr. No	MOOCs Platforms
1	Coursera	23	MexicoX
2	Edx	24	Franceuniversitynumerous
3	Udacity	25	Edu open
4	Canvas network	26	Federica.eu
5	Stanford languita	27	Thiamooc
6	Future learn	28	K-mooc
7	EuropeanmultipleMOOCAggregator(EMMA)	29	IndonesiaX
8	OpenEducation(opened.ru)	30	SWAYAM
9	XuetangX	31	NPTEL
10	CNMOOC	32	MooKIT
11	ChineseMOOC	33	IITBombayX
12	UniversityofChina MOOC	34	ShikshitIndia
13	Zhihuishu	35	Vskills
14	OpenHPI	36	U18
15	Gacco	37	MillionLight
16	Fisdom	38	ApnaCourse
17	OpenLearning	39	UPGrad
18	JMOOC	40	EduKart
19	Ewant	41	LearnVern
20	OpenEducation	42	DigitalVidya
21	Edraak	43	e-PG Pathshala
22	Miriadax	44	LearnVarn

6. Profile of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: This table depicts a side-by-side comparison of the two MOOC platforms under study i.e. e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT. It covers aspects like the developer, establishment year, motto, website, platform type, country of origin, languages offered, and national/international coordinators.

Table : Profile of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	Particular	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	Developed & Maintained by	INFLIBNET	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
2	Establishment Year	2013	2012
3	Moto	An online learning portal that provides interactive, curriculum _ based e-content for post graduate courses	Designed for MOOCs Built for Scale
4	Website	https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in	https://www.mookit.in
5	Platform	MOOC	MOOC
6	Country of Origine	India	India
7	Language	Multiple languages including Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Urdu, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, and Russian	Multiple languages including English, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil
8	National & International Coordinators	International Coordinators for e-PG Pathshala is not readily available. and the e-PG Pathshala has multiple national coordinators, collaboration with UGC, NPTEL, CEC	Partnership Development, customization and development, promotion and Advocacy, Support and Training.

7. Feature of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table 3 comparing features of both e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT reveals their key features and differences. While e-PG Pathshala is owned under the aegis the Ministry of Education, mooKIT is owned by IIT Kanpur. Both platforms utilize videos, quizzes, and assignments, but e-PG Pathshala focuses on multidisciplinary, self-paced learning, while mooKIT emphasizes a simplified design and engaging content. e-PG Pathshala offers postgraduate courses, whereas mooKIT caters to

school, undergraduate, and postgraduate levels. Both platforms allow credit transfer; however, e-PG Pathshala is free, while mooKIT offers both free and paid courses. e-PG Pathshala doesn't appear to offer certificates, but mooKIT provides them. Both platforms allows registration using Google, Apple, Facebook, or Windows accounts. They both have privacy policies, and their apps are available for download on Google Play Store (e-PG Pathshala) and APK Pure (mooKIT).

Table : Feature of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT:

Attribute	e-PG Pathshala	MooKIT
Teaching Didactics	Text content, video lectures, quizzes and assignments, multidisciplinary focus, self –paced learning, quality assurance, inclusive and assessable education.	Simplified and scalable Design, Asynchronous and self –paced learning, Engaging content Delivery, video Lectures, Text and Multimedia interactive quizzes and assignments.
Types of courses offered	Post-Graduate courses	School, Undergraduate, Post-graduate
Credit transfer in Course	Yes	Yes
Cost	Free	Some free courses, some paid courses
Certificate Type	No	Common Certificate types on mooKIT
Register Support	Google, Apple, Windows, Facebook account	Login with Google, Facebook & Apple account
Privacy policy	Yes	Yes
Download App	Google play store	Android devices from APK pure

8. Courses of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT:

The table compares the types of courses offered by the two platforms. It looks at whether they offer postgraduate, undergraduate, college, and school level courses, as well as if they have free and certification courses

Table : Course of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	Course Name	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	Postgraduate	✔	✔
2	Undergraduate	x	✔
3	College	x	x
4	School	x	✔
5	Free Courses	✔	✔
6	Certification	x	✔

9. Subject wise Courses of e-**PG Pathshala & mooKIT:** This table lists the subjects available on each platform. e-PG Pathshala offers courses in a wide range of subjects within Humanities and Social Sciences, Science, Commerce and Management, Languages and Literature, Law and Governance, Education, Information and Communication, Interdisciplinary Courses, Library and Information Science, Health and Life Sciences, and Adult Education. mooKIT, on the other hand, focuses on subjects like Computer Science, Agriculture, Artificial Intelligence, Management, and Skill Development.

Table : Subject wise Courses of e-**PG Pathshala & mooKIT**

Sr No.	e-PG Pathshala	MooKIT
1	Adult Education	Agriculture
2	Analytical Chemistry/Instrumentation	Artificial Intelligence
3	Anthropology	Classical Mechanics - 1
4	Architecture	Computer Science
5	Biochemistry	Classical Electromagnetism – 1 (Electrostatics)
6	Commerce and Management	Cyber Security Training for Teachers (CTTI)
7	Education	Capacity Building for Non-Government Organization in the Disability Sector
8	Geography	
9	Health and Life Sciences	Criminal Justice Date Analysis -2

10	Hindi	
11	Home Science	
12	Humanities and Social Science	Handling Large Scale Date & Data Analysis Using R
13	Information and Communication	Learning Physics Through Simple Experiments
14	Interdisciplinary Coerces	Management
15	Languages and Literature	National Workshop on Open-Source Tools and Integration Framework for ICME
16	Law and Governance	Skill Development
17	Library and Information Science	Teachings Mathematics with Technology (TMT)
18	Science	Using Open Education Resources for Online Learning-2

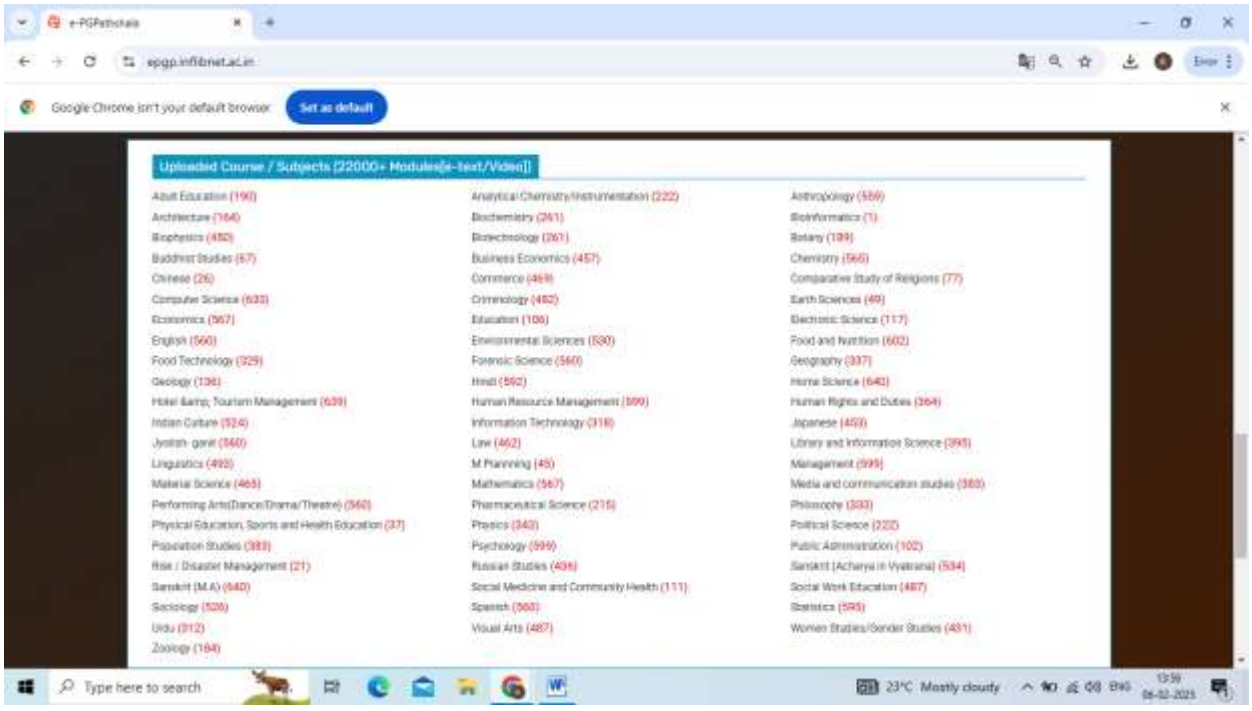

Figure 1 Subject Wise Courses of e-PG Pathshala

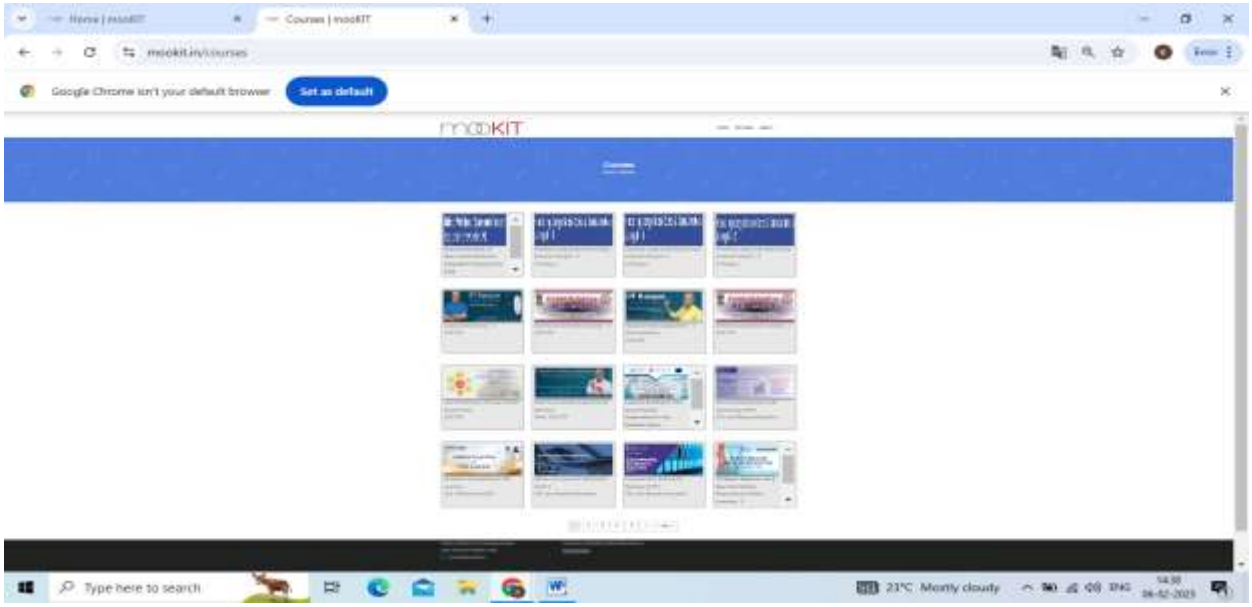

Figure 2 Subject Wise Courses of mooKIT

10. Teaching Pedagogy of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table gives the different teaching methods used by each platform, both e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT utilize e-Tutorials, Discussion Forums, E-Content, Self-Assessment, Mobile Learning, and Video Tests in their teaching pedagogy.

However, mooKIT additionally offers Graded Assignments, and Home Assignments, which are not present in e-PG Pathshala's methodology. Conversely, e-PG Pathshala offers Online Tests, which mooKIT does not.

Table No. : Teaching Pedagogy of e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr No.	Teaching Pedagogy	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	E – Tutorial	✔	✔
2	Discussion Forum	✔	✔
3	E – Content	✔	✔
4	Self-Assessment	✔	✔
5	Flexible Schedule	✔	✔
6	Mobile Learning	✔	✔
7	Graded Assignment	x	✔
8	Online Test	✔	x

Sr No.	Teaching Pedagogy	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
9	Video Test	✔	✔
10	Home Assignments	x	✔
	Total	**7**	**9**

11. Languages used in e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT: The following table 6 compares the number of languages in which courses are offered on each platform. e-PG Pathshala offers courses in five languages, while mooKIT provides courses in 14 languages.

Table 6 Language Used in e-PG Pathshala & mooKIT

Sr. No.	e-PG Pathshala	mooKIT
1	English	Hindi
2	Hindi	Punjabi
3	Sanskrit	Bengali
4	Urdu	Guajarati
5	Spanish	Telugu
6		Kanada
7		French
8		Marathi
9		French
10		Spanish
11		German
12		Arabic
13		Chinese
14		Russian
Total	5	14

12. Conclusion

The comparative analysis between e-PG Pathshala and mooKIT reveals their distinctive focuses in the Indian digital education landscape. e-PG Pathshala, with its structured academic content and multilingual offerings (primarily in English), caters to a more formal and academic learning environment. On the other hand, mooKIT, with its flexible structure and diverse language options based on instructor preference, provides a more adaptable and inclusive platform, particularly for skill-based and interactive learning. Both platforms play a crucial role in expanding access to education in India, catering to different learning needs and preferences.

Overall, e-PG Pathshala appears to be more specialized for postgraduate education with a structured approach, while mooKIT offers a broader range of courses and a more flexible learning experience with diverse language options.

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ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN INSTITUTIONAL RANKING AND ACCREDITATION

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Abstract : *Libraries play a crucial role in institutional ranking and accreditation by providing essential research support, access to information resources, and facilitating academic output, which are all key factors considered in evaluating an institution's quality and standards. It evaluates in terms of research capabilities and student learning opportunities. A well-functioning library can significantly contribute to an institution's overall performance in accreditation processes and ranking evaluations. This research paper discovers the significant role of libraries in institutional ranking and accreditation processes. The importance of higher education rankings and accreditation is increasing day by day in era of digital education system. The libraries have to play an important role in enhancing the quality and credibility of educational institutions. How libraries are contributing to enhance the quality of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) is elaborated here.*

Keyword: *NIRF, NAAC, MHRD, HEI, Assessment, Ranking, Makerspace, NPTEL, IRINS*

1. Introduction

As far as ranking in India is concern, the Ministry of Higher Education of Government of India has started the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). These autonomous institutes have given a methodology for evaluation and assessment of quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in India. This assessment cannot move further without considering the role of libraries in HEI. Therefore, libraries have to move in advance to the innovative things and its implementation for the enhancing the quality of institution. The NIRF provides a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology derived from the inclusive recommendations given by a Core Committee established by MHRD. The committee has put forth the methodology to identify the broad criterion for ranking various universities and institutions. The criterion covers "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

2. Role of Libraries in Institutional Ranking

2.1 . Supports Research and Publication:

Libraries provide access to various databases, journals, and e-books, facilitating research and publication. This contributes to the institution's research and professional output. Which is

an important criteria in ranking frameworks (e.g., NIRF & NAAC Ranking). Vasantha Raju, N., & Harinarayana, N. S. (2023) conducted a study and provides information about various activities conducted by libraries such as research data management system, NPTEL, IRINS, Google Scholar Profile, ResearchGate, Web of Science, Institutional Repository, e-Library, Plagiarism checking tools and their revisions in the Indian Maritime University Library, Chennai. Libraries play a vital role in supporting research and publication in several ways. These are as follows.

2.1.1 Access to databases and journals: For providing access to relevant and up-to-date information to researchers, libraries subscribe to various databases of e-journals, and e-books. For this purpose, libraries are subscribing the INFLIBNET N-LIST, DELNET, IEEE, EBSCO and SCIENCE DIRECT and other information resources for their users.

2.1.2 Interlibrary loan services: Libraries facilitate borrowing of materials from other libraries, ensuring researchers have access to required resources. The library networks alike DELNET helps to libraries to fulfil these requirements.

2.1.3 Reference and research assistance: Librarians offer guidance on research methods, database searching, and citation management. The library professionals are always at the front to create awareness about various tools and techniques of reference and research management.

2.1.4 Research workshops and training: Libraries organize workshops and training sessions on topics like literature review, research methodology, and data analysis. The libraries are taking workshops for reference management tools like Mendley, Zotero, Endnote etc to their users.

2.2. Publication Support

Libraries provide infrastructure and support for open-access publishing platforms, enabling researchers to publish their work openly. Institutional repositories, managed by libraries, collect, preserve, and provide access to research outputs, including articles, theses, and dissertations. Librarians advise researchers on copyright and licensing issues, ensuring compliance with publisher requirements. Libraries offer tools and services for citation and bibliometric analysis, helping researchers evaluate their research impact.

2.3. Additional Services

Libraries assist researchers in developing data management plans, ensuring proper data handling and preservation. Libraries provide expertise and infrastructure for digital scholarship, including digital humanities, data visualization, and geospatial analysis. Libraries offer collaborative workspaces, fostering interdisciplinary research and innovation. Libraries help researchers assess their research impact using various metrics and tools. By providing these services, libraries play a crucial role in supporting researchers throughout the research lifecycle, from discovery to publication and beyond.

2.4. Enhances Teaching-Learning Experience

Libraries play a vital role in enhancing the teaching-learning experience in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in several ways. These are as follows.

3. Information Literacy and Research Skills

Libraries conducts seminars, workshops and online guides to develop students' information literacy skills. These activities enable them to effectively locate, evaluate, and use information. It helps to create information literacy among them. Free, D. (2022) quoted the framework document that clearly demonstrate ACRL Framework for information literacy. Librarians provide training on research methodologies, database searching, and citation management, helping students develop essential research skills.

4. Curriculum Support and Integration

Libraries create personalized guides for courses, providing students with relevant resources, databases, and research tips. Librarians collaborate with faculty to integrate library resources and services into the curriculum, enhancing student learning outcomes. The regular library visits and other library related activities are inserted in to internal assessment of students by libraries.

5. Learning Spaces and Technologies

Libraries offer collaborative study areas, quiet zones, and flexible learning areas that cater to diverse learning styles. Library provides access to technology, such as computers, laptops, and multimedia equipment, supporting students' learning and research needs. It help to complete their research and other project works in higher education institutions.

6. Student Engagement and Support

Library offer services like study skills support, academic writing guidance, and counselling with the help of teaching faculties in higher education institutions. It helps students to succeed academically. Libraries engage with students through social media, events, and outreach programs, promoting library services and resources.

7. Faculty Support and Collaboration

Librarians work closely with faculty to support their teaching and research needs, providing customized library services and resources. Libraries collaborate with faculty to develop curriculum materials, ensuring that information literacy and research skills are integrated into the curriculum.

8. Assessment and Evaluation

Libraries participate in assessing student learning outcomes, helping to evaluate the effectiveness of library services and resources. Libraries regularly evaluate their services and resources, ensuring that they meet the evolving needs of students and faculty. Library provides these services and support in higher education institutions. In this way libraries play a vital role in enhancing the teaching-learning experience in HEIs, ultimately contributing to student success and academic excellence.

9. Fosters Collaboration and Innovation

Libraries often serve as centre for interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship. This brings into line with ranking frameworks that highlight industry partnerships and innovation Libraries adoptive collaboration and innovation in various ways, which includes;

10. Spaces for Collaboration

Libraries provide designated area as a makerspace, where students and researchers can actively create and experiments with various tools and technologies. It can involve cutting-edge technologies like 3D printing, laser cutting, and virtual reality, enabling users to collaborate on innovative. "Maker Bhavan" at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar Library is one of first initiative taken by IIT library in India. Libraries provides flexible, technologically fulfilled study area that facilitate group work and collaboration.

Chen, Y., & Wu, C. (2017) described the rapid development of digital technology together with the grassroots innovation. Which has led to a new landmark of maker culture. Recently, a search with the query of ''makerspace'', ''maker movement'' and ''maker culture' in Google Scholar found over 10,000 documents in total. It shows the importance of the concept is increasing day by day.

11. Programs and Services

Libraries host events that bring together students, faculty, and community members to develop innovative solutions to real-world problems. Libraries provide resources, mentorship, and funding opportunities to support entrepreneurs and startups. Libraries offer expertise and resources to support interdisciplinary research collaborations, facilitating innovation and knowledge creation.

12. Partnerships and Outreach

Libraries collaborate with industry partners to provide access to cutting-edge technologies, expertise, and resources, driving innovation and entrepreneurship. Libraries engage with local communities, fostering collaborations and partnerships that drive social innovation and positive change community outreach programs.

13. Digital Scholarship and Innovation

Libraries provide expertise and infrastructure to support digital scholarship, including data visualization, digital humanities, and geospatial analysis. Libraries establish innovation incubators that provide resources, mentorship, and funding to support the development of innovative ideas and projects.

14. Role of Libraries in Institutional Accreditation

Libraries provide resources and services that support curriculum development, ensuring that academic programs meet accreditation standards. Libraries contribute to institutional effectiveness by providing access to information resources, supporting student success, and fostering a culture of assessment and continuous improvement. Libraries must meet specific standards related to collections, facilities, and services, as outlined by accrediting agencies

(e.g., NAAC Accreditation Standards for Libraries). Libraries play a crucial role in institutional accreditation by providing evidence of their support for the institution's mission, academic programs, and student success.

Jange, S. (2020) very aptly said that, today librarianship is become multidisciplinary in nature. The librarian is working with its information sources both print and online to support teaching, learning, research and extension activities of the user in the colleges. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has given strength and motivation to the library professionals to have significant role in IQAC. Librarians are working nest in not just Key Indicator-4.2 Libraries as a Learning Resource (20 marks), but also to play significant role in other criterions of NAAC.

Eaton, J. S. (2012) explained the accreditation is a process of external quality review created and used by higher education to scrutinize colleges, universities and programs for quality assurance and quality improvement. Here are some ways libraries contribute to institutional accreditation:

15. Support for Academic Programs

Library develops collections that parallel with the institution's academic programs, ensuring that students and faculty have access to relevant resources. The procurement of information resources is completed by considering the students and teachers requirement. The library has to keep in mind the quantity as well a quality while developing the library collection. Library provide information literacy instruction, integrating it into the curriculum to support student learning outcomes.

16. Student Success and Support

Libraries offer study areas, computers, and other facilities that support student learning and success. The well-furnished reading area inspires students to browse and read the books in libraries. The research and reference support service helps a lot to students in library that helps to enhance the quality of students' outcome in higher education institution. Libraries provide research assistance, helping students develop critical thinking and research skills.

17. Assessment and Evaluation

Libraries participate in assessing student learning outcomes, providing evidence of student success. Libraries evaluate their services and collections, ensuring they meet the needs of students and faculty. The library feedback analysis supports to take correct actions for improving facility and services if needed. The services provided by libraries are satisfying to users or not are confirmed by such kind of evaluation.

18. Institutional Effectiveness

Libraries contribute to the institution's strategic planning, aligning their goals and objectives with the institution's mission. Libraries collaborate with faculty to support curriculum development, ensuring that library resources and services align with academic programs. By

highlighting the role of libraries in supporting research, teaching, and learning, institutions can strengthen their position in rankings and accreditation processes.

19. Conclusion

In conclusion, libraries play a vital role in supporting institutional ranking and accreditation efforts. By providing access to quality resources, supporting research and publication, enhancing the teaching-learning experience, fostering collaboration and innovation, and contributing to institutional effectiveness, libraries demonstrate their value to the institution. Libraries are essential for research and publication, supporting institutional ranking and accreditation. Libraries enhance the teaching-learning experience, providing information literacy instruction, study spaces, and research assistance. Libraries foster collaboration and innovation, offering makerspaces, digital scholarship services, and partnerships with industry and community. Libraries contribute to institutional effectiveness, aligning their goals and objectives with the institution's mission and strategic plan. Libraries are critical for institutional accreditation, providing evidence of their support for academic programs, student success, and institutional effectiveness. By acknowledging the critical role of libraries, institutions can strengthen their ranking and accreditation efforts, ultimately enhancing their reputation and academic excellence.

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What Databases OfferExtra to Researchers?

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Structural Abstract

Purpose : *The purpose of this paper is to inform faculty and researchers about the benefits reaped by understanding the significance of online databases.*

Design/Methodology/Approach: *Online databases such as ProQuest databases, IEEE Explore, Emerald Insight, Springer Limited, Science Direct, Sage Online, and Oxford University Press were consulted to determine what they offer to faculty members and researchers.*

Findings: *The findings revealed that online databases are the most excellent way to reach the primary literature besides accessing citation data available in indexing databases. Accessing the primary literature is always the principal motive for academic authors. However, besides this, they can get many benefits through accessing databases such as accessing past archives, aiding in reference management, keeping updated through alert settings, resorting to author's services, and publishing a paper and disseminating it globally.*

Originality/Value: *The study fortifies the importance of online databases, especially for academic authors and research scholars. The paper's content is highly valuable for early career researchers, motivating them to make maximum use of online databases to enrich the quality of research documents.*

Keywords: *Online database, Reference Management Tools, Indexing databases, Role of librarians*

1. Introduction

The advances in education and research are only possible with access to e-journals and databases. There was a time when printed documents were the only source to keep abreast with current upheavals in the field. The decade of 1980 brought the era of desktop computers. Desktop computers and CD-ROMs changed the way information was accessed. The emergence of the World Wide Web in 1990 paved the way for online databases (Brown and Bell, 2018). Now the research without databases is almost impossible. Nobody would have imagined this before a few decades ago. Before the library databases, there were library catalogues and print index. Catalogue cabinets held catalogue cards. Multiple cards created multiple access points. These cards serve as a base for locating a document by author, title, or subject. Printed indexes published in volumes helped to access periodicals. It was an onerous task to extract information from the journals' multi-volume print indexes. Today, databases have replaced card catalogues and printed indexes of journals (Brown and Bell, 2018). These databases serve as the 'front door' to access all kinds of bibliographical information, statistical figures, and complete text of articles or videos. They are not just convenient, but also reliable and trustworthy sources for primary, secondary and tertiary literature. Accessing the primary sources of literature is very popular with the databases.

2. Focal Point of Primary Literature

The articles published in journals represent the ongoing research on a subject. The journals are the first place to publish and disseminate that research content. Online databases constitute a bundle of journals. These journals may be subject-specific or discipline or, interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary, holding the content from many subjects. In whichever case, they are the first to access current research in any subject. The print journals are still in existence. However, there are limitations to printed subscriptions and maintenance. Hence, all academic libraries have been moving towards online subscriptions to journals and databases. Accessing the journals through a database has been a trend, and it is wise to be a library administrator to benefit the academic clientele.

Along with research scholars in Science and Technology, researchers from the Humanities and Social Sciences are also expecting journals in electronic format(Chen, 2019). This change is noteworthy because they are used to consulting printed documents. However, they still value printed books. Faculty members consider subject-wise databases and easy access to them as one of the influencing factors for the production of science. Digital library services increase usage frequency and positively affect research productivity (Khan *et al*., 2017).

3. Interfaces of Databases and Searching Mechanism

Databases are ubiquitous in nature in that multiple users can access the same document from anywhere at the same time. The interfaces of the databases may be divided into two categories: publisher's databases and aggregator's databases. The critical characteristic of an aggregator's database is that it brings digitized content from multiple sources and multiple publishers (Brown and Bell, 2018).

Databases offer an interactive mechanism and interface that users can access. They also support advanced searching facilities and filter-based search whereby a user can confine his search query to suitability. Almost all the databases have remarkable search facilities. Creating accounts and searching databases are highly useful, especially when collecting, organising, exporting, and importing documents. Setting alerts through e-mail or using an RSS feed is possible only by creating an account. All the quality databases can set alerts through keywords representing subject terms. It assists the users in accessing the newly added document for their ongoing research work. Databases assist users in modifying the search as per the requirement. The documents can be imported, exported, mailed, and saved in users' accounts. The databases have robust mechanisms to construct complex queries. Several journals have access through a single search window. The archives of the journals give a comprehensive picture of the publications the journals have produced. The users need to remember the way they searched earlier. So, the searches can be saved and made available in databases as search history. The database providers provide usage statistics that help increase usage.

A few databases, like EBSCOhost, offer image searching, SmartText searching, index browsing, and searching. Academic Search Ultimate has a mobile app for users. There is even a translation facility in a few global languages. PDFs can be read aloud in case a searcher does not intend to read the document. (https://web.p.ebscohost.com/ehost/search/basic?vid=0&sid=787df080-

7039-48c1-9650-e5eff89c3311%40redis). ProQuest interface is the merger of clustering of several databases (Brown and Bell, 2018). For example, the ProQuest interface contains LISA, ABI/INFORM Complete, ProQuest One Literature, and ProQuest Science and Technology Collection. All renowned databases have very excellent features. For example, 'Workspace' in JSTOR helps you save and organise documents. It also allows saving images, exporting presentations, and sharing a link. JSTOR has a 'Text Analyser' facility wherein you can upload any document or image. The JSTOR will read and analyse it to find more related documents. It also suggests several related keywords to explore the search (https://www.jstor.org/).

A database not only offers scientific material; almost all its interfaces provide a mechanism to store and organize the material. Users are supported to create accounts, and accordingly, subjective full text can be stored in folders.

Some databases, like IEEE Explore(https://ieeexplore.iee.org/Xplore/home.jsp), provide early access to papers, a unique advantage. The filtered search in databases allows you to narrow down your search to specific criteria, such as documents between particular years, documents of particular authors, documents of particular affiliations, specific publication titles, publishers, information sources, types, and specific topics. The simple search is always there, but advanced searches are where the real magic happens. They help you find highly relevant information, making your study more scientific. For advanced users, all ProQuest databases offer a 'command line search' facility (https://www.proquest.com/libraryinformation/index?accountid=35054). This feature assists in building more specific queries using Boolean operators, aiming to find the most pertinent literature. Systematic literature reviews, bibliometrics or scientometrics studies are based on advanced search. The online databases can be searched subject-wise, alphabetically, and publisher-wise, providing numerous access points to locate the desired literature. This is particularly beneficial for novice users of databases.

Even though libraries are spending on remote access software such as EZ-proxy, Remote Log , still databases have separate mechanism for this. Moreover, federated search engine like Summon, and Ebsco discover tool have been very useful to search multiple databases. In India, INFED (Indian Access Management Federation) INFED has taken a praiseworthy initiative to provide concurrent access to e-resources across India (https://parichay.inflibnet.ac.in/).

4. Reference Management through Online Database

Online databases are handy for citation management. Researchers using citation or reference management tools benefit significantly from online databases. Manual maintenance of citations has been reduced to a minimum. RMTs save full-text PDFs in the databases, where metadata is automatically collected and organised. The PDFs can be read, coloured, and annotated wherever necessary. The citations in the databases can also be exported in various formats, i.e., Plain Text, RIS,RefWorks,etc.

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Jiao, Q.G. and Onwuegbuzie, A.J. (1999), "Is library anxiety important?", Library Review, Vol. 48 No. 6, pp. 278-282. https://doi.org/10.1108/00242539910283732
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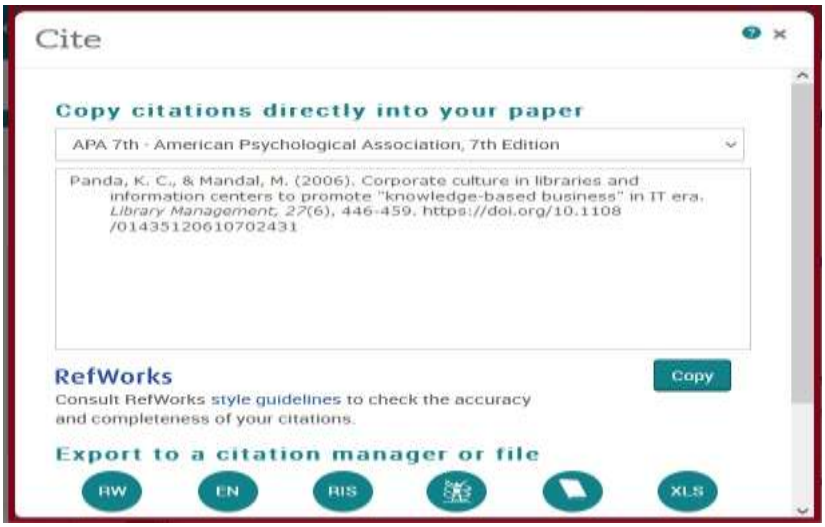
Figure1. Exporting Citation in RIS Format

Source :
https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/00242539910283732/full/html

The browser plug-in for RMT further directly imports the entire text into RMTs. Some databases provide readymade citations in different citation styles that you can copy and paste into the required place in the document.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Panda, K. C., & Mandal, M. (2006). Corporate culture in libraries and information centers to promote "knowledge-based business" in IT era. Library Management, 27(6), 446-459. https://doi.org/10.1108/01435120610702431
RefWorks
Copy
Consult RefWorks style guidelines to check the accuracy and completeness of your citations.
Export to a citation manager or file
RW
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RIS
XLS

Figure 2. Coping Citation Directly

Source:https://www.proquest.com/abicomplete/results/EBBF383C6F4E47FBPQ/1?accountid=35054

EndNote allows researchers to directly import the selected records to EndNote desktop or EndNote Online. A user has to search for and select the records based on his requirements. After that, he has to select the 'Export' tab to fetch the selected records in the reference management tool. Moreover, a user also has the option to export the records in several

other file formats.

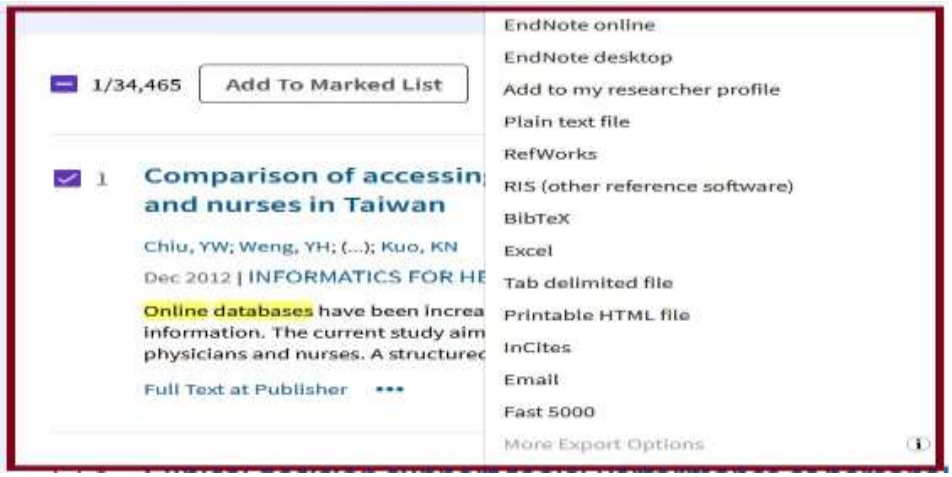

Figure 3. Importing records from Web of Science to EndNote Desktop

Source : https://www.webofscience.com

As such, online databases support citation management, and the task becomes less cumbersome and smarter.

5. Online databases Searching Facility in Reference Management Tools

Reference Management Tools serve as a database of references organized by researchers for their research work. Even though these databases serve functional purposes in Word for citing and, finally, appending the bibliography, they hold complete records of the documents. Besides that, many of the RMTs have web search facilities, and because of this, they can provide many other services apart from integrating citations in the research documents. Most RMTs have the inherent feature of attaché pdf to the bibliographic citation if the pdf is not available with the citation. The pdf can be marked and annotated wherever necessary. A user can manually add the document's bibliographical details or, with the help of any metadata element like DOI, the required document can be searched. Some databases like EndNote, RefWorks, Zotero and RefWorks provide a mechanism for online search to retrieve the literature from various databases like WoS, Scopus, PubMed, etc. If found valid, the retrieved document can be directly imported to a specified user interface folder. The users of RMT cite these documents as and when in a Word document with different functionalities available therein. We can cite the document in any citation style, depending on the document's requirements. The users have the facility to share a library with anyone who is engaged in collaborative research. So, RMTs have appeared as an essential form of database. It is a supplementary tool to increase research productivity. Online databases always have a mechanism to export the citations in RMTs. While RMTs can import the citations in various formats, the databases in RMT have served as an essential source for a researcher to further his research.

Figure 4. Searching through Web of Science from EndNote Desktop

Source : https://www.webofscience.com

6. Indexing Databases: A Gateway to Primary Literature

Indexing databases have been equally popular in the academic community besides full-text databases. Bibliographical control is the most crucial function of indexing databases, which brings voluminous information to each subject. The popular indexing database Web of Science (WoS) is an advanced version of the 'Citation Index' by Garfield. The birth of WoS dates back to the days of the Second World War. The acceleration of scientific information appeared as a threat to scientific communication. The US government funded many projects to solve the problem of bibliographical control. 'Citation Index' by Garfield is the result of one such funded US government project, which was accomplished at John Hopkins Welch Medical Library(Garfield, 1983). The emergence of the Science Citation Index in 1964 was an expansive attempt to use the citation indexing concept to search uncontrolled science literature. Web of Science, Scopus, Medline, PubMed, and Ei Compendex are some of the examples of popular indexing databases (Atlantic Press).

Indexing databases offer excellent insight into the literature published in several subject categories. Some databases hold multidisciplinary content, while some represent subject-specific content. All in all, they offer in-depth citation searches exploring specific subjects. Indexing databases have developed search interfaces where users can customize the search to their needs. Indexing databases have been handy for metric studies, locating funding opportunities, and exploring subject trends. They also provide an interface to export the citations in different file formats and reference management tools. Indexing databases are an excellent tool for bibliographic control. For researchers, indexing databases is a fundamental tool that leads to getting full-text and literature on the topic of interest.

7. Notification and Services to Authors

Databases also serve as a platform to provide various services and notifications to authors. The authors are informed well in advance regarding the 'call for papers' for journals. They are also informed about upcoming special issues and expectations of editorial boards, which can be

beneficial to authors in submitting well-prepared and studious manuscripts. The authors are offered various options for open-access publishing. They can select the desired model and publish their research. The publishers are offering manuscript-related services to the authors to enrich the content in perspective of the expectation of editorial boards. The services in this category include consulting services, English-language editing, translation services, and services concerning data analysis, visualization, and manuscript formatting. These services are beneficial for non-native speakers. Research cannot be conducted without adherence to the ethical standard followed by publishers. The publisher's ethical concern such about attribution, authorship issue, plagiarism, conflict of interest, fabrication of data, data manipulation, and grievances procedure can be accessed through databases.

Databases are very useful to get guidelines on publishing topics, getting sample articles, research methodologies, and reference guides. An author's journey from initiation of the topic to final publication becomes easy through informative web pages of databases. One can find the most appropriate journal for publication through consulting services from databases. Databases also offer advice on promoting the author's published work. They tell researchers about their rights as an author and make them understand publishing ethics to create responsible research. Subject-specific databases are useful in getting information about upcoming conferences, getting the list of newly published books and impactful authors, and understanding the trends in the subject. A springer database contains a corner for early career researchers. Databases like Science Direct and IEEE Explore have also provided researchers with remote access facilities. Along with journals and books, Science Direct has access to handbooks, reference books and book series(https://www.sciencedirect.com/). So, a single access platform has been a vital characteristic of a subject-specific database.

8. Role of Librarians:

Librarians are the mediators between online databases and users. It is through academic libraries that the databases have been made available to education stakeholders. Librarians also take on the responsibility of empowering users with information literacy when using online databases for meaningful research. The instructional abilities of library professionals are therefore crucial in the role of a librarian. Researchers expect to receive 'all and only' research documents related to their research activity (Brown and Bell, 2018), and it is the librarian's role to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to do so.

Nevertheless, search engines bring more than what a user needs. As such, librarians can open to the world of databases while teaching them the grammar of searching through it (Clyade, 2005). The research has confirmed that the researchers expect the librarians to make them aware of online databases and assist them in searching (Hong and Thi, 2012). Besides traditional information literacy sessions, asynchronous online sessions of databases can be taken and they have proved highly useful (Mery *et al*.,2014). Traditional information literacy instruction, one-on-one lectures, one-shot lectures (which are single, comprehensive lectures on a specific topic) and workshops are effective in understanding the skills required to resort to databases. However, they must be carefully planned to unfold the intricacies of databases (Onwugbuzie *et al*.,2004). The librarians can also plan more than one session focusing on exemplary databases in which coverage, interfaces, accessibility features and several other benefits can be explained. This helps reduce the anxiety surrounding the use of databases and contributes to the productivity of researchers.

9. Conclusion:

Online databases serve as a gateway to the primary literature and the other services provided by publishers and aggregators platforms. The interfaces of databases, either available through the publisher or aggregators, are enriched with vivid information, which can benefit researchers in every research phase of their life cycle. Along with doing the citation management task, RMT has also served as helpful in searching required documents with the help of an online searching mechanism associated with it. Further indexing databases have been helpful in terms of citations and getting insights into specific domains of literature. The library community must be responsible for bridging the gap between users and online databases to increase research productivity.

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ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY OF LIBRARIES IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020 FRAMEWORK

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Abstract : *The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in India's education system, emphasizing holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary learning. Libraries play a crucial role in realizing this vision by acting as knowledge hubs that facilitate lifelong learning, critical thinking, and research-driven education. This paper explores the evolving role and responsibilities of libraries within the NEP 2020 framework, highlighting their contribution to equitable access to resources, digital literacy, and skill development. It discusses how libraries support multilingual education, promote indigenous knowledge systems, and integrate technology to enhance learning outcomes. Additionally, the paper examines the challenges libraries face, including infrastructure limitations, digital divide concerns, and the need for capacity-building among library professionals. By analyzing policy directives and best practices, this study provides recommendations for strengthening library services to align with the NEP 2020 goals. Ultimately, the research underscores the significance of libraries in fostering an inclusive, innovative, and research-oriented education ecosystem in India.*

Keywords:*NEP 2020, Libraries, Education Policy, Digital Literacy, Knowledge Hubs, Academic Excellence*

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India aims to create a progressive and inclusive education system, emphasizing holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary learning. Libraries are seen as vital institutions that support these objectives by providing access to knowledge, fostering research, and promoting lifelong learning. Libraries have traditionally been essential centers for academic and intellectual development, acting as repositories of books, manuscripts, journals, and digital resources. However, with rapid technological advancements and the changing landscape of education, libraries are now expected to go beyond their conventional role.

The NEP 2020 emphasizes equitable and inclusive education, ensuring students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds have access to quality learning resources. Libraries play a crucial role in this by democratizing knowledge, offering free access to educational materials, and bridging the digital divide. They can serve as community knowledge hubs, providing access to books, e-learning platforms, and interactive learning tools. The policy also promotes multilingual education and the promotion of India's rich heritage and indigenous knowledge systems.

Libraries also play a fundamental role in fostering research and innovation. Higher education institutions rely on well-structured library systems to facilitate academic inquiry, data analysis, and knowledge dissemination. The NEP 2020 emphasizes a strong research culture through initiatives like the National Research Foundation (NRF), which aims to enhance research

productivity and interdisciplinary studies. Libraries are central to this vision, providing scholars with access to scholarly publications, databases, and research tools.

However, libraries face several challenges in aligning with the NEP 2020 objectives. Many public and institutional libraries suffer from inadequate infrastructure, lack of funding, and outdated collections, limiting their ability to support modern education effectively. Additionally, the digital divide remains a significant concern, and there is a pressing need for capacity-building among library professionals to equip them with the skills required to manage digital databases, implement innovative learning strategies, and engage in academic networking.

2. Objectives of the Research:

2.1 To analyze the evolving role and responsibilities of libraries in the context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and to explore how they can effectively contribute to the policy's vision for an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and research-oriented education system.

2.2 To Understanding how libraries facilitate access to knowledge, research, and digital learning resources in alignment with the policy's goals.

2.3 To Evaluating how libraries help bridge socio-economic and digital divides by providing open access to learning materials, especially for students in rural and underprivileged areas.

2.4 To Exploring the adoption of e-learning platforms, digital repositories, artificial intelligence (AI), and smart libraries to enhance accessibility and knowledge dissemination.

2.5 To Investigating how libraries contribute to the development of a strong research culture, particularly in higher education institutions, by providing access to scholarly publications, academic databases, and collaborative knowledge-sharing platforms.

3. Literature Review:

Several researchers have explored the evolving role of libraries within the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. Walde and Borkar (2023) highlighted how NEP 2020 envisions libraries as dynamic learning hubs, emphasizing the integration of digital tools and resources to support multidisciplinary education. Similarly, Khan (2023) examined the role of libraries in promoting digital literacy and lifelong learning, while also addressing challenges such as inadequate infrastructure and the digital divide. In another study, Vagdal and Acharya (2023) discussed the contribution of academic libraries in fostering research and innovation, providing access to diverse resources, and enhancing digital literacy among students and educators. Gandhi (2022) focused on the significance of NEP 2020 for adult education and lifelong learning programs, emphasizing how libraries can promote open access and digital literacy, particularly for adult learners. Meanwhile, Patil (2020) provided an early analysis of NEP 2020's implications for libraries at all levels, underscoring their role in supporting a holistic and multidisciplinary education system. These studies collectively reinforce the importance of libraries in realizing the NEP 2020 vision, ensuring equitable access to knowledge, and integrating modern technology into education.

4. Research Methodology:

This study uses a qualitative and descriptive research methodology to analyze libraries' role in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. It uses secondary data sources, including policy documents, academic papers, and expert opinions. The study uses a qualitative content analysis method to identify trends, challenges, and best practices in libraries' implementation of NEP 2020 recommendations.

5. Role & Responsibility of Libraries in The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 Framework:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to create a holistic, multidisciplinary, and flexible education system that promotes critical thinking, research, and lifelong learning. Libraries play a crucial role in this vision by acting as knowledge hubs, ensuring access to diverse learning resources, facilitating digital literacy, and promoting inclusivity in education. Libraries must evolve into active learning spaces that encourage inquiry-based learning and independent research.

The policy promotes e-learning through online databases, e-books, virtual classrooms, and AI-powered search tools. Libraries in universities and research institutions must support research and higher education by providing access to scholarly journals, citation databases, and research management tools. They must also encourage multilingual and inclusive education by curating books, manuscripts, and digital resources in multiple languages and ensuring the inclusion of marginalized communities in the learning ecosystem.

Libraries have several responsibilities under NEP 2020. Infrastructure development and modernization are essential, with libraries upgrading their infrastructure with Wi-Fi, smart classrooms, digital archives, and AI-driven cataloging systems. Capacity-building for librarians and educators is also crucial, with institutions investing in continuous professional development.

Libraries must align with open-access policies to ensure unrestricted access to academic and research materials. They can also engage with local communities through literacy programs, book donation drives, and digital literacy workshops.

Libraries must advocate for sustainable policies that align with NEP 2020's vision, including eco-friendly practices, resource digitization, and strategic funding initiatives. Strengthening libraries will ensure a future-ready education system, empowering students, educators, and researchers to excel in an evolving knowledge economy.

6. Role of Libraries in NEP 2020 Implementation:

Libraries are pivotal in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, serving as knowledge hubs that promote multidisciplinary learning, digital integration, research support, and inclusive education. They play a vital role in this transformation by providing diverse learning materials, such as books, academic journals, research papers, and digital resources across various fields.

Libraries also support digital integration by integrating e-books, research databases, MOOCs, and digital repositories, enhancing accessibility to quality educational content. They also offer access to academic journals, AI-based research tools, and virtual learning platforms, promoting self-directed learning and global knowledge exchange.

Libraries also promote research and innovation by offering access to scholarly publications, citation management tools, and research support services. They conduct workshops on research methodologies, plagiarism detection, referencing styles, and thesis writing, equipping students and researchers with essential academic skills.

Libraries nurture reading culture and critical thinking through well-curated collections, storytelling sessions, book clubs, and interactive reading programs. They also provide access to fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and literature in multiple languages, helping students develop language skills and comprehension abilities.

To ensure equitable access to education, libraries must cater to diverse learners, including those from marginalized communities, differently-abled individuals, and rural populations. They provide Braille books, audio resources, sign-language videos, and inclusive reading materials, and mobile libraries and community outreach programs can expand access to education in remote areas.

Libraries are at the forefront of educational transformation under NEP 2020. By expanding multidisciplinary learning opportunities, integrating digital resources, promoting research, encouraging inclusivity, and strengthening librarian training, libraries can significantly enhance the quality of education in India.

7. Challenges in Implementing Library Reforms under NEP 2020

The implementation of library reforms under NEP 2020 presents several challenges, including limited funding and infrastructure constraints, a shortage of trained librarians, and the lack of proper training programs for librarians and educators. These issues hinder the integration of digital tools and AI-driven information systems into mainstream education, making it difficult for libraries to align with the technology-driven vision.

Additionally, the integration of diverse regional and cultural literature is crucial for inclusive education. Many libraries are dominated by English and Hindi materials, neglecting literature in regional and tribal languages. This leads to a disconnect between students and researchers from their linguistic and cultural heritage. Limited translation services and digital archives also make it challenging for learners to explore historical, philosophical, and scientific texts written in regional languages.

Cybersecurity and data protection are also significant concerns. As institutions transition towards e-learning platforms, cloud-based information systems, and AI-powered search engines, the risk of data breaches, hacking attempts, unauthorized access, and plagiarism

increases. Many academic institutions lack robust cybersecurity protocols, making their digital databases vulnerable to misuse. Intellectual property rights and copyright violations pose significant challenges, as students and researchers often access open-source journals, digital repositories, and online study materials without clear guidelines on their ethical use.

To overcome these challenges, policy interventions, financial support, and strategic planning are essential. The government should allocate funds for upgrading library infrastructure, providing high-speed internet, and implementing digital cataloging systems in both urban and rural areas. Comprehensive librarian training programs should be developed to equip library professionals with digital resource management skills, AI-based tools, and cybersecurity protocols.

8. Strategies for Strengthening Library Roles in NEP 2020:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to transform libraries into dynamic learning centers that support research, digital literacy, and lifelong education. To achieve this, libraries must adopt a multi-faceted approach that includes increasing budget allocations for library development, expanding digital libraries and open access platforms, collaborating with educational institutions for resource sharing, conducting awareness programs on digital and media literacy, and encouraging community participation in library activities.

To address the lack of financial resources faced by libraries, the government should increase budget allocations for library infrastructure, book acquisitions, digital resource subscriptions, and technology integration. Schools and universities should receive funding to modernize reading spaces, upgrade digital tools, and train library professionals. Public-private partnerships and corporate funding under Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives can also be explored to support library development projects.

To expand digital repositories, e-books, research journals, and AI-driven cataloging systems, libraries should strengthen the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and platforms like SWAYAM, e-ShodhSindhu, and Vidya-Mitra. Universities and research institutions should collaborate to create shared open-access platforms, invest in cloud-based systems, AI search tools, and user-friendly digital interfaces.

Collaborating with educational institutions for resource sharing, conducting awareness programs on digital and media literacy, and encouraging community participation in library activities are key strategies to enhance libraries' role in the education ecosystem.

9. Conclusion:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions libraries as integral components of the education system, serving as dynamic knowledge hubs that facilitate equitable access to information, foster research, and promote lifelong learning. Libraries are no longer limited to being repositories of books; rather, they play a transformative role in enabling multidisciplinary education, digital literacy, and skill development. Their responsibilities extend beyond traditional functions to include providing digital resources, supporting multilingual education, integrating regional and indigenous knowledge, and fostering innovation through research collaborations. However, achieving this vision requires addressing key challenges such as

limited funding, lack of digital infrastructure, inadequate librarian training, and cybersecurity concerns. The success of library reforms under NEP 2020 depends on policy-driven initiatives, increased budget allocations, capacity-building programs, and enhanced technological integration. Expanding digital libraries, strengthening resource-sharing networks, and engaging communities will be essential in ensuring that libraries become accessible, inclusive, and future-ready learning spaces. By implementing strategic reforms and leveraging technology, libraries can truly align with the NEP 2020 framework, bridging the gap between traditional learning and modern educational needs. Strengthened libraries will play a pivotal role in knowledge dissemination, research advancement, and inclusive education, ultimately contributing to India's goal of building a holistic, multidisciplinary, and globally competitive education system.

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THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

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Abstract : *Research Data Management (RDM) is a critical aspect of academic research. With the increasing volume and complexity of research data generated by modern scientific practices, libraries have become central to ensuring that this data is properly managed, preserved, and made accessible. This paper explores the evolving role of libraries in RDM, highlighting their contributions to supporting researchers, promoting best practices in data management, and facilitating long-term access to research data.*

1. Introduction

Academic libraries have long played a fundamental role in supporting research and scholarship by providing access to a wide range of information resources. However, with the advent of digital technologies and the proliferation of research data, libraries are increasingly expected to contribute to the management of research data throughout its lifecycle. Research Data Management involves the organization, storage, sharing, and preservation of data to ensure its accessibility and usability for future research. As such, academic libraries are uniquely positioned to assist researchers with the complexities of managing research data effectively.

2. The Role of Libraries in Research Data Management

2.1 Data Management Support: Libraries provide essential support to researchers in the development of data management plans (DMPs). These plans outline how data will be collected, organized, stored, and shared during and after the research project. Librarians, with their expertise in information organization, are well-placed to assist in the creation of these plans and ensure that data management strategies align with institutional and funding agency requirements.

2.2 Training and Education: Academic librarians play a vital role in educating and training researchers and students on RDM best practices. Libraries offer workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one consultations to help researchers understand data management principles, including metadata creation, data formatting, and sharing protocols. Through these educational initiatives, libraries foster a culture of responsible data stewardship.

2.3 Data Repository and Preservation: Libraries often host institutional repositories where research data can be deposited for long-term preservation. By ensuring that data is securely stored and easily accessible, libraries provide a critical service to researchers and institutions. These repositories enable the long-term availability of data for reuse, verification, and further research. Preservation

strategies employed by libraries ensure that data is protected from loss or corruption over time, which is particularly important in the case of digital data that may require regular migration to newer formats.

2.4 Data Access and Sharing: In today's open science environment, data sharing is becoming increasingly important. Libraries support the sharing of research data by providing infrastructure for making data publicly accessible. They help researchers meet open data mandates and ensure that data is shared in a way that complies with legal, ethical, and institutional policies. This role includes ensuring that data is discoverable through proper metadata and that access controls are in place to protect sensitive information.

2.5 Collaboration and Coordination: Libraries serve as coordinators in the broader research ecosystem by collaborating with other institutional departments and external organizations. They work closely with IT departments, research offices, and academic departments to ensure that RDM practices are integrated into the research culture. Through these collaborations, libraries contribute to the development of institutional RDM policies and strategies.

2.6 Data Management Tools and Services: Many libraries offer services such as data curation, metadata management, and data analysis support. Libraries may also provide or recommend software tools for managing data effectively, including tools for data visualization, statistical analysis, and data cleaning. These tools enhance the research process and help ensure that data is usable and accessible.

3. Role of Academic Libraries During the RDM Process

Data from academic research projects represents an integral part of the global research knowledge base. As such, managing this data should be a natural extension of the role of tertiary institution libraries, which already provide access to the published segment of the knowledge base. Academic libraries perform the following roles during the Research Data Management (RDM) process:

3.1 Instruction: Academic librarians are experts in designing, managing, and delivering educational content tailored to the research practices of individuals from various disciplines and levels of expertise.

3.2 The Hub of Quality Data: Academic libraries play a vital role as data quality hubs within academic and research communities. They ensure that data is accurate, accessible, and usable for researchers.

3.3 Information Support and Training: Libraries engage with the academic community by providing information support and training, assisting researchers with data management practices and ensuring they are well-equipped to handle their research data.

3.4 Data Provisioning: Data provisioning involves configuring, deploying, and managing different types of data systems. Libraries provide the necessary resources, such as equipment, software, or services, to facilitate efficient data management for users.

3.5 Research Data Management Service Provider (RDMSP): Academic libraries offer RDM services, assisting with data management planning, data sharing, dataset preparation for deposit, long-term preservation, and addressing issues related to copyright, licensing, and intellectual property.

3.6 Promotion of RDM Policies: Libraries advocate for the development and implementation of research data management policies within academic institutions, ensuring that best practices are followed in managing research data.

3.7 Creation of Data Management Awareness: Libraries play a key role in raising awareness within the academic community about the importance of data management, ensuring researchers understand best practices for managing their research data.

3.8 Coordination and Collaboration: Academic libraries act as coordinators and collaborators in the RDM process, working with stakeholders across the institution to ensure seamless data management practices. As highlighted by Floex et al. (2015), libraries facilitate collaboration between various actors to improve data management in academic environments.

4. Conclusion

Libraries are no longer just rooms with four walls containing printed collections of materials. Today, libraries have evolved to embrace both physical and digital collections, serving as hubs for diverse resources. There is a growing trend where libraries are developing institutional Research Data Management (RDM) policies and services, recognizing these as crucial components of their future roles.

Research data management is a complex issue that involves multiple activities carried out by various stakeholders, addressing a wide range of drivers and influenced by numerous factors. The development of institutional policies is necessary to ensure coordinated action on data management. Academic libraries play a significant role in achieving the goals of tertiary institutions, and it would be challenging for academic institutions to meet the academic, intellectual, and other information needs of students without the services of well-equipped libraries.

This paper has highlighted the role of academic libraries in research data management, along with the strategies and benefits associated with managing research data. Research Data Management services are emerging as an essential offering by academic institutions. The primary aim of this study was to explore academic librarians' perceptions of their roles and involvement in RDM support services, specifically identifying factors that hinder academic libraries from providing RDM services, exploring librarians' awareness of RDM mandates, and

analyzing the roles suitable for academic libraries in RDM work. The findings offer a general understanding of the current situation of academic libraries' involvement in RDM at Ghanaian universities.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ENGINEERING COLLEGE LIBRARIES OF SELECTED HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN NAGPUR CITY, MAHARASHTRA (INDIA)

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Abstract:

Purpose – *This paper attempts to ascertain the resources, services, and facilities that technical education libraries offer to their patrons; it also seeks to identify the issues that these libraries face in providing improved services to patrons; and finally, it offers the best recommendations for the general development and enhancement of the libraries of the chosen technical educational institutions located in Nagpur, Maharashtra.*

Design/Methodology/Approach - *In order to achieve the study's goals, information was gathered using a structured questionnaire that included multiple questions that were designed with the study's goals in mind. This was done in addition to in-person interviews with librarians and library administrators and visits to specific libraries. The librarians or those in charge of the libraries chosen for the study filled it out. The gathered data was analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and relevant and doable recommendations were drawn from the results.*

Finding - *According to the survey, the libraries of all the chosen technical educational institutions in Nagpur have a sizable collection of library materials and offer their patrons user-focused library services.*

Research Limitation/Implication - *This study is restricted to engineering college libraries at a few chosen technical educations institutes in Nagpur. The study looks at the tools, services, resources, and facilities that library patrons can access in this rapidly evolving environment.*

Originality/ Value - *This study, which compares the engineering libraries of technical educational colleges in Nagpur, Maharashtra, is unusual in that it examines how users utilize library materials and services. Furthermore, this research will offer recommendations to other engineering libraries on how to use cutting-edge practices and technology-driven services to improve user experiences.*

Keywords: *Comparative Study*, *Technical Education*, *Library Resources, Library Services*

1. Introduction:

Any educational institution must have a library and information center, which serves as the center for all teaching and learning activities and provides teachers, students, and researchers with access to a wealth of information resources. Users of traditional libraries must devote more time to searching for a small amount of information, and they must rely mostly on library professionals or staff to do so. However, in the era of information and communication technology, computers are employed for routine library housekeeping tasks, saving both library

staff and end users' time while preventing duplication of effort and ensuring a seamless and efficient library service.

In the age of information technology, which combines computer and telecommunications technologies, data transmission, collection, processing, interpretation, and distribution have become simpler. In the current digital era, individuals think that information technology may help them. The advent of new technologies, such as the Globe Wide Web, has resulted in an extraordinary rise in the number of organizations that have an impact on the globe with constantly evolving information products and services, despite the fact that libraries have long been involved in resource-sharing programs.

2. Concept of Engineering College Library; Library Resources and Services

2.1 Technical Education:

Engineering is concerned with managing real-world issues and creating solutions for them. It is the application of scientific expertise and knowledge to industry to solve its real-world problems. The word "engineering," which comes from the Latin "ingenerate," which meaning "to build, contrive, or devise," and "cleverness," The application of science to the development, design, innovation, construction, operation, and maintenance of machinery, structures, materials, systems, gadgets, and organizations is known as engineering.

Engineering is primarily the application of scientific knowledge to the manufacturing domain. A well-known saying regarding engineers states that while scientists construct to learn, engineers learn to build.

2.2 Engineering College Library:

Engineering Colleges According to the Macmillan Encyclopedia, a college “is an educational establishment, especially one that specializes in a particular subject or in higher or further education”.

Engineering College Library means “a collection of books and other printed, graphic or record material dealing with a limited field of knowledge and provided by a learned society, research organization, industrial or commercial undertaking, government department or educational institution”

1.3 Library Resources:

Every college library is a source for storing and disseminating books, reference books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, theses, dissertations and other print and non-print resources that are important for the teaching-learning process of the faculty and students as well as for the research process. Libraries are considered the foundation of any college. Human resources (such as library office staff, their credentials and their skills), physical resources (such as study spaces, seats, tables, books, etc.), and print and electronic resources are all types of library resources that are fundamentally necessary.

1.4 Library Services

Library services can be defined as physical and intangible actions that are not stored and do not result in ownership. It signifies that services are the processes that users are provided with. The list of services generally provided by library is such as Current Awareness Services (CAS); Selective Dissemination Services (SDI); Reference and Referral services; Translation Services; Xerox & Reprographic Services; Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC); Inter Library Loan Services (ILL); Indexing and Abstract Services; Online and Electronic Services; E-mail etc.

2. Literature Review

Many investigations have been conducted to obtain a fundamental understanding and clarity of the notion; some of those studies include.

This study was carried out by **Bhanu, P., and Saha, P. (2019)** to investigate the state of engineering college libraries in the Odisha region of Bhubaneswar. Using a questionnaire approach, the study's goal was to evaluate the present state of the IT infrastructure, personnel, collections, services, and other library components of a few engineering institutions in the Bhubaneswar area of Odisha.

Mishra, R. (2016) this study investigates library usage and services in central universities in North East India. This study paper focuses on concerns concerning the utilization of library resources by users and the services given by North East India's Central Universities.

Patel, U. (2013). The author of this essay examined the Central Gujarat region's engineering college libraries, the history of the engineering colleges' development there, the suggested association model, and the factors to be taken into account when establishing such an association.

Pandey (2020) conducted a study to determine the library resources and services providing by the central and state universities of Bihar by the study of their library websites. He found that most of the resources and services are easily available on library website portals. It is observedthat in this digital era library websites are also playing an important role to providing information resources and services to their users and others.

Patel, M., and Suman, A.K. (2021) the author of this research work has studied the resources, services, and facilities that academic libraries in higher education offer to their patrons. The investigation was conducted in the libraries of a few Motihari, Bihar, higher education institutions. Their issues have been examined in this research, and a study has been conducted for development and improvement in order to give the users the finest possible service.

3. Scope and Methodology

The primary goal of this research is to learn about the basic facilities in the libraries of selected engineering colleges and technical educational institutions in Nagpur; a comparative study of library resources, services, and facilities in the libraries of Twenty Four (24) engineering colleges in Nagpur city was conducted. The purpose of this research study is descriptive. The survey research approach was employed, together with a standardized questionnaire, to gather information from the libraries of Nagpur's engineering colleges. Data were gathered by distributing questionnaires to librarians and library workers. The data is analyzed and assessed once the questionnaire has been received. Furthermore, the material is complemented via interviews with librarians and library professionals, as well as observation if necessary. The

acquired data was analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methods, and the conclusion was drowned in suggestions.

4. Objective of the Study:

4.1 To know about the basic information and condition of Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.2 To study the library Services, Resources and collection of document in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.3 To study the User-Orientation services, library facility available in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.4 To study the status of library automation in the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

4.5 To study the information retrieval & management system of the selected Engineering college libraries in Nagpur City

5. Data Analysis & Interpretation:

This particular section consists of data analysis with interpretation, followed by findings & discussion.

Table -1: Description of Engineering College Libraries taken for study in Nagpur City

Sr. No.	Name of the Engineering College	Abbreviation	Establishment
1	G.H. Raisoni Engineering College, Nagpur	GHRCE.	1996
2	Govindrao Wanjari College of Engineering and Technology	GWCET	2008
3	Gurunanak Institue of Engineering and Technology	GNIET	2007
4	Gurunanak Institue of Technology, Nagpur	GITN	2009
5	J.D. Engineering College, Nagpur	JDCOEM	2008
6	Jhulelal Institue of Technology , Nagpur	JITN	2008
7	Nagarjuna Institute of Engineering Technology & Management, Nagpur	NIETM	2009
8	Nagpur Institute of Technology (NIT), Nagpur	NITN	2008
9	Swaminarayan Siddhant Engineering College, Nagpur	SSITNGP	2008
10	St. Pallotti College Engineering & Technology, Nagpur	SVPCET	2004
11	Priyadarshani College of Engineering ,Nagpur	PCEN	1990
12	Priydarshani Bhagvati College of Engineering, Nagpur	PBCOE	2007
13	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT),	VNITN	1960
14	Waingangā College of Engineering & Management,	WCEM	2008

15	Suryodaya College of Engineering and Technology,	SCET	2010
16	Smt. Radhikatai Pandav College of Engineering, Nagpur	SRPCE	1999
17	Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur	YCCEN	1984
18	S.B.Jain Institute of Technology & Management,	SBJITMR	2008
19	Vidarbha Institute of Technology , Nagpur	VITN	2009
20	Government College of Engineering, Nagpur	GCOEN	2016
21	Priyadarshani J.L. College of Engineering, Nagpur	PJLCE	2008
22	Anjuman College of Engineering and Technology,	ACET	1999
23	Tulshiram Gaikwad Patil College of Engineering and Technology	TGPCET	2007
24	*G. H. Raisoni Institute Of Engineering & Technology,*	GHRIET	2008

- It shows that only twenty four engineering college's libraries of Nagpur city (Maharashtra) have taken for study.
- It also states the abbreviation of the name of engineering college, their establishment year and website.

Table -2: Website of selected Engineering Colleges & Their library and Libraries Website/Web portal

Sr. No.	Engineering College	College Website (Y/N)	Library (Y/N)	Library Website (Y/N)	College Website Address
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	N	*https://ghrce.raisoni.net/*
2	GWCET	Y	Y	N	*http://www.gwcet.ac.in/*
3	GNIET	Y	Y	N	*https://gnietedu.com/*
4	GITN	Y	Y	N	*https://gnit.in/*
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	*https://jdcoem.ac.in/*
6	JITN	Y	Y	N	*https://www.jitnagpur.edu.in/*
7	NIETM	Y	Y	Y	*https://nietm.in/*
8	NITN	Y	Y	N	*https://nit.edu.in/*
9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	N	*https://www.ssitngp.com/*
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	N	*https://www.stvincentngp.edu.in/*
11	PCEN	Y	Y	N	*https://pcenagpur.edu.in/*
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	N	*https://pbcoe.edu.in/*
13	VNITN	Y	Y	Y	*https://vnit.ac.in/*
14	WCEM	Y	Y	N	*http://wcem.in/*
15	SCET	Y	Y	N	*https://scetngp.com/*
16	SRPCE	Y	Y	N	*https://srpce.ac.in/*
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	N	*https://ycce.edu/*
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	N	*https://www.sbjit.edu.in/*
19	VITN	Y	Y	N	*https://vitnagpur.edu.in/*
20	GCOEN	Y	Y	N	*https://www.gcoen.ac.in/*
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	N	*https://pjlce.edu.in/*

22	ACET	Y	Y	N	*https://www.anjumanengg.edu.in/*
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	Y	*https://www.tgpcet.com/*
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	N	https://ghrcemn.raisoni.net/

- From the above table number 2 it is seen that twenty four engineering colleges have their college websites (i.e. 100%).
- Table 2 shows that all the above 24 engineering colleges have their libraries (i.e. 100%).
- From the above table it is seen that only JDCOEM, NIETM and TGPCET have library websites and the remaining 21 libraries do not have their own websites (i.e. 88%).

Table - 3: Detail about Staff Qualification of the Engineering College Libraries

Engineering College	Qualification				Total No. of Staff
	Ph.D./ M. Phil	NET/ SET	B. Lib/ M. Lib.	HSSC/SSC	
GHRCE	2	-	3	4	9
GWCET	-	-	2	1	3
GNIET	-	-	3	2	5
GITN	-	-	3	2	5
JDCOEM	-	-	4	1	5
JITN	-	-	2	2	4
NIETM	-	1	-	2	3
NITN	-	1	2	1	4
SSITNGP	-	-	2	1	3
SVPCET	1	-	3	2	6
PCEN	-	-	7	3	10
PBCOE	1	-	2	2	5
VNITN	-	1	6	-	7
WCEM	-	1	1	-	2
SCET	-	-	2	1	3
SRPCE	-	-	3	1	4
YCCEN	1	-	5	11	17
SBJITMR	1	-	2	2	5
VITN	-	-	3	1	4
GCOEN	-	-	1	2	3
PJLCE	1	1	1	1	4
ACET	--	-	4	-	4
TGPCET	-	1	2	1	4
GHRIET	1	-	3	5	9

- It is evident from Table 3 that the qualifications of the library staff in the libraries of all the above twenty-four engineering colleges libraries, such as Ph.D./M.Phil, NET/SET, M.Lib,/B.Lib, HSSC/SSC.
- In the above mentioned table, among the engineering college libraries, YCCEN (17) library has the highest number of qualified staff while WCEM (2) has the lowest number of staff in its library.

- The above table shows the different qualified staffs of engineering colleges library.
- In the above table, the following colleges have the highest educational qualification of Ph.D./M.Phil in the library staff, mainly GHRCE, SVPCET, PBCOE, YCCEN, SBJITMR,PJLCE & GHRIET etc.
- In the above table, the educational qualification of the library staff in NET/SET of library staff mainly includes colleges like NIETM, NITN, VNITN, WCEM, PJLCE & TGPCET etc.
- It is seen from Table 3 that except for the above NIETM college, the educational qualification of the library staff in all the twenty-three engineering college libraries is M.Lib/B.Lib.
- It is seen from Table 3 that except for the above VNITN, WCEM & ACET colleges, the educational qualification of the library staff in the libraries of twenty-one engineering colleges is HSSC/SSC.

Table - 4: Detail about Staff Designation of the Engineering College Libraries

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Designation/Post				
		Librarian	Asst. Librarian	LibraryAssistant	LibraryAttended	Total No. of Designation/Post
1	GHRCE.	1	1	3	4	9
2	GWCET	1	1	-	1	3
3	GNIET	1	1	1	2	5
4	GITN	1	1	1	2	5
5	JDCOEM	1	1	1	2	5
6	JITN	1	1	-	2	4
7	NIETM	1	-	1	1	3
8	NITN	1	1	1	1	4
9	SSITNGP	1	1	-	1	3
10	SVPCET	1	-	3	2	6
11	PCEN	-	3	4	3	10
12	PBCOE	1	-	-	4	5
13	VNITN	-	1	6	-	7
14	WCEM	1	1	-	-	2
15	SCET	1	1	-	1	3
16	SRPCE	1	1	-	2	4
17	YCCEN	1	2	3	11	17
18	SBJITMR	1	1	1	2	5
19	VITN	1	1	1	1	4
20	GCOEN	1	-	-	2	3
21	PJLCE	1	1	1	1	4
22	ACET	-	1	1	2	4
23	TGPCET	1	1	-	2	4
24	GHRIET	1	-	3	5	9

- Table 4 means that the libraries of the above twenty-four engineering colleges have different ranks or positions i.e., YCCEM has the highest number of seventeen employees, while WCEM has the lowest number of two employees.
- Table No. 4 above shows the different posts or positions of the engineering college libraries at present:
- In the above table 4, the three engineering college libraries namely PCEN, VNITN, & ACET do not have librarian posts filled, while all the remaining twenty-one colleges have librarian posts filled.
- In Table 4 above, the five engineering college libraries namely NIETM, SVPCET, PBCOE, GCOEN, & GHRIET do not have any assistant librarian posts filled while all the remaining 19 colleges have any assistant librarian posts filled.
- The post of Library Attendant has not been filled in two engineering college libraries namely VNITN, WCEM, while all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries have filled the posts of Library Attendant.

Table - 5: Facility Provided by the Library to their Users

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Facilities/Services						
		Circulation	Reprographic	OPAC	NewsPaper	Reading Room	Book Bank	ILL
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
2	GWCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	GNIET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	GITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
6	JITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
7	NIETM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	NITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	PCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	VNITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	WCEM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
15	SCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
16	SRPCE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
19	VITN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	GCOEN	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	ACET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- From the above table 5 it is evident that all the above engineering colleges provide many basic services or facilities to their users in the library such as, Circulation, OPAC, News Paper, and Reading Room etc.
- From the above table 5 it is seen that Reprographic services are not provided in these two college libraries of SRPCE & GCOEN but this service is provided in all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries.
- From the above table it is seen that Book Bank service is not provided in two college libraries namely SBJITMR & GCOEN whereas this service is provided in all the remaining 22 engineering college libraries. Also, the engineering college libraries that provide inter library loan services are as follows: GWCET, GNIET, GITN, NIETM, SVPCET, PCEN, PBCOE, VNITN, YCCEN, VITN, PJLCE, ACET, TGPCET & GHRIET etc.

Table - 6: Types of Users in above Library

Engineering College	Types of Users			
	UG Students	PG Students	ResearchersM.Phil/Ph.D	FacultyMembers
GHRCE	Y	Y	Y	Y
GWCET	Y	Y	N	Y
GNIET	Y	Y	N	Y
GITN	Y	Y	N	Y
JDCOEM	Y	Y	Y	Y
JITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
NIETM	Y	Y	N	Y
NITN	Y	N	N	Y
SSITNGP	Y	Y	N	Y
SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y
PCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
PBCOE	Y	N	N	Y
VNITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
WCEM	Y	Y	N	Y
SCET	Y	Y	N	Y
SRPCE	Y	N	N	Y
YCCEN	Y	Y	Y	Y
SBJITMR	Y	Y	N	Y
VITN	Y	Y	N	Y
GCOEN	Y	N	N	Y
PJLCE	Y	N	N	Y
ACET	Y	Y	Y	Y
TGPCET	Y	Y	N	Y
GHRIET	Y	Y	N	Y

From Table 6, we can conclude the following details:

- Undergraduate students are the users of all the above engineering college libraries.
- Postgraduate students are users of GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, JITN, NIETM, SSITNGP, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, WCEM, SCET, YCCEN, SBJITMR, VITN, ACET, TGPCET, and GHRIET engineering college libraries, but they are not users of NITN, PBCOE, SRPCE, GCOEN & PJLCE college libraries.
- Research scholars are users of GHRCE, JDCOEM, JITN, SVPCET, VNITN, YCCEN, & ACET engineering college libraries only.
- Teaching Faculty Members are users of all the above-selected engineering college libraries.

Table - 7: Provides Library Data Collection (Books; ReferenceBooks; Journals; Magazine; BookBank)

Engineering College	Data Collection				
	Books	ReferenceBooks	Journals (Print/Online)	Magazine	BookBank
GHRCE	50956	6027	179	18	2158
GWCET	30000	2000	45	17	1000
GNIET	23900	2200	18	0	4000
GITN	19300	13000	30	0	3000
JDCOEM	40800	4979	120	5	5105
JITN	25341	2000	86	74	8341
NIETM	18000	1000	24	9	1000
NITN	22241	1501	30	5	9243
SSITNGP	23048	786	30	7	4051
SVPCET	33825	225	100	10	6803
PCEN	106918	1118	192	13	10600
PBCOE	20755	1555	54	8	2627
VNITN	130000	17000	0	5	28700
WCEM	15570	1000	117	30	435
SCET	24000	3000	98	7	800
SRPCE	22290	3210	45	11	2000
YCCEN	113120	1200	196	8	1360
SBJITMR	27471	2071	100	23	0
VITN	18950	3166	20	7	2000
GCOEN	9000	129	29	0	0
PJLCE	16085	418	30	8	2705
ACET	32686	1946	32	8	3785
TGPCET	40590	0	0	10	0
GHRIET	75609	6021	160	25	7504

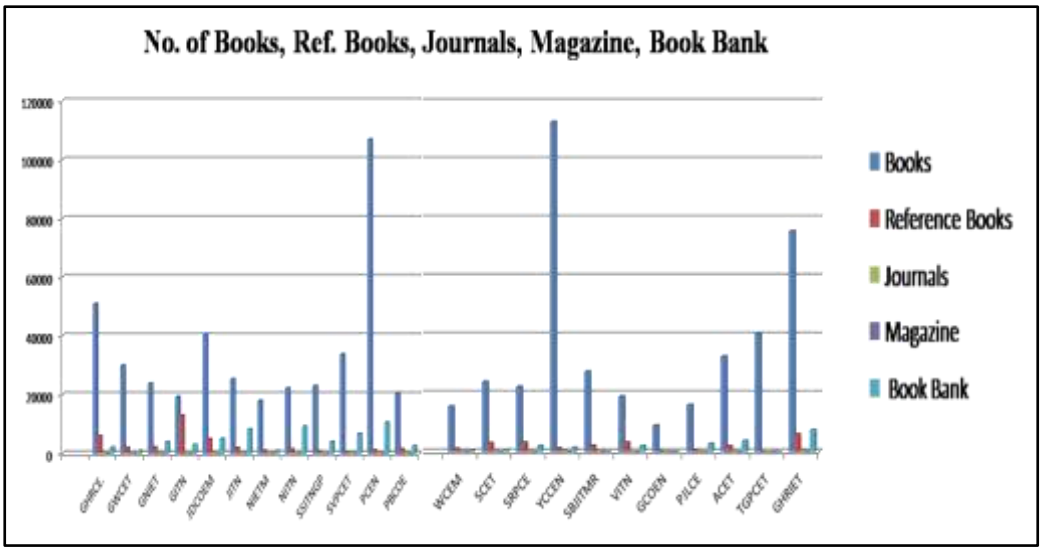

Figure No.- 1: Books, Reference Books, Journals, Magazine, Book Bank

Table 7 and Fig. 1 shows that-

- VNITN Engineering College library has the highest number of books (130000), below it YCCEN library has 113120 books and PCEN college library has about 106918 books, while GCOEN library has the lowest number of books (9000).
- YCCEN College Library has the most subscriptions to Periodicals/Journals, with over 196, followed by PCEN Library with 192 and GHRCE College Library with 179.
- VNITN Library has the most reference book collections, with over 17,000, followed by GHRCE and GHRIET College Libraries, which have 6027 and 6021 reference book collections, respectively, while TGPCET College Library has the fewest number of reference book collections, with only 0, among the aforementioned engineering colleges.
- JITN Library subscribed to the maximum number of magazines (74), while WCEM College Library subscribed to 30. On the other hand, GNIET, GITN and GCOEN College Libraries did not subscribe to any of the magazines in the above mentioned libraries.
- VNITN Engineering College library has the highest number of book bank (28700), below it PCEN library has 10600 book banks and NITN college library has about 9243 book Bank, while SBJITMR, GCOEN, TGPCET respectively three libraries has the lowest number of book Bank Collection.

Table - 8: Status of Library Automation.

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Library Automation (Y/N)	Status of Automation (Y/N)		
			FullyAutomated	Partiallyautomated	InitialStages
1	GHRCE.	Y	Y	-	-
2	GWCET	Y	Y	-	-
3	GNIET	Y	Y	-	-
4	GITN	Y	Y	-	-
5	JDCOEM	Y	Y	-	-
6	JITN	Y	-	Y	-

7	NIETM	Y	-	Y	-
8	NITN	Y	Y	-	-
9	SSITNGP	Y	Y	-	-
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	-	-
11	PCEN	Y	-	Y	-
12	PBCOE	Y	Y	-	-
13	VNITN	Y	-	Y	-
14	WCEM	Y	-	Y	-
15	SCET	Y	Y	-	-
16	SRPCE	Y	-	-	Y
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	-	-
18	SBJITMR	Y	Y	-	-
19	VITN	Y	Y	-	-
20	GCOEN	Y	-	Y	-
21	PJLCE	Y	-	Y	-
22	ACET	Y	Y	-	-
23	TGPCET	Y	-	Y	-
24	GHRIET	Y	-	Y	-

Table 8 shows that out of the 24 selected engineering college libraries, 14 college libraries are fully computerized, 9 libraries are partially automated and finally 1 library is in the initial stage of computerization.

Table - 9: Use of Library Automation Software and Status ofComputer in Library

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Use of Library Automation Software	No. of Computer in Library
1	GHRCE	Synchronik (SoftLib) Softwear	42
2	GWCET	Lib-Man & D-Space	15
3	GNIET	Lib-Man & Synchronik (SoftLib)	20
4	GITN	Lib-Man & Synchronik (SoftLib)	15
5	JDCOEM	Synchronik (SoftLib) & D-Space	24
6	JITN	Koha	18
7	NIETM	Lib-Man	20
8	NITN	SackInfo	15
9	SSITNGP	Synchronik (SoftLib)	13
10	SVPCET	LIBSYS & Koha	25
11	PCEN	Synchronik (SoftLib) & Koha	40
12	PBCOE	Koha	15
13	VNITN	LIBSYS	22
14	WCEM	SackInfo	19
15	SCET	Lib-Man	14
16	SRPCE	Libsuit	14
17	YCCEN	LIBSYS	65

18	SBJITMR	Lib-Man	14
19	VITN	Synchronik (SoftLib)	25
20	GCOEN	SLIM	5
21	PJLCE	KOHA	15
22	ACET	Synchronik (SoftLib) & KOHA	26
23	TGPCET	SackInfo	20
24	GHRIET	Libman	40

Table 9 shows the following information about Library Automation Software used by libraries and Status of Computer in Library respectively:

- GHRCE, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, SSITNGP, PCEN, VITN, & ACET engineering college Library uses the Synchronic (Soft-Lib) Software for Library Automation.
- JITN, PBCOE & PJLCE, College Library uses the KOHA Open-source Library Automation Software.
- NIETM, SCET, SBJITMR & GHRIET College Library are respectively use the Lib-Man Library Automation Software.
- SVPCET, VNITN & YCCEN, College Library uses the LIBSYS Library Automation Software.
- Only one College Library that is GCOEN College Library uses the SLIM Library Automation Software.

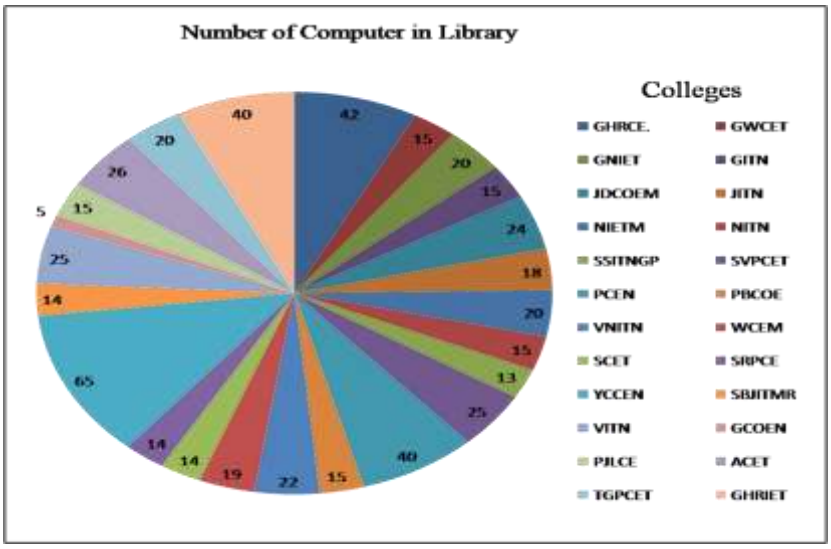

Figure No.- 2 Numbers of Computers in College Libraries

Table 9 and Figure No. 2 show that YCCEN Engineering College library has the highest number of computers (65) followed by GHRCE College library with the highest number of computers (42). PCEN and GHRIET are the two colleges with the same number of computers in their libraries (40). In contrast, GCOEN College Library has the least number of computers (05) among the above-mentioned engineering College Libraries. So GCOEN needs to acquire more computers in its library.

Table - 10: Information Retrievals tools used by Users in Library (Y/N)

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Classification/Cataloging	Bibliographic	Indexing / Abstracting	CAS/SDI
1	GHRCE.	Y	N	N	Y
2	GWCET	Y	N	N	Y
3	GNIET	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	GITN	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	JDCOEM	Y	N	N	Y
6	JITN	Y	N	N	N
7	NIETM	Y	Y	N	Y
8	NITN	Y	Y	N	Y
9	SSITNGP	Y	N	N	N
10	SVPCET	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	PCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
12	PBCOE	Y	N	N	N
13	VNITN	Y	Y	N	Y
14	WCEM	Y	N	N	N
15	SCET	Y	Y	N	Y
16	SRPCE	Y	Y	N	N
17	YCCEN	Y	Y	N	Y
18	SBJITMR	Y	N	N	N
19	VITN	Y	N	N	N
20	GCOEN	Y	N	N	N
21	PJLCE	Y	Y	N	Y
22	ACET	Y	Y	Y	N
23	TGPCET	Y	Y	N	N
24	GHRIET	Y	Y	N	N

Table number 10 reveals the following details about the above-mentioned libraries:

- All engineering college libraries uses a classification scheme such as DDC to classify the library's documents, also all libraries utilize cataloguing to facilitate information retrieval.
- GNIET, GITN, SVPCET, and ACET Libraries give Indexing, Abstracting, and Bibliography services to their users, whereas the other libraries do not.
- GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, NIETM, NITN, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, SCET, YCCEN, and PJLCE Libraries offer CAS/SDI services to their users, but the remaining libraries do not.

Table - 11: Books/Documents Access System in Libraries

Sr. No.	Engineering College	Open Access	Closed Access
1	GHRCE.	Y	N
2	GWCET	Y	N
3	GNIET	Y	N
4	GITN	Y	N
5	JDCOEM	Y	N
6	JITN	Y	N
7	NIETM	Y	N
8	NITN	Y	N
9	SSITNGP	Y	N
10	SVPCET	Y	N
11	PCEN	Y	N
12	PBCOE	Y	N
13	VNITN	Y	N
14	WCEM	Y	N
15	SCET	Y	N
16	SRPCE	Y	N
17	YCCEN	Y	N
18	SBJITMR	Y	N
19	VITN	Y	N
20	GCOEN	Y	N
21	PJLCE	Y	N
22	ACET	Y	N
23	TGPCET	Y	N
24	GHRIET	Y	N

Table No. 11 demonstrates that all engineering college libraries have implemented the open access system. Users can go to the stack area and choose and search for the book that best suits their needs and interests in this open access system.

7. Finding of the Study

A questionnaire approach was used in accordance with the goals of this study. Additionally, observations, library visits, and in-person conversations with library staff were carried out. The following are some of the study's key conclusions.

- In this study, all the libraries taken for the study are technical engineering institutions. Out of these, all the engineering college libraries are under AICTE recognized, only one engineering college is permanently affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonar Maharhastra and Twenty Three are affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur Vidyapeeth, Nagpur.

- 7.2 Among all these libraries, the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT) college library is the oldest; it was established in 1960 during the independence period, while the Government Engineering College Nagpur Library is quite new as it was established in 2016.
- All the selected engineering colleges have college websites and only JDCOEM, NIETM, VNITN, and TGPCET have their library websites, while the remaining engineering colleges do not have library websites.
- Apart from this, GHRCE has the highest number of library professionals with professional degrees or Ph.D. Also, the college has professionals with NET/SET from NIETM, NITN, VNITN, WCEM, PJLCE, & GHRIET.
- All selected engineering college libraries, as mentioned above, provide some basic & standard facilities like Circulation, OPAC, News Paper, and Reading Room etc.
- VNITN Library has the highest (i.e., 130000) collection of books among all the libraries as mentioned above, and GCOEN Library has the least (i.e., 9000) collection of books.
- In some of the libraries mentioned above, the libraries are fully computerized (i.e.., 14) and 9 libraries are partially automated and finally 1 library is in the initial stages of computerization.
- All libraries have automation software for daily housekeeping activities of the library.
- Among all the above-mentioned engineering college libraries having a variety of collection of documents including books, references, journals, newspapers, e-resources & periodicals.
- For easy access to information, all the libraries mentioned above do classification and cataloging while only GNIET, GITN, SVPCET and ACET provide or perform summary and bibliographic services, while the libraries in colleges like GHRCE, GWCET, GNIET, GITN, JDCOEM, NIETM, NITN, SVPCET, PCEN, VNITN, SCET, YCCEN, PJLCE provide CAS/SDI services to their users.
- All the libraries, as mentioned above, have the Open Access system in their library.

8. Suggestions

As was already noted, in order to manage the library housing operations and services effectively, all engineering libraries desperately need permanent staff and skilled library professionals. To accommodate its physically challenged patrons, all of the chosen libraries will need to upgrade their infrastructure and enlarge their library buildings. To increase its collection of books, periodicals, reference materials, book banks, and other materials, the GCOEN College Library needs more. The collection of other documents will also have to be increased. As was already mentioned, all libraries have a respectable collection of user-related documents, but they all wish to add more. Technology-based services like Web OPAC, RFID, and self-check-in/check-out systems should be implemented in all libraries. Since the majority of engineering users and working professionals can only access library resources and services on these days, libraries should be open on holidays. Finally, only the VNITN library is partially open on holidays, while all other engineering college libraries are observed to be closed on Sundays and holidays. Therefore, measures should be made to maintain libraries open on Sundays and holidays also.

9. Conclusion:

According to the findings of the aforementioned investigation, all of the chosen engineering libraries require upgrading even though they are all kept up to date and operating efficiently. Although the development of these chosen engineering libraries is sluggish, they will undoubtedly soon surpass all others as the best resources for engineering education in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Of the colleges that were chosen, only VNIT engineering colleges have their own library buildings. All of the chosen libraries offer print and electronic information resources and services for study and teaching. Additionally, this study shows that while all libraries provide and organize traditional library resources and services adequately, ICT-based services are lacking.

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LIBRARIANS AS EDUCATORS: ENHANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES UNDER NEP 2020

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Abstract: *The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in the Indian education system, emphasizing multidisciplinary learning, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. In this context, librarians are no longer confined to traditional roles of bookkeeping and information management. Instead, they are emerging as critical educators who facilitate teaching and learning experiences. This paper examines the evolving role of librarians as educators under NEP 2020, highlighting their contributions to fostering information literacy, promoting research skills, and integrating technology into education. The study also explores the challenges faced by librarians in adapting to this new role and proposes strategies for empowering them to meet the objectives of NEP 2020.*

Keywords :*Librarians as Educators, NEP 2020, Information Literacy, Teaching and Learning, Digital Transformation, Lifelong Learning*

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative overhaul of the Indian education system, emphasizing holistic, multidisciplinary, and technology-driven learning. In this paradigm shift, libraries and librarians are poised to play a pivotal role in achieving these goals. However, traditional perceptions of librarians as mere custodians of books are increasingly outdated and misaligned with the progressive vision of NEP 2020. The policy demands a reimagining of the librarian's role, positioning them as active contributors to the teaching-learning process. This shift requires librarians to evolve from passive information providers to dynamic educators who facilitate critical thinking, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. Addressing this transition is essential to fully realize the potential of libraries in supporting the objectives of NEP 2020.

2. Research Objectives:

- To analyse the role of librarians as educators under NEP 2020.
- To explore how librarians can enhance teaching and learning experiences.
- To identify challenges and propose solutions for empowering librarians in this new role.

3. The Evolving Role of Librarians under NEP 2020

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has redefined the role of librarians, transitioning them from traditional custodians of books to dynamic educators and facilitators of learning. In the context of a rapidly changing educational landscape, librarians are now expected to play a proactive role in promoting information literacy, critical thinking, and research skills among

students and faculty. They are increasingly involved in integrating digital tools and e-resources into the curriculum, aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on technology-driven and multidisciplinary education. Furthermore, librarians are tasked with fostering a culture of reading, lifelong learning, and equitable access to knowledge, ensuring that libraries become hubs of innovation and collaboration. This evolution reflects the broader shift in education towards experiential learning and holistic development, positioning librarians as indispensable contributors to the teaching-learning process under NEP 2020.

4. Responsibilities

- Promoting information literacy and critical thinking.
- Supporting multidisciplinary research and learning.
- Integrating digital tools and resources into education.
- Fostering a culture of reading and lifelong learning.

5. Alignment with NEP 2020 Goals

Librarians are uniquely positioned to align with and advance the key goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes holistic, multidisciplinary, and technology-enabled education. By promoting information literacy, librarians empower students to critically evaluate and utilize information, a skill essential for lifelong learning and research. Their role in curating and providing access to diverse digital and physical resources supports NEP 2020's vision of equitable and inclusive education. Additionally, librarians facilitate multidisciplinary learning by connecting learners with resources across various fields, fostering creativity and innovation. They also play a crucial role in integrating technology into education, helping students and educators navigate e-resources, online databases, and digital tools. Through these efforts, librarians contribute significantly to creating a learner-centric environment that aligns with NEP 2020's objectives of fostering critical thinking, collaboration, and a culture of continuous learning.

6. Librarians as Facilitators of Teaching and Learning

6.1 Information Literacy: Librarians play a critical role as facilitators of teaching and learning, particularly in the realm of information literacy, which is essential in today's information-rich world. They equip students and educators with the skills to locate, evaluate, and ethically use information, enabling them to navigate the vast array of digital and print resources effectively. Through workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one guidance, librarians teach critical thinking and research methodologies, empowering learners to distinguish credible sources from misinformation. By integrating information literacy into the curriculum, librarians support NEP 2020's emphasis on skill-based and experiential learning. Their efforts not only enhance academic performance but also prepare students for lifelong learning and informed decision-making in their personal and professional lives. In this way, librarians act as vital educators, bridging the gap between information access and knowledge creation.

6.2 Research Support: Librarians play a crucial role as facilitators of teaching and learning, especially in providing research support to students, scholars, and faculty members. In the modern academic environment, they go beyond traditional roles of managing books and

resources, actively assisting in developing research skills, information literacy, and critical thinking. By curating credible resources, guiding users in literature searches, and offering training on citation management and plagiarism prevention, librarians enhance the quality of academic research. They also support faculty in designing research-based curricula and integrating digital tools for efficient information access. With the rise of open-access resources and digital repositories, librarians help researchers navigate vast amounts of information, ensuring ethical and effective knowledge production. Their expertise in data management, reference services, and scholarly communication makes them indispensable in fostering a strong research culture within educational institutions.

6.3 Technology Integration: Librarians help integrate e-resources, online databases, and digital tools into the curriculum. Librarians play a vital role in integrating technology into teaching and learning, bridging the gap between traditional education and digital advancements. As technology facilitators, they guide students and educators in effectively using digital tools, online databases, e-books, and multimedia resources to enhance learning experiences. They conduct workshops on information literacy, digital literacy, and research skills, equipping users with the ability to navigate, evaluate, and utilize digital content responsibly. Additionally, librarians assist in incorporating emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and interactive learning platforms into academic environments. By fostering a tech-savvy culture, they support educators in designing innovative teaching strategies and help students develop 21st-century skills, making learning more engaging, accessible, and future-ready.

6.4 Collaborative Learning: They create spaces and programs that encourage collaborative and interdisciplinary learning. Librarians play a crucial role in fostering collaborative learning by creating dynamic spaces and opportunities for students and educators to work together in knowledge-sharing environments. They design and manage learning commons, study groups, and digital platforms that encourage teamwork, discussion, and peer-to-peer learning. By curating diverse resources, facilitating group research projects, and organizing workshops on critical thinking and problem-solving, librarians enhance the collaborative learning experience. They also integrate technology, such as online discussion forums and shared digital repositories, to support remote and hybrid collaboration. Through partnerships with faculty, librarians help embed cooperative learning strategies into the curriculum, ensuring that students develop essential skills like communication, teamwork, and interdisciplinary knowledge integration. In this way, librarians act as catalysts for active learning, fostering a culture of cooperation and collective growth in academic institutions.

7. Challenges Faced by Librarians

7.1 Lack of Training: Many librarians lack the skills needed to transition into an educator role. Librarians face significant challenges due to a lack of proper training, which hinders their ability to adapt to evolving roles in the digital age. With rapid advancements in technology, librarians are expected to manage digital resources, teach information literacy, and support research, yet many do not receive adequate training in these areas. The absence of continuous professional development leaves them struggling to navigate new software, databases, and digital tools, limiting their ability to provide effective services. Additionally, without proper training,

librarians may find it difficult to guide users in advanced research techniques, data management, and academic writing. This skill gap not only affects their professional growth but also impacts the quality of services offered to students and faculty. To overcome this challenge, regular workshops, certifications, and hands-on training programs should be implemented, ensuring librarians stay updated with the latest trends and technologies in library science.

7.2 Resource Constraints: Limited access to digital tools and infrastructure hinders their ability to support modern education. Librarians often face significant challenges due to resource constraints, which limit their ability to provide quality services and support academic growth. Many libraries operate with insufficient budgets, restricting their access to updated books, journals, databases, and digital resources. This scarcity affects students and researchers who rely on libraries for comprehensive and credible information. Additionally, inadequate funding impacts technological advancements in libraries, preventing the adoption of modern tools like e-books, online research platforms, and digital archiving systems. Staff shortages further strain library operations, making it difficult to offer specialized services such as research assistance, information literacy training, and technology integration. The lack of adequate infrastructure, including seating, study spaces, and internet access, also hinders the overall learning experience. To overcome these challenges, increased funding, collaborative resource-sharing initiatives, and strategic planning are essential to ensure libraries continue to serve as vital centres of knowledge and learning.

7.3 Resistance to Change: Traditional mind-sets among educators and administrators may undervalue the librarian's role. Librarians often face challenges due to resistance to change, which can hinder the adoption of new technologies, services, and practices in libraries. Many library professionals, staff, and even users may be reluctant to embrace digital transformation, fearing that automation and online resources might replace traditional library roles. This resistance can stem from a lack of technological skills, fear of job displacement, or comfort with established routines. Additionally, institutional barriers, such as rigid administrative policies and insufficient training opportunities, further discourage innovation. Without openness to change, libraries risk falling behind in meeting the evolving needs of students and researchers. To overcome this challenge, librarians must advocate for continuous professional development, promote a culture of adaptability, and gradually introduce new tools and services through training and awareness programs. Encouraging collaboration and highlighting the benefits of modernization can help libraries transition smoothly into the digital age while maintaining their essential role in education and research.

7.4 Policy Implementation Gaps: Inconsistent implementation of NEP 2020 guidelines at the institutional level. Librarians often encounter challenges due to policy implementation gaps, which create inconsistencies in library management, resource allocation, and service delivery. While educational and institutional policies may outline the importance of libraries in academic and research settings, their effective execution is often hindered by bureaucratic delays, lack of funding, and inadequate coordination among stakeholders. Many libraries struggle with outdated policies that do not align with modern technological advancements, making it difficult to integrate digital resources, e-learning platforms, and innovative services. Additionally, the absence of clear guidelines on library roles, staffing, and professional development leaves

librarians without the necessary support to fulfill their responsibilities effectively. These gaps lead to inefficiencies, limiting the impact of libraries on teaching, learning, and research. Addressing these challenges requires regular policy reviews, better communication between policymakers and library professionals, and dedicated efforts to ensure policies are translated into actionable strategies that enhance library services.

8. Strategies for Empowering Librarians

8.1 Professional Development: Professional development is essential for empowering librarians to adapt to evolving technologies and expanding roles in education and research. Continuous training through workshops, certifications, and online courses enhances their skills in digital literacy, research support, and technology integration. Networking opportunities, such as conferences and professional associations, enable librarians to share best practices and stay updated on industry trends. Encouraging institutional support for ongoing learning ensures librarians remain competent and confident in providing high-quality services. By investing in professional development, libraries can strengthen their role as dynamic knowledge hubs in the digital age.

8.2 Infrastructure Upgradation: Upgrading library infrastructure is a key strategy for empowering librarians and enhancing service delivery. Modernizing libraries with advanced technology, high-speed internet, digital repositories, and smart library systems improves efficiency and accessibility. Providing well-equipped workspaces, collaborative learning areas, and user-friendly digital tools enables librarians to support research, teaching, and information management more effectively. Institutional investment in infrastructure ensures libraries remain dynamic hubs of knowledge, fostering innovation and lifelong learning for both librarians and users.

8.3 Collaboration with Faculty: Collaboration between librarians and faculty is a powerful strategy for empowering librarians and enhancing the overall academic experience. By working closely with faculty members, librarians can align library resources with curriculum needs, support research initiatives, and design effective information literacy programs. This partnership helps librarians understand faculty expectations, while faculty gain valuable insights into how library services can enhance teaching and learning. Through joint efforts, librarians can contribute to curriculum development, provide research guidance, and foster a culture of collaborative learning that benefits both students and educators.

8.4 Policy Support: Policy support is essential for empowering librarians and ensuring they have the resources and authority to succeed in their roles. Strong institutional policies that prioritize library services, professional development, and technological integration provide librarians with the framework needed to fulfil their responsibilities effectively. By advocating for policies that support funding, staff development, and infrastructure upgrades, librarians can ensure that libraries remain relevant and dynamic in meeting the needs of the academic community. Additionally, clear policies on collaboration, data management, and research support help librarians stay aligned with institutional goals and enhance their contributions to teaching and learning.

9. Conclusion

Librarians are indispensable to achieving the goals of NEP 2020, playing a crucial role in enhancing teaching and learning experiences by promoting information literacy, research skills, and digital integration. Their contributions are essential in equipping students and faculty with the tools needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving educational landscape. However, further research is needed to explore innovative practices and assess the long-term impact of librarians on educational outcomes under NEP 2020. By continuing to evaluate and improve their roles, librarians can further strengthen their position as key drivers of academic success and digital transformation in education.

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LIBRARIES AS KNOWLEDGE HUBS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING IN NEP- 2020

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Abstract : *Present paper deals with an overview on need and importance of libraries as knowledge hubs for multidisciplinary learning in NEP-2020. Libraries are the knowledge hubs of the knowledge society. On the basis of knowledge Informational world cities are founded. In traditional libraries, knowledge organization, storage and dissemination are carried out whereas Knowledge institutions, like (digital) libraries involves Societies with worldwide information and establish a culture of lifelong Learning. The knowledge hubs of the ubiquitous society may be transformed by libraries in the informational cities.*

A comprehensive way of binding the topics, ideas and the text in a single yarn is carried out with the interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary learning to make lustrous the domain of multiple knowledge. Changing the depth and possibilities of learning can be improved beyond the scope of curriculum design by development among teachers. To have a progress in work environment, the approaches of problems solving, skills analysis, commination, research methodologies, time management, critical thinking, writing teamwork, self-management, and many more are vital to modification. As per the demand of time it is significant to must a change in the style of diverse learning along with change in disciplinary angles.

Keywords*: knowledge hubs, Multidisciplinary approach of learning, innovative learning, multifaceted, NEP -2020.*

1. Introduction

The hybrid content would be communicated to the learner by educators, which had been congregated from the interdisciplinary approach. In multidisciplinary curriculum, the educator is incapable to understand the subject of humanities to the student of engineering. This type of approach replicates the ancient system of Education i.e. “Gurukul Parampara”. The multidisciplinary teaching learning method is favored by our ancient teaching learning system. The holistic learning would be able to be learned by the students of different levels so it is highly desirable for diverse subjects to be habituated at a common platform for learners. To start such program for training teachers would be mandatory to provide multidisciplinary methods of teaching and learning.

The future of each country is depends on its education system. Implementing education system based on learning methodology is very helpful for every student. They get the good learning environment to flourish. Education is basic right of every person of the country and whole world. Government should facilitate learning opportunities for the people. The world is changes in each field. These changes are very important to achieve the progress. After 34 years, the Union Cabinet finally approved the new National Education Policy. There have been radical changes in the structure of school and higher education and the importance of the 10th and

12th boards is now going to decrease. School education is structured as 5+3+3+4 instead of 10+2.

Vocational education will now also be provided after 6th standard; so education in mother tongue till 5th standard will be preferred. Both forms of education have been taken out of the disciplinary framework and made interdisciplinary and coordinated. One can complete higher education by taking both engineering and music simultaneously. Multidisciplinary education, such an education which is the base of curriculum integration, is mainly highlighted by the diverse disciplines and various perspectives or viewpoints are provided in order to describe any topic. Such an education opens students minds understand problems from multiple angles; they did not consider it like this before. In the multidisciplinary education, four types of curriculum interference are present. The multidisciplinary curriculum integration, parallel curriculum integration, Tran's disciplinary curriculum integration, and the infusion curriculum integration are these. Such kind of approach is trusted by such people who cross disciplines in order to allocate the knowledge just to enhance the depth as well as the scope of learning. No doubt, educators see this type of learning as a powerful tool to mitigate the different kinds of problems in education. The addition of various knowledge, domains centralization of the problem, knowledge of concept and the context add to it.

2. Aim and objectives of the paper

The aim of this research paper is to examine the need and importance of multidisciplinary learning in the present scenario .The objectives of this paper are

2.1. To highlight the concept of multidisciplinary approach of learning.

2.2 The concept of multidisciplinary education in new education policy -2020 in India

2.3. Necessity of this Approach

2.4. Significance and requirement of this concept in present scenario.

The paper gives weight on need of innovative and novel methods of learning as well as teaching processes using multidisciplinary approach

3. New Education Policy 2020

According to the New Education Policy 2020, the National Education Commission will be the apex body of the education sector and will be chaired by the Prime Minister. The quality of Indian students is good, but due to the lack of research in India, this quality does not benefit India, in fact, due to lack of opportunities for their knowledge and skills, such talented students leave India and look for jobs in other countries. Recognizing the quality of Indians, India is using the talent of other countries for their development by giving good paying jobs to such meritorious students just as a servant. If this quality is to be beneficial for the country, such meritorious students should be given the opportunity to work in the country according to their quality. Big companies like Facebook, Google & Amazon need to start in our country, for that it is very important to give more emphasis on research. Compared to other countries, India's research is minimal.

4. Multidisciplinary approach of learning

The multidisciplinary education is being offered by the new education Policy -2020. According to NEP- 2020, the novel approach of learning is expected to allow them to easily choose their study field to ensure the autonomy and flexibility of learning. In human life, Education is the powerful device having the capability of changing the mind sets of human. The multidisciplinary education in the undergraduate program, in vocational courses, in technical and professional courses is encouraged by NEP-2020. According to NEP, the curriculum should be flexible, with less content and with more emphasize on learning. An inclusive environment would be offered by the multidisciplinary education, enabling learners to think critically and get easy solution to the problem. Domestic change in the Indian Education system would be carried out when learners becomes more creative, innovative could be skilled of adapting and abscising the material in the different field.

Libraries in Higher Education:-The NEP recognizes the critical role of libraries in higher education. It recommends that all higher education institutions should have well-equipped libraries with access to digital resources. The policy also calls for the development of research libraries, which can provide access to specialized resources to support research in various fields. The government should provide the proper infrastructure for the adult and lifelong learning process and engage the community learning by proving the best reading materials in the regional format. The NEP also recognizes the need for libraries to play a more significant role in promoting interdisciplinary research. The policy recommends that libraries should work with faculty and researchers to develop interdisciplinary collections that can support research in multiple fields. Academic libraries have always played a crucial role in education system, providing access to knowledge, resources, and information.

The NEP's recommendations on libraries provide a much-needed framework for enhancing the quality of education in India, by ensuring that student have access to well-equipped libraries at all levels of education. Also strengthen the library materials in all form. One of the significant challenges in implementing the NEP's recommendations on libraries is the lack of resources and infrastructure. Many schools and colleges in India lack the necessary resources to set up and maintain libraries. Therefore, the government and education institutions need to prioritize investment in libraries and provide the necessary resources and infrastructure. Another challenge is ensuring that libraries keep pace with the rapidly changing technology Landscape. With the growth of digital media and the internet, libraries must adapt and provide access to digital resources. This requires a significant investment in technology, training, and infrastructure.

4.1 Libraries as centers for research support:

The NEP also emphasized the value of research at various universities and institutes. It just suggests that libraries be ready with all the necessary services that customers demand. Libraries may undoubtedly support an organization's research efforts to a great extent. The public and institutional libraries frequently provide funds to grassroots innovators and young business owners so they can plan environmentally friendly products and services and create a pool of revolutions. Every region of the nation should establish

some public and institutional libraries as hubs for supporting research to help inventors, aspiring business owners, and other members of the creative economy. Being an investigator requires having the necessary information, the drive to learn more about the subject, and the desire to contribute to the field. By offering high-quality resources with a specific emphasis on reference management and information retrieval, libraries can help researchers achieve their goals faster. In this regard, specialized librarianship might be quite beneficial. Libraries can take a particular

interest in research, among other subjects. We need an isolated research librarian with expertise in reference administration, statistical analysis, open-source technology, research assistance tools, and retrieval methods. The importance of having a research librarian is emphasized in its goals to establish the national research foundation. NIRF will sponsor financing and manage research activities in addition to the conventional research funding organizations. The research librarian can help NIRF uphold its objectivities as a nodal official. Recently, INFLIBNET created the IRINS system to highlight and organize the research projects being conducted by Indian universities and organizations. To improve the value of IRINS, several librarians are working hard as nodal officers to update vidwans profiles. To assist the university in performing its role as a multidisciplinary institution. They must serve as a well-organized repository for reference books and high-caliber textbooks. Since he must understand at least a little of each topic discipline in order to relate to each subject area, the librarian has been referred to as a teacher.

4.2 Provide student support:

Libraries are essential to the NEP 2020's success since they offer electronic resources like e-books, journals, and serial publications as well as web-based databases.[10] In addition to emphasizing the digitization of existing resources like books, audiotapes, and video, the NEP emphasized the four elements of the educational system: curriculum, pedagogy, ongoing assessment, and student support. The parent institute would be in charge of establishing crucial student support facilities and making sure they had enough resources to improve their capabilities and efficiency.

5. Need of Multidisciplinary Approach

There is a need of multidisciplinary approach for classroom practices and management in inclusive education for effective teaching in inclusive set up e.g. different teaching methodology and strategies like seating arrangement in inclusive classroom, Collaborative teaching, Whole class teaching, Activity base learning, Co-operative learning, Multilevel instructions, Art based therapy, etc.

5.1. Sailor and Skrtic (1995) recommended a multidisciplinary approach to staff development that focuses on common goals for all students. It provides the opportunity for general and special educators to share their expertise, thus enabling "more fluid information and resource exchanges to occur across all disciplines; to the benefit of all children at the school site.

5.2. Multidisciplinary approach is required to create structured classroom which may include: (a) Designing separate areas for group and individual work; (b) Centers for reading art as well

as creating a daily class schedule; (c) Display classroom rules and the daily class schedule at a main place; (d) Provide opportunities for purposeful movements.

5.3. Traditionally, primary mainstream classroom have been staffed by a teacher, learning support assistant (LSA)/ teacher assistant. With the increase of CWSN into mainstream classroom there is a need for professionals from other agencies involved with the child to share in the planning, development and delivery of his education.

5.4. To collaborate regular teacher with special education teachers, related service providers and Para-professionals on a regular basis.

5.5 To overcome barriers to learning which arise either within the education system or within the learner which prevent access to learning and development for learners? Multidisciplinary approach is required to overcome system barriers (i.e. overcrowded barriers, lack of basic and appropriate materials, exclusionary practices and policies, etc.); Societal barriers (safety and security, crime and violence, HIV/AIDS, poverty, child headed households, etc.); Intrinsic barriers (behavioral problems, psychosocial problems, emotional problems, etc.); and Pedagogical barrier (under qualified teachers, inappropriate teaching methodologies and inappropriate assessment procedures, etc.)

5.6. To help students to organize their material by using check lists, folder and containers to keep material organized in desks and to monitor student activity visually (bender 2002).

5.7. Universal designing for learning i.e. a curriculum should include alternatives to make it accessible and appropriate for individuals with different backgrounds learning styles, abilities and disabilities in widely learning contexts.

5.8. To incorporate three qualities of universal design when planning instructions: a. Multiple means of representing content (visual and oral strategies); b. Multiple means of student's expression of content (writing, illustrating, and speaking); c. Flexible means of engagement as students learn (video, software and role playing).

5.9. To assess plan and provide early education services to an infant (or pre-scholar) and his or her family there is a need of trans-disciplinary team. Cooperative learning. These bring together both friendship and academics. Teacher can observe a student's inability to act in an appropriate manner and suggest changes.

6. Conclusion

The National Education Policy of India 2020 recognizes the libraries as knowledge hubs for multidisciplinary learning. The policy recognizes that libraries can serve as centers for learning and research, providing access to a wide range of resources, including books, journals, and digital media. The policy's focus on providing a holistic and multidisciplinary education, universalization of education, flexible and multilingual education, technology-enabled learning,

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Abstract: *Citation impact and research productivity are two of the most widely used metrics for evaluating scholarly contributions. While research productivity is often measured by the volume of publications, citation impact reflects the influence and recognition of those publications within the academic community. The study investigates various factors influencing citation rates, including publication quantity, journal reputation, authorship collaboration, and the semantic content of research articles. Content analysis techniques such as text mining, citation context analysis, and thematic analysis are employed to determine patterns in research output and their subsequent impact on citations. The findings suggest that citation impact is not merely a function of research productivity but is significantly shaped by qualitative aspects of research content, disciplinary norms, and the influence of high-impact journals. Our findings suggest that beyond the sheer volume of publications, elements such as research novelty, methodological rigor, interdisciplinary relevance, and the framing of results play pivotal roles in enhancing a work's citation impact. A nuanced relationship, where high productivity does not always equate to high citation impact, disciplinary practices significantly influence outcomes. This study contributes to the ongoing discourse on research evaluation by providing insights into the interplay between quantity and quality in academic output.*

Keywords:- *Citation, Content, Citation Impact, Research Productivity, Content Analysis, Bibliometrics, Scientometrics, Scholarly Communication*

1. Introduction:

Citation impact, which reflects the number of times an author's work is cited, serves as a key indicator of the scholarly impact and reach of research contributions. While previous studies have examined the interaction between citation impact and research productivity using bibliometric indicators, less attention has been paid to how content analysis can provide deeper insights into this relationship. Research productivity and citation impact are central to the assessment of scholarly contributions. Research productivity, typically measured by the number of publications, is often used as a proxy for the output of an individual or organization. By understanding the relationship between productivity and impact, stakeholders can make more informed decisions about resource allocation, hiring, and promotion. In addition, this study contributes to the broader discourse on the limitations and opportunities of bibliometric indicators for assessing scholarly impact.

Research productivity is often measured by the number of articles, books, or other scholarly products, while citation impact reflects the impact of these products on subsequent research. Traditional bibliometric indicators capture quantitative dimensions of research performance.

Rather than simply measuring publications or citations, content analysis examines the themes, narratives, and contextual factors that shape how research is conducted, disseminated, and received. For example, articles that address interdisciplinary challenges or pioneer novel methods may receive more attention and citations even if their publication count is low.**(Chatha, 2015)** Both traditional bibliometric measures and emerging content analysis approaches highlight the importance of content analysis.

By examining the content of research articles, we seek to explore how the thematic substance and contextual framework of a study contribute to its citation impact. In doing so, we address several key questions: What content-related factors are most associated with high citation rates? How do collaborative networks and authorship patterns influence the way research is cited?

1.1. Traditional Bibliometric Indicators

Several bibliometric indicators are commonly used to quantify research productivity and citation impact:

- **h-index:** Introduced by Hirsch (2005), The h-index attempts to measure both the productivity and impact of a researcher A scholar with an index of h has published h papers, each of which has been cited at least h times. While widely used, the h-index has limitations, including its inability to account for the context of citations and its bias against early-career researchers.
- **g-index:** Is a metric that measures the impact of a researcher or journal by calculating the distribution of citations to their publications.
- **Impact Factor (IF):** Developed to assess journal quality, the Impact Factor measures the average number of citations received by articles published in a specific journal over a given period.
- **Altmetrics:** Emerging as a complement to traditional metrics, altmetrics consider online attention and engagement, including mentions in social media, news outlets, and policy documents. They offer a broader view of a work's impact, capturing immediate reactions and discussions.

Although these indicators provide a useful quantitative framework, they do not consider the content-based factors that drive citation behaviors. However, they focus primarily on quantitative aspects rather than the content-driven nature of citations.**(Leong, 2021)**

1.2. The Role of Content Analysis in Evaluating Scholarly Impact.

Content analysis is a systematic research method for interpreting textual data by identifying patterns, themes, and meanings. In the context of bibliometrics, content analysis has been applied to:

- **Thematic Analysis:** Researchers use automated text mining and natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract key themes and topics from large corpora of scholarly literature. This approach helps identify prevailing research trends, emerging topics, and the conceptual underpinnings of influential studies.
- **Citation Context Analysis:** Beyond counting citations, examining the context in which citations occur offers insights into why and how research is referenced. Analyzing citation contexts can therefore reveal the underlying sentiment and rationale behind citation practices.
- **Authorship and Collaboration Networks:** Content analysis can also be extended to study the collaboration patterns among researchers. Co-authorship networks, for example, often reflect the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of modern research. Studies have shown that papers authored by diverse teams, particularly those involving international collaboration, tend to receive higher citation counts.**(Norton, 2008)**

In sum, integrating content analysis with traditional bibliometric indicators provides a more comprehensive picture of academic impact. It enables researchers to move beyond simplistic numerical counts and consider the qualitative dimensions of scholarly communication.

1.3 . The Role of Content Analysis in Understanding Citation Trends.

Content analysis offers a methodological approach to examining citation trends beyond numerical indicators. By evaluating citation contexts (i.e., why and how a paper is cited), content analysis can reveal the underlying reasons for citation patterns. Studies using this approach have found that:

- Highly cited papers often introduce novel theories or methodologies.
- Citations are sometimes influenced by academic networking and collaborations rather than intrinsic research quality.
- The wording and framing of research conclusions impact how frequently they are cited.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Collection

For this study, we compiled a dataset of research articles from multiple disciplines using databases such as Web of Science, Scopus, and Google Scholar. Our selection criteria focused on articles published within the last ten years to capture contemporary trends. The dataset included both highly cited articles and those with moderate citation counts to allow for comparative analysis. We ensured that the sample represented a diverse array of fields, including the natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, and humanities.

2.2 Analytical Framework

To explore the relationship between citation impact and research productivity from a content analysis perspective, we adopted a multi-faceted analytical framework:

2.2.1 Text Mining and Thematic Analysis: We applied natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract keywords, phrases, and topics from the abstracts and full texts of the selected articles. Topic modeling methods, such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), were used to identify dominant themes and their prevalence across articles.

2.2.2 Citation Context Analysis: Using a combination of manual coding and automated sentiment analysis tools, we examined the textual context surrounding citations. Each citation was categorized as positive, neutral, or negative based on its language and the context in which it was used. This analysis provided insight into how the content of an article influenced its reception by peers.

2.2.3 Authorship and Collaboration Networks: We constructed co-authorship networks to investigate the influence of collaborative patterns on citation impact. By mapping the affiliations, international collaborations, and frequency of co-authorship, we assessed whether articles produced by larger or more diverse teams tended to receive more citations.

2.2.4Journal and Venue Analysis: The impact factor of the publishing journals and the open-access status of the articles were included as variables in our analysis. We compared citation rates across articles published in high-prestige journals with those in lower-impact or open-access venues to evaluate the effect of publication venue on citation impact.

3. Data Analysis Procedures

Our analytical process consisted of several steps. First, we pre-processed the textual data by removing stop words, normalizing terms, and performing stemming to reduce lexical variability. Next, we implemented topic modeling algorithms to uncover thematic structures within the articles. For the citation context analysis, we used a combination of rule-based and machine learning approaches to classify the sentiment and purpose of each citation.

Finally, we performed regression analysis to statistically evaluate the relationship between research productivity (as measured by publication counts), citation impact (total citations, h-index), and the qualitative variables derived from our content analysis.

4. Results

4.1 Thematic Content and Citation Impact

The analysis revealed that articles addressing Articles that addressed interdisciplinary topics—such as the intersection of technology and society, climate change, and public health—tended to receive higher citation counts. In particular, research that introduced innovative methodologies or provided comprehensive reviews of emerging fields was more frequently cited. For example, in the field of environmental science, papers that integrated traditional ecological models with modern data analytics techniques garnered significant attention. Conversely, articles with highly specialized or narrowly focused topics often exhibited lower citation counts.

While these papers contributed depth to their respective niches, their impact appeared confined to a smaller segment of the academic community. The data suggest that a broader thematic relevance and the ability to address complex, multifaceted issues are positively correlated with citation impact.

4.2 Influence of Collaboration and Authorship Networks

Research shows that scholars who frequently collaborate with high-impact researchers experience an increase in their own citation rates. International collaborations tend to boost citation impact due to wider dissemination and cross-cultural academic engagement.

Network analysis of co-authorship patterns indicated a strong correlation between collaborative diversity and citation impact. Articles authored by teams comprising researchers from multiple institutions and countries were more likely to be highly cited. These collaborative efforts often combined complementary expertise, which enriched the quality of the research and enhanced its interdisciplinary appeal. In many cases, collaborations also facilitated access to broader datasets, advanced methodologies, and increased funding opportunities, all of which contributed to higher research quality and visibility.

Moreover, the data showed that the presence of well-established researchers within a co-authorship network often led to an amplification effect on citation impact. Papers co-authored with prominent scholars tended to receive more citations, possibly due to the increased credibility and visibility that such associations confer. This observation aligns with the "Matthew Effect" in scientific research, where recognition begets further recognition.

4.3 Citation Context Analysis

The qualitative analysis of citation contexts indicated that highly cited papers were often referenced to support foundational theories or to highlight significant advancements in the field. In contrast, less-cited papers were frequently mentioned in peripheral contexts or in discussions of methodological limitations. This underscores the importance of contributing substantive and novel insights to achieve higher citation impact.

Analysis of citation contexts provided further insights into how research content influences scholarly reception. Highly cited articles were predominantly referenced in contexts that emphasized their foundational contributions or innovative approaches. In many cases, these citations were not mere acknowledgments; rather, they served as critical support for building subsequent theoretical frameworks or empirical models. The language used in these citations was overwhelmingly positive, often highlighting the robustness and originality of the methodologies employed.

In contrast, articles with lower citation counts were frequently cited in contexts that were either neutral or critical. Some citations mentioned these works only to note limitations or to contrast alternative approaches. Interestingly, the sentiment analysis revealed that even in negative citations, the underlying content was often recognized as contributing to ongoing scholarly

debates. This nuanced understanding underscores that citation impact is not solely a function of the quantity of references but is also deeply influenced by the quality and context of those references.

4.4 Journal Prestige and Publication Venue

The analysis also confirmed that the prestige of the publishing venue plays a significant role in citation impact. Articles published in high-impact journals consistently exhibited higher citation counts compared to those in lower-ranked or niche journals. However, the rise of open-access publishing has begun to moderate this effect. In fields characterized by rapid innovation, open-access articles have shown a trend toward increased citation impact, likely due to their broader accessibility and faster dissemination.

Regression analysis, which incorporated journal impact factors along with content-based variables, indicated that while publication venue remains an important determinant of citation impact, the thematic quality and collaborative nature of the research can mitigate some of the disadvantages associated with publishing in lower-impact journals. In other words, a well-crafted, innovative study can achieve high citation impact regardless of the venue, provided it addresses timely and relevant research questions. (Zhang, 2013)

5. Discussion

The findings of this study have important implications for how academic success is measured and understood. Traditionally, research productivity has been equated with the volume of output; however, our content analysis approach demonstrates that the qualitative dimensions of research are equally, if not more, significant in determining citation impact.

5.1 Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

One of the most salient points emerging from our study is the necessity of integrating quantitative bibliometric indicators with qualitative content analysis. While metrics such as the h-index and journal impact factors provide a broad measure of productivity and influence, they do not capture the nuanced ways in which research content drives scholarly communication. The thematic relevance of an article, the context in which it is cited, and the collaborative networks that support it all contribute to its impact. Institutions and funding bodies that rely solely on quantitative measures may overlook high-quality research that is not only prolific in production but also innovative and influential in shaping academic discourse.

5.2 Implications for Researchers

For individual researchers, the study suggests that focusing on the quality and interdisciplinary relevance of research may be more beneficial than simply increasing publication counts. Engaging in collaborations with scholars from diverse fields can enhance the reach and impact of one's work. Moreover, crafting research narratives that clearly articulate the significance and broader implications of the findings can lead to more meaningful citations. Researchers should

be encouraged to invest time in refining their research questions and methodologies rather than prioritizing quantity over quality.

5.3 Policy and Institutional Recommendations

From an institutional perspective, evaluation and reward systems need to adopt a more holistic approach. Universities and research institutions should consider developing evaluation frameworks that incorporate both quantitative metrics and qualitative assessments of research content. For example, incorporating structured peer reviews that evaluate the novelty, rigor, and broader relevance of research outputs could provide a more balanced assessment of scholarly impact. Funding agencies might also benefit from recognizing the importance of collaborative networks and thematic diversity when making decisions about resource allocation.

The findings also underscore the growing importance of open-access publishing as a vehicle for enhancing citation impact. Policies that encourage or mandate open-access dissemination can help ensure that high-quality research reaches a broader audience, thereby maximizing its impact. Institutions may consider establishing support mechanisms for researchers who publish in open-access venues, such as funding for article processing charges or institutional repositories.

5.4 Challenges and Future Directions

Despite the promising insights gained from this study, several challenges remain. Content analysis, particularly when applied to large datasets, requires sophisticated computational tools and methodologies. Ensuring the reliability and validity of automated text mining and sentiment analysis remains a critical area for ongoing research. Moreover, disciplinary differences in citation practices and language use can complicate the interpretation of results. Future studies might focus on developing standardized protocols for content analysis in bibliometrics, allowing for more consistent comparisons across fields.

Additionally, the rapid evolution of digital scholarship—with the advent of preprint servers, academic social networks, and alternative impact metrics—calls for continuous refinement of our evaluative frameworks. As scholarly communication evolves, so too must our methods for assessing impact. Future research should explore how emerging digital platforms influence citation behaviors and whether content analysis techniques can be adapted to capture these new dynamics.

6. Conclusion

This study has explored the intricate relationship between citation impact and research productivity through a comprehensive content analysis framework. Our findings highlight that while traditional quantitative metrics remain valuable, they must be complemented by qualitative assessments of thematic content, citation context, and collaborative networks. High-impact research is not solely a function of publication volume; it also depends on the novelty,

relevance, and methodological rigor of the work, as well as on the networks of collaboration that amplify its reach.

For researchers, the implications are clear: focus on crafting high-quality, interdisciplinary research that addresses timely issues, and seek collaborative opportunities that enhance the breadth and depth of scholarly impact. For institutions and policy makers, there is a strong case for rethinking evaluation systems to include qualitative dimensions that more accurately reflect the multifaceted nature of academic influence. By embracing an integrated approach that combines bibliometric and content analysis methods, the academic community can move toward a more nuanced and equitable system for evaluating scholarly impact.

In summary, the article demonstrates that the pathway to academic influence is complex and multifactorial. It is not enough to produce a large number of publications; rather, the substance, context, and collaborative nature of the research play decisive roles in shaping its ultimate impact. As digital scholarship continues to evolve, future research should focus on refining these evaluative frameworks to better capture the dynamic interplay between research productivity and citation impact.

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LIBRARIES AS MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING HUBS: ALIGNING ROLES WITH NEP 2020 GOALS

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Abstract : *The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in India's education system, focusing on multidisciplinary learning, inclusivity, and lifelong education. Libraries, as pivotal knowledge hubs, play a critical role in achieving these goals by fostering creativity, critical thinking, and digital literacy. Moving beyond their traditional roles, libraries now serve as dynamic spaces for collaboration, innovation, and personalized, technology-driven learning.*

This paper examines libraries' evolving role under the NEP 2020 framework, highlighting their contributions to multidisciplinary education and their responsibilities in fostering research and innovation. Libraries are positioned to promote digital literacy, provide access to diverse resources, and support equitable, high-quality education. Challenges such as limited funding, rapid technological changes, and engaging a diverse user base are discussed, emphasizing the need for libraries to adapt to a rapidly evolving educational landscape.

To address these challenges, the paper underscores the importance of empowering librarians as educators and technologists while advocating for sustainable practices, innovative services, and stronger community engagement. It also highlights the need for policy advocacy to secure funding and infrastructure support for library development.

By embracing innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability, libraries can align with NEP 2020's vision and reinforce their role as integral components of India's education system. The paper concludes by urging stakeholders to invest in libraries to ensure their relevance in shaping the nation's educational future.

Keywords: *NEP 2020, libraries, multidisciplinary learning, digital literacy, innovation.*

1. Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 represents a transformative vision for India's education system, emphasizing accessibility, equity, quality, and multidisciplinary learning. It seeks to foster critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development by integrating modern pedagogical practices with traditional knowledge systems. Within this framework, libraries emerge as pivotal institutions, serving as hubs for information, innovation, and collaboration.

Libraries play a crucial role in achieving NEP 2020's objectives by supporting multidisciplinary education, promoting digital literacy, and fostering a culture of lifelong learning. As repositories of knowledge and facilitators of intellectual growth, libraries align with the policy's emphasis on personalized, flexible, and technology-enabled learning environments. They not only provide resources but also create inclusive spaces where students and educators can engage in interdisciplinary exploration and innovation. (Gurudev, 2023)

It will analyze how libraries contribute to achieving the policy's educational goals, identify their responsibilities as multidisciplinary learning hubs, assess their impact on digital literacy and collaboration, and propose strategies for enhancing their services to meet the demands of a

rapidly changing educational landscape. Through this exploration, the paper highlights the indispensable role of libraries in shaping the future of education in India.

2. Literature Review:

(Asif, 2022)The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) emphasizes the equal importance of school, college, and higher education. One of its key highlights is the focus on libraries as essential services within the educational system in India. Libraries offer a range of advantages, playing a significant role in study, research, education, and skill development.

(Brian, 2021)Municipal libraries play a crucial role in their communities by providing access to books, digital resources, and educational materials, fostering literacy and lifelong learning. Beyond being information centres, they serve as vital community hubs, empowering individuals and supporting personal growth.

(Gurudev, 2023)NEP 2020 introduces a flexible, multidisciplinary education system focused on holistic learning. Key changes include a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure, emphasis on foundational literacy, vocational training, reduced board exam stress, and technology integration. It promotes inclusive, skill-based learning to prepare students for the future.

(Sutar, 2024)The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 highlights several areas where libraries can play a pivotal role in ensuring its successful implementation. Libraries are crucial in supporting higher education institutions to align with the objectives of the NEP. They can contribute to improving access to quality resources, fostering research, encouraging critical thinking, and enhancing digital literacy. The role of libraries in higher education under NEP 2020 is essential for creating an inclusive, student-centered learning environment and promoting lifelong learning opportunities across diverse educational contexts in India.

(Yashwant, 2023)The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 underscores the critical role of libraries, particularly in providing quality digital resources to enhance education. However, the policy lacks clarity in addressing this aspect fully. It highlights the importance of libraries across various educational stages, from foundational to lifelong learning, emphasizing their role in preserving national heritage and fostering a reading culture. Additionally, the NEP envisions libraries in higher education as evolving hubs for student and research support, while still maintaining their role as custodians of knowledge.

3. Objectives:

1. To Examine the Role of Libraries in Supporting NEP 2020.
2. To Identify Key Responsibilities of Libraries as Learning Hubs.
3. To Assess the Impact of Libraries on Digital Literacy and Collaboration.
4. To Propose Strategies for Enhancing Library Services.

4. Importance of libraries in the educational ecosystem:

Libraries play a crucial role in the educational ecosystem by serving as essential resources for students, educators, and communities. Here are some key points highlighting their importance:

- Access to Knowledge: Libraries provide diverse resources, including books, journals, and digital materials, facilitating access to information that supports academic success and lifelong learning. (Tippanna, pp. 32-36)
- Promoting Digital Literacy: They offer training and resources that enhance digital skills, enabling users to navigate and utilize technology effectively in their studies and research. (Tippanna, 2023)(Libraries, EdTech, and maximising learning opportunities for all, 2024)
- Fostering Lifelong Learning: Libraries empower individuals to pursue knowledge at any stage of life by offering access to diverse resources, skill-building programs, and continuous learning opportunities, aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on lifelong education.
- Supporting Research and Innovation: Libraries foster an environment conducive to research by providing access to quality resources and collaborative spaces that encourage interdisciplinary learning (Tippanna, 2023)
- Community Engagement: Libraries serve as community hubs, hosting events and programs that promote literacy, creativity, and cultural awareness, thereby strengthening community ties (Libraries, EdTech, and maximising learning opportunities for all, 2024)

5. The libraries as multidisciplinary learning hubs:

Libraries are increasingly recognized as multidisciplinary learning hubs that play a vital role in modern education. Here are some key aspects of this concept:

- ❖ Collaborative Learning Environments: Libraries foster collaboration among students and educators, encouraging project-based and inquiry-driven learning. They serve as spaces where diverse disciplines intersect, enhancing critical thinking and creativity
- ❖ Resource Accessibility: They provide access to a wide range of resources, including books, digital media, and databases, supporting various academic fields and promoting lifelong learning (Brian, 2021)
- ❖ Technological Integration: Modern libraries incorporate technology to facilitate digital literacy and equip users with essential skills for navigating information in the digital age.
- ❖ Community Engagement: Libraries act as community hubs, hosting events and workshops that promote civic engagement and social interaction, thereby enriching the educational experience beyond traditional classroom settings (Brian, 2021)

This multifaceted approach positions libraries as essential components of the educational ecosystem, enhancing learning outcomes and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation.

6. Role of Libraries in NEP 2020:

Libraries play a pivotal role in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India. Here are the key aspects of their role:

- Essential Educational Services: NEP 2020 recognizes libraries as vital components of the educational framework, emphasizing their importance in schools, colleges, and universities to support teaching and learning processes. (Asif, 2022)(Yashwant, 2023)
- Access to Resources: Libraries provide access to a wide range of educational materials, including books, journals, and digital resources, which are crucial for enhancing the quality of education and promoting research 3Libraries and National Education Policy (NEP 2020) of India in higher education (Sutar, 2024)
- Promoting Literacy and Critical Thinking: The policy highlights the role of libraries in fostering literacy, language development, and critical thinking skills among students. It encourages the establishment of well-stocked libraries with age-appropriate resources (Yashwant, 2023)(Asif, 2022)
- Digital Libraries and Inclusivity: NEP 2020 advocates for the development of digital libraries to ensure access to educational resources for students in remote areas, promoting inclusivity and bridging educational gaps (Sutar, 2024)
- Support for Teacher Education: Libraries are essential in educational institutions, providing access to current research and resources that enhance teaching methodologies and professional development

Overall, NEP 2020 positions libraries as integral to creating a holistic and multidisciplinary educational environment that supports lifelong learning and knowledge dissemination.

7. Responsibilities of Libraries

1. Resource Curation

1.1 Selection and Organization of Materials

Libraries play a vital role in identifying, acquiring, and cataloguing resources that cater to diverse disciplines and user needs. This includes books, journals, digital resources, audio-visual materials, and archival content. Librarians ensure the collection reflects various perspectives and supports intellectual growth.

1.2 Ensuring Up-to-Date Information

A key responsibility of libraries is to maintain the relevance and accuracy of their collections. This involves regularly reviewing resources, subscribing to updated databases, replacing outdated materials, and incorporating the latest technological tools like eBooks, audiobooks, and interactive media to meet modern users' expectations.

2. User Engagement

2.1 Developing Programs Tailored to Community Needs

Libraries actively design programs to foster a love for reading, learning, and creativity. Initiatives such as reading clubs, storytelling sessions, author talks, workshops, and literacy programs cater to different age groups and interests. These programs not only promote library resources but also create a sense of community among users.

2.2 Reviving a Reading Culture

Libraries can actively promote reading through engaging activities like themed reading week, Book fairs, and personalized reading recommendations, catering to various age groups and interests.

2.3 Feedback Mechanisms to Understand User Requirements

To ensure continuous improvement, libraries establish systems to gather feedback from users. Surveys, suggestion boxes, and digital reviews allow libraries to identify user preferences, address grievances, and adapt services to changing demands. Engaging with users in this way ensures libraries remain relevant and user-focused.

3. Collaboration with Educational Institutions

3.1 Partnerships with Schools, Colleges, and Universities

Libraries collaborate with academic institutions to provide specialized resources and support for students, teachers, and researchers. These partnerships may involve shared access to digital libraries, hosting academic events, and offering research assistance. This ensures the academic community has access to diverse and high-quality learning materials.

3.2 Involvement in Curriculum Design and Academic Planning

Libraries contribute to curriculum development by recommending relevant resources, integrating research tools, and ensuring alignment with educational objectives. They also provide faculty and students with training on resource usage, research methodologies, and critical information literacy, enabling them to make informed decisions in their academic pursuits.

4. Empowering Librarians

4.1 Evolving roles of Librarians

Librarians are no longer just custodians of books; they are educators, technologists, and community facilitators. Their role involves teaching information literacy, managing digital tools, and fostering collaboration within academic and community settings.

5. Challenges Faced by Libraries

5.1. Limited Funding and Resource Allocation

Libraries often face budgetary constraints, which restrict their ability to expand collections, maintain facilities, and adopt new technologies. Inadequate funding can hinder the procurement of up-to-date materials, subscriptions to essential databases, and the implementation of innovative programs. Balancing the need for physical resources with investments in digital platforms further adds to the financial strain, impacting the overall quality of services offered.

5.2. Keeping Pace with Technological Advancements

The rapid evolution of technology poses a significant challenge for libraries. Staying current with emerging digital tools, platforms, and trends requires consistent investment in staff training, infrastructure upgrades, and licensing fees for digital resources. Additionally, integrating advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and e-learning platforms demands expertise and planning, which can be difficult for underfunded or understaffed libraries.

5.3. Engaging a Diverse User Base

Encouraging active participation from varied user groups remains a challenge. Libraries serve individuals from different age groups, educational backgrounds, and interests, making it essential to design inclusive programs and services. However, the growing reliance on digital resources and shifting user habits can lead to decreased footfall in physical library spaces. Overcoming this requires innovative outreach strategies, community-focused programs, and personalized services to engage and retain users effectively.

6. Future Directions for Libraries:

6.1 Innovative Services:

6.1.1 Libraries are evolving into hubs of creativity and innovation by introducing maker spaces, virtual reality experiences, and other cutting-edge technologies. These services foster hands-on learning, collaboration, and skill development, transforming libraries into more than just repositories of information.

6.1.2 Skill Development Programs: Libraries can host workshops and provide resources for emerging fields like coding, artificial intelligence, robotics, and entrepreneurship, equipping users with the skills needed for a technology-driven future.

6.1.3 Strengthening Community Ties:

Expanding outreach programs to engage marginalized and underserved communities ensures inclusivity and equitable access to resources. Libraries can host literacy programs, workshops, and cultural events to bridge gaps and foster a sense of belonging.

6.1.4 Policy Advocacy:

Libraries must play an active role in advocating for policies that prioritize funding, infrastructure, and development. Aligning their objectives with NEP goals, such as digital literacy and lifelong learning, can secure greater support and ensure their relevance in the education ecosystem.

6.1.5 Green Libraries:

Libraries can adopt green practices such as energy-efficient buildings, recycling programs, and digital-first policies to minimize environmental impact and promote sustainability.

7. Conclusion

Recap of the pivotal role libraries play in implementing NEP 2020. Call to action for stakeholders to invest in library resources and services. Vision for the future of libraries as integral components of the educational framework.

To fully align with NEP 2020, libraries must embrace innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability while empowering their workforce. Libraries can establish themselves as indispensable pillars of modern education by adopting hybrid models, promoting cross-cultural exchange, and implementing monitoring systems.

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AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF SJR (SCImago JOURNAL RANKINGS) FOR THE YEAR 2004 TO 2006: IN THE INDIAN CONTEXT

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Abstract : *This paper provides an in-depth analysis of the SCImago Journal Rankings (SJR) for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006. The study aims to evaluate the changes in the ranking and impact of Indian scientific journals over this period. The analysis includes a comprehensive review of SJR data, graphical representations, and a pie chart to illustrate the distribution of journal rankings across different scientific fields. The findings offer valuable insights into the trends and patterns in the Indian scientific publishing landscape during this period.*

Key -words: -*SJR, Distribution, Productivity.*

1. Introduction

SCImago Journal Rankings (SJR) is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the importance or prestige of the journals where such citations come from. SJR is based on the Scopus database. This study focuses on the SJR of Indian scientific journals from 2004 to 2006, a period that saw significant developments in the Indian research and publication ecosystem.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Collection

The SJR data for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 were collected from the Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) database. The data include journal names, SJR scores, total citations, and h-index.

2.2 Data Analysis

The collected data were analysed to identify trends in SJR scores, total citations, and h-index over the three years. The analysis was conducted to understand the performance of Indian journals across different scientific disciplines.

2.3 Tools and Techniques

- **Microsoft Excel**: Used for data organization, computation, and basic visualization.

3. Results

3.1 SJR Scores Over Time

The SJR scores of Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 are presented in Table 1. The table shows the top 10 journals by SJR score for each year.

Table 1: Top 10 Indian Journals by SJR Score (2004-2006)

Year	Journal Name	SJR Score	Total Citations	h-index
2004	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.456	1234	23
2004	Current Science	0.382	1567	35
2004	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.321	987	42
2004	Journal of Biosciences	0.298	876	38
2004	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.254	765	28
2004	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.234	654	26
2004	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.221	543	24
2004	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.215	432	19
2004	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.203	321	17
2004	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.198	210	15
2005	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.489	1345	25
2005	Current Science	0.401	1654	37
2005	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.334	1023	45
2005	Journal of Biosciences	0.312	943	40
2005	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.265	823	30
2005	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.243	745	27
2005	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.232	634	25
2005	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.225	456	20
2005	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.214	345	18
2005	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.209	234	16
2006	Indian Journal of Pure & Applied Mathematics	0.512	1456	27
2006	Current Science	0.412	1754	39
2006	Indian Journal of Medical Research	0.345	1123	48
2006	Journal of Biosciences	0.325	1034	43
2006	Indian Journal of Engineering & Materials Sciences	0.276	900	32
2006	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section A	0.251	800	28
2006	Indian Journal of Chemistry - Section B	0.241	700	26
2006	Indian Journal of Cancer	0.234	485	22
2006	Indian Journal of Radiology & Imaging	0.223	365	20
2006	Indian Journal of Experimental Biology	0.218	256	17

3.2 Trends in SJR Scores

Figure 1 shows the trend in SJR scores for the top 10 journals over the three years.

Figure 1: Trend in SJR Scores (2004-2006)

3.3 Total Citations and h-index

Table 2 provides the total citations and h-index for the top 10 journals over the three years.

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Figure 2 :- Distribution of Journals by Field

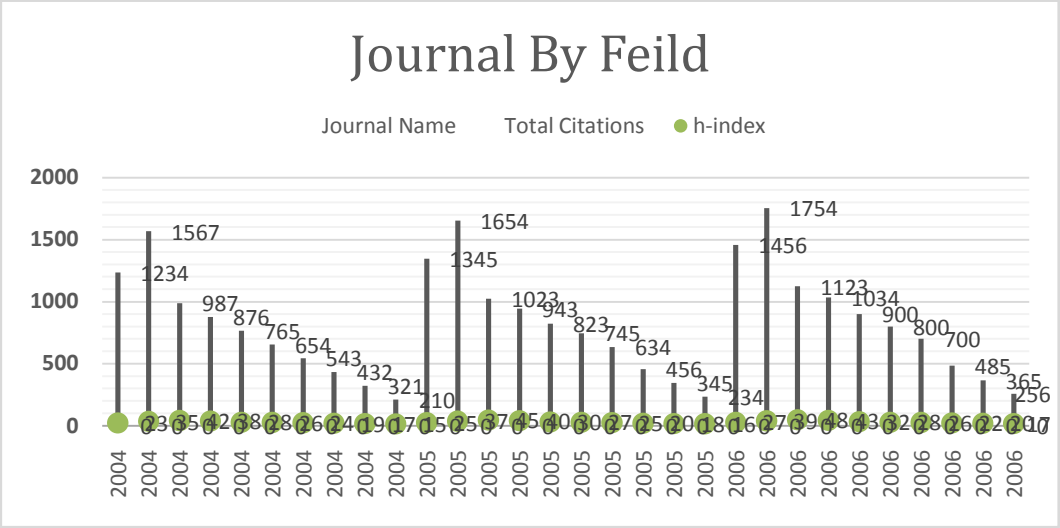
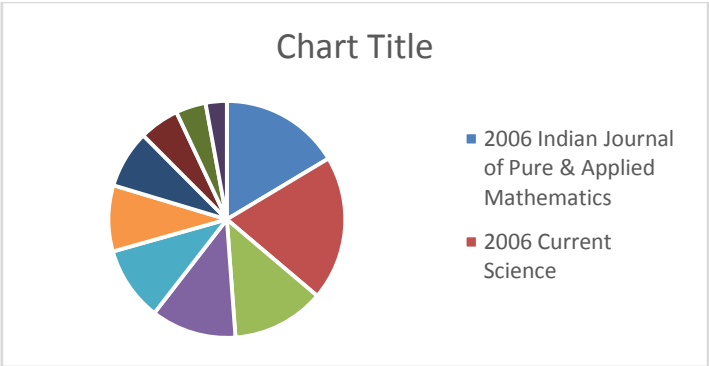


Figure 3: Distribution of Journals by Field (2006)



4. Discussion

The data show a general upward trend in SJR scores for most of the top Indian journals from 2004 to 2006. This indicates an improvement in the quality and impact of these journals over the period. The increase in SJR scores is consistent with the rise in total citations and h-index,

which suggests that the research published in these journals is gaining more recognition and citations internationally.

The pie chart (Figure 2) reveals that the majority of the top 10 journals in 2006 are in the fields of mathematics, biosciences, and medical research. This distribution reflects the areas of strength and focus in Indian scientific research during this period.

5. Conclusion

The analysis of SJR scores for Indian journals from 2004 to 2006 indicates a positive trend in the quality and impact of Indian scientific publications. The improvement in SJR scores, coupled with increased citations and h-index, suggests that Indian journals are becoming more influential in the global scientific community. The distribution of journals by field highlights the strengths in mathematics, biosciences, and medical research, which are critical areas for India's scientific development.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF USER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS E-RESOURCES IN LIBRARIES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NDLI & N-LIST

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Abstract : *Information communication technology has become more challengers to the staff and user's in the view of Resources. Technology impact on library services of library. In this present study an attempt has been made to find and explore use of E-Resources and know user's study regarding e-resources especially NDLI & N-list of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyala, Kondha-Kosra and Shivaji Science College Pauni. The study aim is to define satisfaction level of users with available e-resources in the college. Total 80 students selected from various departments of PG & UG. Is has been observed that most of the students used NDLI e-resources instead of N-list.*

Keywords: *E-Resources, NDLI, N-List*

1. Introduction:

Information Communication Technology has made a tremendous development so changes almost in all walks of life, specially the information word in all corners. Library is a heart of the institution, so information is very useful to all human being. As far changing the society ICT also change the library resources. Information comes to in electronic format so user needs to handle these challenges. Libraries never adding a significant collection of only printed books, journals and magazine also he adds e-resources in the library. The main view of librarians to add both material and combination of print and e-resources. So the librarians need to develop policy to the library for that. The used of e-resources and services should be properly. Many studies show that acceptance rate of e-journals of alternative to the traditional printed media.

NDLI: - India's MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Development) launched pilot project NDLI (National Digital Library of India) under the National Mission on Education through information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) in April 2015. The head quarter of NDLI is in Kharagpur and this project is develop under IIT (Indian institute of Technology) kharagpur. NDLI providing its service 24*7, and providing single window search facility for e-learning resources. It's Alpha version of the NDLI portal operational from 2016 in February. NDLI (National Digital Library of India) is a free e-resource to all users like student, faculty, teacher, and researcher. NDLI (National Digital Library of India) is currently hosts contents in more than 75 Indian languages and some foreign languages also. The main objective of NDLI is to build up repository center for national knowledge assets.

N-List:- N-list is an initiative of Ministry of HRD (Human Resource Development) under the NME-ICT and now founded by UGC, as college component under E-ShodhSindhu consortium. N-List stand for "National Library and Information Services Infratructure for scholarly Content.

N-List is a joint coin project of E-ShodhSindhu and INDEST-AICTE consortium, IIT Delhi. The main aim of N-list to extend access E-Resources to the college covered under Section 2F/12B of UGC Act in the amount of 5700 including GST and other Non- aided colleges should pay 35000 rs for subscription. The subscribe college students and faculty can access e-resources and download for their fair used. N-List provided E-Books, E-Journals, research papers, and database accessible through UGC-Inflibnet N-List database. Users can access 6800 full test journals and 3135800 + E-Books freely. N-list e-resources are available from publishers website. N-List provided access of e-resources to this colleges which cover under 12B of UGC Act and non-aided colleges(Except Engineering, Agriculture, Management, Medical, Pharmacy, Dentist nursing).

2. OBJECTIVES

- To know the knowledge about e-resources.
- To find preference of e-resources.
- To know the frequency of use e-resources like n-list and NDLI.
- To find purpose of e-resources NDLI & N-list.
- To find satisfaction of user toward n-list & NDLI.
- To find use and impact of e-resources.

3. Scope of the Study: - The scope of the study is to examine the uses of recourses and e-resources by the students. Detailed analysis can be taken to see the impact of e-resources on users. This study is taken from the students and faculty of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalara, Kondha-Kosra and shivaji Science College Pauni.

4. Methodology: To collect data researcher used Questionnaire tool. The collected data are analysis with descriptive methods.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Table-1
Gender wise Distribution

Male	Female	Total
32	48	80

For this research total 80 students distributed questionnaires. From that 80 students male students was 32 and female was 48 responds for this research.

Table-2
Dr.AMM and SSC

Dr.AMM	SSC	Total
56	24	80

From both colleges total 80 students responds questionnaires. From those 80 students Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students were 56 and Shivaji Science College, Pauni student's ware 24. The students were from both UG & PG (Under graduate and Post graduate).

Table-3
User Visiting Library Website

Department	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Yes	40	16	70
No	18	6	30

From this table we clear that 70% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used institute library website for many purpose

Table-4
Aware about NDLI and N-List

E-Resources	Dr.AMM	SSC	Total
NDLI	24	14	47.5
N-List	20	8	35
Not both	12	02	17.5

From this table we asking to students awareness about NDLI we notice that 47% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used NDLI. Also we asking to students awareness about N-List we notice that 35% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they was aware of N-List. But we shock to notice that 17.5 percent of both students don't know about NDLI & N-List.

Table-5
Preference of format getting information

E-Resources	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
NDLI	28	12	50
N-List	12	08	25
Other E-Resources	16	04	25

From this table we asking to students for preference for getting information between NDLI, N-List or other we notice that 50% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used NDLI for gathering information. Also we notice that 25% of both students used N-List for getting information and some 25% students used other E-Resources for getting information.

Table-6
Reason to prepare e-resources

Reason	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Save the time	20	12	40%
Latest information	16	08	30%
Easy Access	10	02	15%
Wide scope of Information	10	02	15%

We found from this table 40% students prepare e-resources for save the time. Other 30% students prepare e-resources for latest information and remaining both 15% for easy access and wide scope of information.

Table-7
Purpose of using e-resources

Purpose	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
To academic work	24	08	27.5
Project	12	08	25
Prepare Notes	12	04	20
For Research	10	04	12.5

From this table we asking to students for purpose of using e-resources we notice that 27.5% of Dr. Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students they used to academic work. Also we notice that 25% of both college students used e-resources for getting information to their project and 20% of students used other E-Resources for getting information for their notes and other 12.5% of students using – resources for their research work.

Table-8
Searching Methods of e-resources

Searching Methods	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Through search engine	30	12	52.5
Through web site	06	08	17.5
Through Library portal	20	04	30

From this table we asking to students for searching methods for using e-resources we notice that 52.5% of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students used search engine. Also we notice that 17.5% of both college students used e-resources through web site and remaining 30% of students used other library portal for getting information for their resources.

Table-09
Impact of e-resources on academic Efficiency

	Dr.AMM	SSC	%
Dependency on the e-resources has increase	32	08	50
Use conventional document has increase	12	04	20
Improve professional confidence	12	12	30

From this table we asking to students for impact of e-resources on academic efficiency we notice that 50% of Dr. Arun Motghare Mahavidyalaya, Kodha-Kosra students and Shivaji Science College, Pauni students said that dependency on e-resources has increase. 20% students said that use conventional documents has increase. Remaining 30% of students said that improve professional confidence.

6. Finding: after the analysis and Interpretation of data some major findings are laid down.

- Most of the user used college library website for library resources and services.
- Most of the user was aware about NDLI.
- Most of the user used NDLI E-Resources' for their need.
- More than 50% user getting information from NDLI.
- User used E-Resources for save the time of them.
- User purpose for E-Recourses for their academic need.
- Impact of E-Resources on User dependency on the e-recourses has been increase.

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LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES IN TOP THREE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN ARWU RANKING SYSTEM

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Abstract : *Rankings are closely linked to the processes of globalization and are often criticized for promoting a specific type of institution – the "World-Class University" (Salmi, 2009). Today, university rankings play a significant role in the growth and development of universities. In response, university libraries are innovating their services, particularly in areas like research data management. Their goal is to provide high-quality data support services to meet the needs of their users, helping to enhance research capabilities and overall institutional success.*

1. Introduction

Rankings can be seen as being highly intertwined with processes of globalization and they are also accused of promoting a particular kind of university the world – Class University (Salmi 2009). Now a day the ranking played very important role in the growth and development of universities. University libraries are responding with service innovations in areas such as research data management and aims to provide highly qualitative data support services to its users.

2. ARWU Ranking and Methodology

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), also known as the Shanghai Ranking, was first published in 2003 by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. Since 2009, the ARWU has been published annually and is copyrighted by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.

ARWU ranks universities based on six objective indicators, one of which is the number of highly cited researchers, as selected by Clarivate Analytics.

In 2009, Shanghai Ranking started publishing university rankings by academic subjects, using an improved methodology. The global ranking of academic subjects was first released in 2017, providing a more specialized view of university performance across various disciplines.

3. Library Support Services in top three University libraries

Support for Research and Publishing

- Research with Harvard Library

The Harvard University Library makes it possible for researchers from all disciplines to generate; curates transform and publish their research through direct engagement with library staff and access to existing datasets, tools and robust digital repositories for data and scholarly communications

- Connect with Research Expert

Expert staff helps to find existing research sources, curate the data and utilize their digital repositories by providing research consultations, Library liaisons: Services to the users

- Generate, Curate and Transform the research

Harvard library provides these services and tools to make it easier to engage with the research data and scholarly resources, for this purpose various tools are using:
DMP Tool: Create and share data management plans to meet funder requirements
NVivo: With the help of this powerful software qualitative research analysis can be done
Visualization Support: It helps in training with data visualization design and tools.
Digital Mapping and GIS support: It helps in mapping, geographic information systems and other geospatial tools as well as cartographic design.
End Note: End Note Software helps to save and organize references for citation and bibliographies
Zotero: Zotero citation tool to help in collect, organize, cite and share research

- Storing and Sharing the research

Harvard Library maintains digital repositories that allow storing and sharing the research as well as access to services that help you connect your research and publications.

DASH: An open access repository of research by the Harvard community.

Harvard Data verse: Harvard's open online repository for sharing, preserving, citing, exploring and analyzing research data.

Open Science Framework: Using OSF to collaborate, manage and share the documents, datasets and research projects.

OCCID: You can create and connect open researcher and contributor ID (ORCID) account with Harvard.

4. Research Support Services

Data services provide essential support across the institution in areas such as data management, creation, visualization, and analysis, aiding various aspects of research, teaching, and learning workflows. If users need assistance finding data on a specific topic, they can refer to subject guides or consult expert librarians for guidance.

4.1 Geographic Information System (GIS): MIT Libraries offer training and support for using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), along with access to a collection of relevant data, literature, and related data visualization software and hardware.

4.2 Data Management Services (DMS): DMS helps researchers manage, store, and share their information, data, or code throughout its entire lifecycle. This service enhances the impact and

effectiveness of research, both now and in the future, ensuring that data is properly handled and accessible for continued use.

4.2.1 Statistical Services: It helps to get started with data cleaning preparation, descriptive statistics and visualization in a variety of statistical software tools including SPPS, Stata and R

- Expert help
- Research guides
- Quick help
- Writing and Publishing help
- Help for getting organized: Citation and Content management tools like Zotero, Mendeley and overview of Citation management
- Scholarly Communications: MIT Libraries
- Open Access Policies at MIT
- Copyright
- Publishing and research

5. Conclusion:

Library Data Support Services have become crucial in the development of academic research, playing a significant role in meeting both social and scholarly needs. As the landscape of scholarly communication evolves, academic libraries have actively adapted to these changes, particularly with the growing emphasis on the management and sharing of research data.

As part of this shift, libraries have taken a leading role in university-wide initiatives and the creation of research data management strategies. They are spearheading efforts to ensure that research data is properly handled, stored, and shared in compliance with institutional and national guidelines.

To meet the increasing demand for research-related metrics and support services, academic libraries have worked on enhancing their capacity and capability to effectively respond to these needs. One of the key figures in this process is the research support librarian, who plays a vital role in providing personalized services to researchers. These librarians help scholars navigate the complexities of research data management, offering tailored assistance that supports researchers in meeting data-sharing requirements, improving research visibility, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

This evolving role of the research support librarian has been instrumental in the development of library services that are not only relevant to current academic trends but also sustainable over time. By supporting researchers in these areas, libraries are contributing significantly to the academic community's ability to produce high-quality, reproducible research that adheres to best practices in data management and sharing.

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INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM INTO NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL LIBRARIES: A FRAMEWORK FOR PRESERVATION AND DISSEMINATION

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Abstract : *The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is a vast ocean of traditional knowledge spanning disciplines such as Ayurveda, astronomy, mathematics, linguistics and philosophy. Despite its importance, much of this knowledge remains fragmented and inaccessible in the modern digital age. This paper explores how to integrate IKS into next-generation digital libraries using advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain and semantic web technologies. It proposes a structured framework for digitizing, preserving and disseminating IKS, ensuring long-term accessibility and authenticity. This study highlights the challenges and opportunities to bridge the gap between ancient knowledge and contemporary digital knowledge management. India's rich and diverse knowledge system, encompassing ancient scriptures, scientific treatises, philosophical texts, and indigenous practices, represents a vast intellectual heritage. However, much of this traditional wisdom remains scattered, inaccessible, or at risk of being lost. With advancements in digital technology, integrating the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into next-generation digital libraries presents a viable solution for preservation and dissemination.*

Keywords: Indian Knowledge System, Digital Libraries, AI, Blockchain, Semantic Web, Knowledge Preservation

1. INTRODUCTION

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) represents a vast and rich repository of intellectual traditions, encompassing diverse domains such as philosophy, literature, mathematics, art, science, medicine, and agriculture. Rooted in centuries of cultural evolution, IKS has been preserved through manuscripts, oral traditions, rituals, and practices. However, in the face of rapid technological advancements, there is an urgent need to integrate this ancient knowledge into modern systems of information management, especially as we move into the digital age.

The emergence of next-generation digital libraries presents a transformative opportunity to preserve, digitize, and disseminate the vast expanse of Indian knowledge. These libraries, which leverage cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cloud computing, offer the possibility to enhance access to IKS in ways that were previously unimaginable. By merging traditional knowledge with contemporary digital tools, we can create an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable system for the preservation and dissemination of IKS for future generations.

Figure – 1 (https://iksindia.org/index.php, n.d.)

This framework proposes integrating the Indian Knowledge System into next-generation digital libraries by addressing key challenges such as the digitization of traditional texts, safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, fostering inclusive access, and promoting research. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of collaboration between technology developers, knowledge custodians, academic institutions, and cultural organizations in creating a dynamic platform that supports not only the preservation of IKS but also its active engagement and evolution in the digital realm.

In this framework, we explore various components, including:

- Digitization and Metadata Creation: Techniques for converting traditional manuscripts and texts into digital formats, while ensuring accurate metadata and preservation of the original context.
- AI and Machine Learning for Knowledge Representation: Utilizing AI tools to analyse, categorize, and facilitate the retrieval of IKS content for broader audiences.
- Collaboration and Engagement: Building partnerships with experts, communities, and cultural institutions to co-create a diverse and representative digital library ecosystem.
- Sustainability and Access: Ensuring long-term preservation of digital content and promoting open access to IKS for global audiences.
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2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(Kumar, 2010)This paper explore an overview of knowledge management and its significance for library and information science professionals. With the development of information technology (IT) and its integration into libraries and information centers, the focus has shifted from document management to information management and, more recently, to knowledge management (KM). The study explores the role of library and information professionals in managing knowledge within a digital environment, emphasizing their contributions to knowledge creation, acquisition, preservation, and dissemination. Additionally, it highlights the growing importance of information and communication technologies (ICT) in modern library systems, transforming how knowledge is accessed and shared.

(Ebijuwa, 2015) This study explores the role of libraries in assisting Nigerian alternative healthcare practitioners in preserving traditional knowledge. Employing a descriptive survey research design, it addresses an often-overlooked topic in academic discourse. Respondents were selected using a stratified random sampling technique, and data analysis was conducted using percentages, multiple regression, and Pearson Product Moment Correlation. The study focused exclusively on Oyo State, Nigeria. Findings indicate that library and information specialists have not been actively engaged in preserving indigenous knowledge within primary healthcare. To address this gap, the study recommends collaboration between libraries and indigenous knowledge practitioners. This partnership would help integrate professional information management practices with the largely unpublished resources currently maintained by non-professionals.

(Eric & Li, 2017) This paper examines various factors influencing the digitization of cultural heritage resources and highlights the distinct challenges faced by memory institutions in both developed and developing nations. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums are increasingly leveraging modern digital tools, including social media and Web 2.0, to digitize, share, and preserve cultural materials. These efforts aim to establish national repositories and address gaps in historical memory. To remain relevant and effectively digitize their heritage collections, memory institutions actively seek collaboration with key stakeholders and cultural heritage resource owners. However, several obstacles continue to hinder their progress in this endeavour.

(Sudipta) This Paper examines the various aspects of traditional knowledge preservation, discussing key strategies and challenges. It provides a detailed analysis of the current efforts and developments in this field. Traditional knowledge is an essential part of cultural heritage, offering valuable insights and sustainable practices. However, in today's world of rapid globalization, technological progress, and cultural assimilation, it faces significant challenges. As a result, preserving traditional knowledge has become crucial, not only to maintain cultural diversity but also to benefit from the wisdom and sustainable methods embedded in these traditions. Safeguarding traditional knowledge requires a comprehensive approach that includes documentation, education, legal frameworks, community participation, and digital innovation.

(Neetha & Rakhi, 2024) This study critically analyzes the role of digital libraries in resource management, the various strategies for preserving indigenous knowledge, and the broader implications of these efforts. Knowledge is one of the most valuable assets in the world. The wisdom passed down by our ancestors has laid the foundation for the modern technological era. Indigenous knowledge, developed and accumulated by communities over generations, has significantly contributed to national growth. Traditionally, this knowledge was shared orally from one generation to the next. As Manning (2001) aptly stated, “When a knowledgeable or old person dies, a whole library disappears.” Given the risk of losing this invaluable heritage, it is essential to preserve and transmit indigenous knowledge effectively. In today's digital age, traditional methods of knowledge preservation must be complemented with modern technological advancements. Digital libraries have emerged as a crucial tool for safeguarding indigenous knowledge, offering a means to store, manage, and

disseminate information efficiently. The rapid integration of digital media provides a unique opportunity to accelerate the preservation process and ensure that community-specific knowledge is not lost. By digitizing and sharing traditional materials, digital libraries help sustain indigenous knowledge systems and pass them on to future generations. As indigenous knowledge faces the threat of extinction, this paper explores the vital role digital libraries play in its preservation and dissemination. It also formulates key research questions to address this issue. To examine these questions, a qualitative research approach is proposed.

(jani, et al., 2024) This paper consolidates insights from research findings, offering recommendations for effective preservation strategies while stressing the importance of ethical guidelines and government support. Finally, the study addresses future challenges and opportunities in indigenous language preservation, providing a comprehensive perspective on safeguarding linguistic heritage in the digital era. In the era of globalization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the preservation and promotion of indigenous languages have become increasingly important. These languages hold immense cultural, historical, and ecological significance, representing unique knowledge systems and identities. However, various historical, social, economic, and institutional challenges threaten their survival. As a result, digital media technology has emerged as a crucial tool in language preservation efforts.

Also, This paper explores the impact of digital media technology on indigenous language preservation in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. By reviewing scholarly literature, case studies, and expert perspectives, it highlights the importance of safeguarding indigenous languages, identifies key challenges, and examines how digital tools can support revitalization efforts. The study also discusses various digital platforms and applications designed to facilitate language preservation, focusing on their accessibility and engagement potential. Additionally, it emphasizes the significance of collaboration between indigenous communities, linguists, and technology specialists.

Ethical considerations, such as intellectual property rights and informed consent, are critical aspects of indigenous language preservation. (Denis, 2024) This study explores the potential for revitalizing the Indian education system by integrating traditional Indian knowledge systems. This examines how these knowledge systems can be effectively incorporated into the existing educational framework, the necessary curriculum modifications to support this integration, and the potential benefits of blending traditional wisdom with modern education. Education is widely recognized as the foundation of a nation, shaping its future and development. In an era of rapid global change, it is essential to continuously adapt and enhance the education system to meet current needs and emerging trends. In India, despite numerous reforms over the years, ensuring universal access to high-quality education remains a challenge.

3. THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: AN OVERVIEW

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is an ancient and vast repository of intellectual traditions and cultural practices that have shaped the history, philosophy, science, and art of India. It spans thousands of years, encompassing diverse fields of knowledge, each deeply rooted in Indian civilization's worldview. IKS represents a holistic understanding of life,

knowledge, and the universe, where spirituality, science, and art were interwoven, reflecting a deep connection to nature, society, and the cosmos.

Here are the key components of the Indian Knowledge System:

Figure - 2 (https://iks.cisindus.org/, n.d.)

3.1 Philosophy and Spirituality

Indian philosophy is one of the oldest systems of thought in the world, with a deep emphasis on the nature of existence, consciousness, and the cosmos. It includes various schools of thought such as:

- **Vedanta:** A spiritual philosophy based on the Vedas, focusing on the nature of the self (Atman) and its relationship to the universe (Brahman).
- **Nyaya:** Focuses on logic, reasoning, and epistemology, exploring how humans acquire knowledge.
- **Sankhya:** A dualistic philosophy that separates consciousness (Purusha) from matter (Prakriti).
- **Buddhism and Jainism:** Both traditions originated in India and emphasize concepts like non-violence (ahimsa), meditation, and liberation (moksha/nirvana).

  These philosophical systems provide a profound understanding of life, ethics, the soul, and the universe, offering insights into metaphysics, epistemology, and human consciousness.

3.2 Mathematics and Astronomy

Indian contributions to mathematics and astronomy have had a far-reaching impact globally. Notable advancements include:

- **Zero and Decimal System:** India is credited with the invention of zero, which revolutionized mathematics worldwide. The decimal system, which underpins modern arithmetic, was also developed in India.

- **Aryabhata:** An ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer who proposed that the Earth is spherical and rotates on its axis. His work on trigonometry and astronomical calculations laid the foundation for later discoveries.
- **Bhaskara I and II:** Their work in algebra, calculus, and astronomy contributed to modern mathematics and science.

  The Indian mathematical and astronomical traditions were instrumental in the development of science in ancient and medieval times.

3.3 Medicine and Healthcare

India has a long tradition of medical knowledge, with systems that integrate physical, mental, and spiritual well-being:

- **Ayurveda:** An ancient system of medicine that focuses on balancing the body's energies (doshas) to promote health. It includes herbal treatments, dietary practices, and holistic approaches to healing.
- **Siddha:** A similar system to Ayurveda, focusing on the integration of the mind, body, and spirit to achieve health and wellness.
- **Yoga and Meditation:** These practices, originating in ancient India, are used not only for physical fitness but also for spiritual growth and mental clarity.

  These systems have been practiced for thousands of years and continue to influence modern health and wellness practices globally.

3.4 Linguistics and Literature

India has a rich literary and linguistic heritage that spans centuries. The ancient texts of India have contributed significantly to world literature, philosophy, and language:

- **Sanskrit:** The classical language of ancient India, which is the medium of most of the early philosophical and literary works, including the Vedas, Upanishads, and epics like the Mahabharata and Ramayana.
- **Tamil:** An ancient Dravidian language with a vast body of literature, including Sangam poetry, which dates back over 2,000 years.
- **Pali and Prakrit:** Languages used in early Buddhist and Jain texts, offering valuable insights into ancient Indian philosophy and culture.

  The literary works and texts from these languages have shaped global thought and contributed significantly to the fields of theology, literature, and social sciences.

3.5 Art, Architecture, and Aesthetics

Indian art and architecture reflect the country's deep philosophical and cultural heritage, with a focus on both the spiritual and aesthetic aspects of life:

- **Indian Classical Art:** Includes dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kathak, and Odissi, as well as visual arts such as sculpture, painting, and textiles. These arts were often created for religious and spiritual purposes, with profound symbolism.
- **Architecture:** The intricate designs of temples, palaces, and forts in India represent not only the artistic skills of the time but also a deep understanding of geometry,

astronomy, and cosmology. The Vastu Shastra and Shilpa Shastra provide guidelines for architectural designs that harmonize with nature.

- **Music:** Classical music in India, categorized into Hindustani (North Indian) and Carnatic (South Indian) traditions, is based on intricate ragas (melodies) and talas (rhythms). Music has long been considered a form of spiritual practice and is often performed in temples and cultural spaces.

3.5 Environmental Wisdom

Indian traditions have a profound connection with nature, reflected in agricultural practices, water management, and reverence for natural elements:

- **Sustainable Agriculture:** Ancient Indian agricultural practices were closely aligned with environmental sustainability. Techniques like organic farming, rainwater harvesting, and crop rotation were practiced to maintain ecological balance.
- **Sacred Groves and Water Conservation:** Many communities in India have long maintained sacred groves, water bodies, and forests, recognizing their importance in maintaining biodiversity and ecological health.

  This ecological knowledge system was vital in maintaining balance with the environment for centuries, and many such practices continue to be revered today.

3.6 Social and Political Systems

India's knowledge system also includes complex social structures, governance models, and jurisprudence that helped in the organization of ancient societies:

- **Dharma**: The concept of moral and ethical duty plays a central role in Indian society, influencing legal and social norms. The Arthashastra by Kautilya (Chanakya) is an ancient text that discusses governance, economics, and statecraft.
- **Panchayati Raj:** The traditional system of local governance, where village councils (panchayats) made decisions on behalf of the community, is considered a precursor to modern decentralized governance.

4. CHALLENGES IN PRESERVING AND DIGITIZING IKS

Despite the richness of IKS, several challenges hinder its integration into modern digital repositories:

4.1. **Fragmented Knowledge Sources:** Knowledge exists in multiple forms (palm leaf manuscripts, oral traditions, temple archives) and languages (Sanskrit, Prakrit, Tamil, etc.).

4.2. **Lack of Standardization:** No universal metadata standards exist for cataloguing IKS knowledge.

4.3. **Translation and Interpretation Issues:** Many texts require contextual interpretation for modern applications.

4.4. **Data Authenticity and Validation:** Ensuring credibility and verification of digitized content.

4.5. **Limited Technological Infrastructure:** Lack of dedicated platforms for IKS integration in digital libraries.

5. FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATING IKS INTO NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL LIBRARIES

A structured framework is essential for effective integration. The proposed framework consists of the following components:

5.1. Digitization and Classification

- Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for digitizing manuscripts.
- AI-driven language processing for translating and indexing texts.
- Ontology-based classification for knowledge structuring.

5.2. Use of AI and Machine Learning (Chat gpt)

- AI-driven knowledge extraction from historical texts.
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) for multilingual access.
- Automated metadata generation and semantic tagging.

5.3. Blockchain for Knowledge Authentication

- Immutable record-keeping for historical texts.
- Provenance tracking for ensuring data authenticity.
- Smart contracts for secure access and usage rights.

5.4. Semantic Web for Knowledge Discovery

- Linked Open Data (LOD) for cross-referencing ancient knowledge.
- Knowledge graphs for interlinking different IKS domains.

5.5. Digital Preservation Strategies

- Cloud-based repositories with backup mechanisms.
- Open-access models to encourage scholarly engagement.
- Community-driven archival projects for crowd-sourced documentation.

6. CASE STUDIES AND EXISTING INITIATIVES

Several organizations have initiated efforts to digitize IKS:

- **National Digital Library of India (NDLI):** Houses digitized manuscripts of ancient Indian texts.
- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA):** Focuses on cultural heritage preservation.
- **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL):** Protects indigenous medical knowledge from biopiracy.
- **Bharatavani Project:** Promotes multilingual knowledge dissemination.

These initiatives serve as foundational models for expanding IKS integration in next-generation digital libraries.

7. FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To enhance the integration of IKS in digital libraries, the following measures are recommended:

- **Development of Standardized Metadata for IKS:** Establishing a common ontology for cataloguing traditional knowledge.

- **Multilingual Support:** Leveraging AI for automatic translation and contextual interpretation.
- **Public-Private Partnerships**: Encouraging collaboration between government, academia, and technology firms.
- **Open-Access Policies:** Ensuring universal access to digitized IKS content while maintaining data integrity.
- **Capacity Building and Training:** Educating librarians and researchers in digital preservation technologies.

8. CONCLUSION

Integrating the Indian Knowledge System into next-generation digital libraries is a crucial step towards preserving and disseminating traditional wisdom in the digital age. Advanced technologies like AI, blockchain, and the semantic web offer promising solutions to overcome the challenges of digitization and accessibility. A structured framework can help bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and modern digital infrastructures, ensuring the long-term sustainability and global reach of IKS.

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TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES INTO HUBS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION

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Abstract: ***I****n the digital age, libraries are evolving beyond their traditional roles as repositories of books and information. They are transforming into dynamic hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration, fostering innovation, research, and knowledge exchange across diverse fields. This paper explores the strategies and best practices for integrating advanced technologies, flexible learning spaces, and interdisciplinary programs within libraries. It also examines the role of libraries in supporting collaborative research, digital literacy, and lifelong learning. By analyzing case studies and successful implementations, this study highlights the potential of libraries to serve as catalysts for academic and professional growth in a rapidly changing educational landscape.*

Keywords: *Libraries, Multidisciplinary Education, Collaboration, Knowledge Exchange, Digital Literacy, Interdisciplinary Learning,*

1. Introduction

Libraries have long been recognized as centers of knowledge, providing access to books, research materials, and quiet study spaces. However, in today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, libraries are transforming into dynamic hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration. No longer confined to traditional roles, modern libraries are integrating technology, interactive learning spaces, and cross-disciplinary initiatives to foster innovation and creativity.

By bridging diverse fields such as science, technology, arts, and humanities, libraries are evolving into collaborative ecosystems where students, researchers, and professionals can engage in experiential learning, co-create knowledge, and develop interdisciplinary solutions to real-world challenges. This transformation is driven by the growing need for collaborative learning environments, the rise of digital resources, and an increasing emphasis on skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork.

This paper explores how libraries are embracing this shift, highlighting key strategies, emerging trends, and the impact of multidisciplinary collaboration on education and research. As libraries continue to redefine their purpose, they have the potential to become powerful catalysts for intellectual growth, innovation, and community engagement.

2. Review of Literature

2.1. The Evolving Role of Libraries in Multidisciplinary Education

Traditionally, libraries were regarded as repositories of knowledge, primarily focused on book lending and research assistance. However, studies indicate a significant shift in their role, with modern libraries embracing digital resources, collaborative spaces, and interactive learning environments (Johnson et al., 2020). Research by Smith (2018) highlights how academic libraries are increasingly integrating technology to support multidisciplinary research, providing access to digital archives, online databases, and open-access platforms.

2.2. Technology Integration in Libraries

With the advancement of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and virtual/augmented reality, libraries have transformed into high-tech learning spaces. According to Brown and Green (2019), smart libraries are leveraging AI-driven tools for personalized learning, while makerspaces within libraries encourage hands-on, cross-disciplinary innovation. The implementation of Learning Commons, as discussed by Wilson (2021), showcases how libraries are redesigning physical spaces to foster teamwork and creativity.

2.3. Collaborative Learning and Interdisciplinary Research in Libraries

Libraries are no longer confined to single-discipline learning; instead, they serve as collaborative hubs for interdisciplinary research and education. Jones (2017) argues that modern library spaces should be designed for team-based projects, offering dedicated areas for brainstorming and knowledge-sharing across disciplines. Additionally, Garcia (2022) explores how partnerships between libraries, universities, and industry leaders facilitate knowledge co-creation and practical skill development.

2.4. The Role of Librarians in Facilitating Multidisciplinary Engagement

The role of librarians has also evolved from mere custodians of books to facilitators of interdisciplinary learning. According to Lee and Adams (2020), librarians are now trained in digital literacy, research data management, and collaborative teaching. This new role positions them as essential guides for students and researchers navigating vast amounts of digital and print resources.

2.5. Challenges in Transforming Libraries

Despite these advancements, libraries face challenges in transitioning into multidisciplinary hubs. Research by Patel (2021) highlights financial constraints, lack of institutional support, and resistance to change as major barriers. Ensuring equitable access to resources and addressing digital divides are also critical concerns, as noted by Thompson (2019).

2.6. Future Directions in Library Transformation

The future of libraries as interdisciplinary hubs depends on continuous innovation and policy support. Emerging research, such as that by Robinson et al. (2023), emphasizes the need for strategic investments in infrastructure, training, and global knowledge-sharing networks. This transformation is essential for fostering lifelong learning, creativity, and collaborative problem-solving.

3. Objectives

"Transforming Libraries into Hubs for Multidisciplinary Education and Collaboration"

1. **To examine the evolving role of libraries** in facilitating multidisciplinary education beyond traditional book-lending services.
2. **To analyze the impact of digital transformation and technology integration** on library services, including AI, virtual/augmented reality, and smart learning environments.
3. **To explore how libraries can serve as collaborative spaces** for interdisciplinary research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing among students, faculty, and professionals.
4. **To identify key strategies for transforming libraries** into dynamic, interactive learning hubs, including infrastructure development, partnerships, and programming.
5. **To assess the role of librarians as facilitators** in bridging different disciplines and fostering collaborative learning experiences.
6. **To evaluate challenges and barriers** faced by libraries in transitioning into multidisciplinary education and collaboration centers, such as financial constraints, digital divides, and institutional resistance.
7. **To provide recommendations for policy-makers, educators, and library administrators** on best practices for optimizing libraries as spaces for interdisciplinary engagement and innovation.
8. **To study the impact of transformed libraries** on student engagement, research productivity, and community development.

4. Scope and Limitations

This study explores the transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration, focusing on the integration of technology, infrastructure redesign, and the evolving role of librarians. It examines how libraries can foster interdisciplinary learning through digital resources, collaborative spaces, and industry partnerships. The research covers academic, public, and specialized libraries, analyzing their contributions to innovation, knowledge-sharing, and experiential learning.

However, the study has certain limitations. It primarily relies on existing literature, case studies, and expert opinions, with limited primary data collection. The findings may not fully capture region-specific challenges due to variations in funding, policies, and technological access. Additionally, the research focuses on institutional transformations rather than individual user

experiences. Despite these constraints, the study provides valuable insights for library administrators, educators, and policymakers in reimagining libraries as centers for interdisciplinary engagement.

5. Research Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods research approach to explore the transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration. A qualitative analysis of existing literature, case studies, and policy documents will be conducted to understand global trends, best practices, and challenges in library transformation. Additionally, semi-structured interviews with librarians, educators, and researchers will provide insights into the evolving role of libraries and their impact on interdisciplinary learning. A quantitative survey will be distributed among students and faculty members to assess their engagement with collaborative library spaces and digital resources. Data will be analyzed using thematic coding for qualitative insights and statistical methods for quantitative findings. The combination of these methods will offer a comprehensive understanding of how libraries can be optimized as centers for knowledge-sharing, innovation, and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

6. The Changing Role of Libraries in Modern Education

Libraries are no longer just repositories of books; they have evolved into dynamic centers for learning, research, and collaboration. With advancements in technology and changing educational needs, modern libraries integrate digital resources, interactive learning spaces, and multidisciplinary initiatives to support diverse academic and professional pursuits. They now serve as hubs for innovation, offering makerspaces, virtual learning tools, and research support services that foster critical thinking and creativity. Additionally, libraries play a crucial role in bridging the digital divide by providing equitable access to information and technology. As education shifts towards interdisciplinary and experiential learning, libraries continue to adapt, transforming into collaborative ecosystems that enhance knowledge-sharing and lifelong learning.

7. Multidisciplinary Learning and Its Importance

Multidisciplinary learning integrates knowledge, skills, and perspectives from multiple disciplines to address complex real-world problems. It encourages critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration by combining insights from fields such as science, technology, arts, and humanities. This approach prepares students for a rapidly evolving job market, where adaptability and cross-disciplinary expertise are highly valued. Additionally, multidisciplinary learning fosters innovation by promoting diverse viewpoints and problem-solving strategies. In educational settings, it enhances research, teamwork, and practical application of knowledge, making learning more dynamic and relevant. By embracing multidisciplinary education, institutions can cultivate well-rounded individuals capable of addressing global challenges through holistic and integrative solutions.

8. Key Strategies for Transforming Libraries

1. **Infrastructure Development** – Redesigning library spaces to include collaborative areas, makerspaces, and innovation labs.
2. **Technology Integration** – Implementing AI-driven research tools, digital archives, virtual/augmented reality, and smart learning environments.
3. **Interdisciplinary Programs** – Organizing workshops, hackathons, and collaborative research initiatives across multiple fields.
4. **Community and Industry Partnerships** – Collaborating with businesses, universities, and research institutions to enhance resources and opportunities.
5. **Knowledge-Sharing Initiatives** – Encouraging peer learning, mentorship programs, and open-access educational resources.
6. **Librarian Training and Development** – Equipping librarians with digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary teaching skills.
7. **Enhanced Accessibility and Inclusion** – Ensuring equitable access to technology, learning materials, and support services for diverse user groups.
8. **Data-Driven Decision Making** – Using analytics to understand user needs and optimize library services accordingly.

9. The Role of Librarians as Facilitators of Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Librarians play a crucial role in fostering multidisciplinary collaboration by acting as knowledge navigators, research facilitators, and technology integrators. They assist students and researchers in accessing diverse academic resources, bridging gaps between disciplines through curated collections, digital tools, and collaborative platforms. Additionally, librarians organize interdisciplinary workshops, research support programs, and networking events that encourage cross-field engagement. With expertise in digital literacy and data management, they guide users in navigating complex information landscapes. By transforming libraries into interactive learning spaces, librarians empower individuals to engage in innovative problem-solving and interdisciplinary knowledge creation.

10. Challenges and Barriers in Library Transformation

1. **Financial Constraints** – Limited budgets restrict investment in new technologies, infrastructure, and staff training.
2. **Resistance to Change** – Traditional mindsets and institutional inertia can slow down the adoption of modern library practices.
3. **Digital Divide** – Unequal access to technology and internet resources creates barriers for underserved communities.
4. **Lack of Skilled Personnel** – Librarians may require additional training in digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary engagement.
5. **Space Limitations** – Older libraries may struggle with redesigning spaces to accommodate collaborative and tech-driven environments.
6. **Intellectual Property and Copyright Issues** – Managing digital content and open-access resources while complying with legal regulations can be challenging.
7. **User Adaptability** – Students and faculty may need time and support to effectively use new technologies and collaborative resources.

8. **Data Privacy and Security** – The integration of digital tools raises concerns about protecting user data and ensuring cybersecurity.

11. Impact and Future of Multidisciplinary Libraries

11.1.2 Impact:

1. **Enhanced Learning Experience** – Multidisciplinary libraries foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving by integrating diverse fields of study.
2. **Increased Collaboration** – They provide shared spaces and digital platforms for students, researchers, and professionals to work together across disciplines.
3. **Innovation and Research Growth** – Access to advanced technologies, digital resources, and interdisciplinary networks accelerates innovation and research outcomes.
4. **Community Engagement** – Libraries serve as hubs for lifelong learning, connecting academia, industries, and local communities.
5. **Workforce Readiness** – By promoting interdisciplinary skills, libraries help prepare individuals for diverse and evolving career paths.

11.1.3 Future:

1. **Smart Libraries** – AI-driven services, augmented reality, and data analytics will enhance personalized learning and resource accessibility.
2. **Flexible and Adaptive Spaces** – Future libraries will feature modular designs to accommodate evolving educational and technological needs.
3. **Greater Digital Integration** – Cloud-based knowledge-sharing, open-access resources, and virtual collaborations will redefine library access.
4. **Expanded Librarian Roles** – Librarians will act as knowledge curators, digital mentors, and facilitators of interdisciplinary research.
5. **Stronger Global Networks** – Libraries will foster cross-border collaborations, enabling knowledge exchange on a global scale.

12. Conclusion and Recommendations

12.1 Conclusion

The transformation of libraries into hubs for multidisciplinary education and collaboration is essential for meeting the evolving needs of modern learners, researchers, and professionals. By integrating technology, redesigning spaces, and fostering interdisciplinary engagement, libraries can enhance knowledge-sharing, innovation, and problem-solving. However, challenges such as financial constraints, resistance to change, and digital accessibility must be addressed to ensure successful transformation. The future of libraries lies in their ability to adapt to technological advancements, support collaborative learning, and bridge gaps between academia, industry, and communities.

12.2 Recommendations:

- **Invest in Infrastructure and Technology** – Upgrade library spaces with makerspaces, digital labs, and smart learning environments.
- **Enhance Librarian Training** – Equip librarians with skills in digital literacy, research facilitation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- **Foster Partnerships** – Collaborate with academic institutions, industries, and research organizations to expand resources and expertise.
- **Promote Inclusive Access** – Ensure equitable access to digital resources, tools, and learning opportunities for all users.
- **Encourage Interdisciplinary Programs** – Organize cross-disciplinary workshops, seminars, and research initiatives to foster collaboration.
- **Adopt Data-Driven Decision Making** – Use analytics to understand user needs and optimize library services accordingly.
- **Secure Sustainable Funding** – Seek government support, grants, and private-sector investments to maintain and expand library initiatives.

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ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY IN THE CONTEXT OF NEP 2020

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Abstract : *The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 presents a transformative framework for India's education system, prioritizing holistic development, interdisciplinary learning, critical thinking, and a student-centered approach. Academic libraries serve as essential pillars in realizing these objectives by providing diverse resources that enhance education, research, and innovation. Through access to both digital and physical collections, they foster knowledge-sharing and interdisciplinary collaboration, nurturing a research-driven and informed academic community.*

Additionally, academic libraries play a pivotal role in equipping students with digital literacy and information management skills, empowering them to navigate the rapidly evolving technological landscape effectively. Aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on multilingual education, these libraries curate resources in multiple languages, promoting inclusivity and cultural diversity. Furthermore, they support lifelong learning by offering continuous professional development opportunities for students, educators, and researchers.

In essence, academic libraries are fundamental to the successful execution of NEP 2020, ensuring equitable access to learning materials, enhancing digital competencies, and fostering an inclusive and collaborative educational environment. As NEP 2020 reshapes India's academic framework, these libraries will remain instrumental in cultivating an innovative, research-oriented, and student-focused learning ecosystem.

Keywords: *National Education Policy, Academic Libraries, Digital Literacy, Lifelong Learning*

1. Introduction

Academic libraries play a fundamental role in educational institutions by providing essential resources, services, and information that support learning, research, and intellectual growth. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 further underscores their significance by advocating for a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to education—one that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and a knowledge-driven society.

Under NEP 2020, academic libraries function as dynamic knowledge hubs, offering both digital and physical resources to enhance research and learning. They promote information literacy, facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration, and create environments conducive to academic exploration. With a strong emphasis on technology-driven education, the policy highlights the necessity of libraries as digital access centers, supporting online learning and ensuring equitable information distribution for students and educators alike.

Introduced on July 29, 2020**,** NEP 2020 represents a landmark shift in India's educational framework, encompassing both school and higher education reforms. Spearheaded by Dr. K. Kasturirangan**,** former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the policy aims to modernize and align education with contemporary global standards. Its initial draft,

submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in 2019**,** underwent multiple revisions before receiving approval from the Union Cabinet.

Replacing the 1986 National Policy on Education (last revised in 1992), NEP 2020 introduces sweeping reforms to address modern educational challenges. Key initiatives include the 5+3+3+4 school education structure, an emphasis on multidisciplinary and vocationallearning, the introduction of standardized university entrance exams, increased educational investment, technological integration, and the promotion of Indian languages.

Since its implementation, NEP 2020 has sparked significant discourse regarding its long-term impact. While many view it as a progressive step toward a modernized education system, discussions continue over its broader implications and effectiveness in reshaping India's academic landscape. Nevertheless, academic libraries will remain instrumental in realizing NEP 2020's vision by fostering research, digital literacy, and inclusive learning environments.

1.1. Vision and Mission of academic Libraries in the context of NEP 2020

Under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**,** academic libraries are envisioned as dynamic centers of knowledge that foster lifelong learning, critical thinking, and innovation**.** They play a pivotal role in building an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and well-rounded education system. By ensuring equitable access to diverse resources and enhancing digital literacy among students, educators, and researchers, academic libraries empower intellectual growth. Their mission aligns with NEP 2020's objective of shaping a globally competitive, knowledge-driven society**.**

1.2 Mission

- Promoting Holistic and Interdisciplinary Learning: Offer a diverse range of resources that support cross-disciplinary studies, reflecting NEP 2020's emphasis on integrated education.
- Enhancing Digital and Information Literacy**:** Equip students, educators, and researchers with the skills necessary to navigate and leverage digital technologies effectively.
- Facilitating Research and Innovation**:** Serve as critical knowledge hubs, providing access to academic resources, research databases, and collaborative spaces for scholarly advancement.
- Encouraging Inclusivity and Multilingual Learning**:** Expand the availability of educational materials in multiple languages, reinforcing NEP 2020's commitment to cultural diversity and inclusive education.
- Supporting Lifelong Learning**:** Provide continuous learning opportunities and professional development resources, ensuring education extends beyond formal institutions.
- Through these efforts, academic libraries play an essential role in realizing NEP 2020's vision**,** strengthening the foundation of India's evolving education system.

2. Methodology

This study employs a descriptive research approach, analyzing existing literature from both online and offline sources. Given the limited research on the evolving role of libraries in the context of NEP 2020, this study aims to bridge that gap. It assesses the contributions of academic libraries in enhancing and transforming India's education system.

3. Objectives

- Enhance access to quality educational resources, ensuring inclusive and equitable learning in alignment with NEP 2020.
- Strengthen research and innovation by providing academic resources, research tools, and collaborative platforms for interdisciplinary studies.
- Improve digital literacy and information competency among students, educators, and researchers to optimize the use of digital platforms.
- Promote linguistic diversity and cultural inclusion by offering educational materials in multiple languages, supporting NEP 2020's accessibility goals.
- Encourage lifelong learning through specialized programs and resources that facilitate continuous education and professional development.
- Integrate advanced technology into library services, contributing to the modernization of education.
- Adapt library services to evolving educational and technological needs, ensuring their relevance in a rapidly changing digital landscape.
- Establish best practices and innovative librarymodels as benchmarks for academic institutions aligned with NEP 2020.
- Provide strategic recommendations to policymakers and stakeholders to enhance library infrastructure and services in support of NEP 2020's transformative goals.
- By embracing these objectives, academic libraries will continue to be instrumental in reshaping India's education system, drivingresearch, innovation, and inclusive learning in the digital age.

4. The Role of Academic Libraries in Advancing NEP 2020 Objectives

Academic libraries are vital to the successful implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, serving as knowledge hubs that support the policy's transformative vision. As NEP 2020 seeks to establish aninclusive, equitable, and multidisciplinary education system, academic libraries provide essential resources, services, and infrastructure that facilitate modern learning and research. Their contributions align with several key objectives of NEP 2020, playing a pivotal role in expanding access to education, fostering digital literacy, encouraging interdisciplinary research, and supporting lifelong learning.

5. Expanding Access to Quality Education

Ensuring equitable access to quality education is a primary goal of NEP 2020, and academic libraries contribute significantly by offering diverse learning materials, including books, research journals, e-books, and digital databases. By providing students and educators—regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds—access to these resources, libraries help bridge educational disparities and foster a more inclusive academic environment.

6. Enhancing Digital Literacy and Information Competency

In an era of digital transformation, NEP 2020 highlights the importance of digital literacy**.** Academic libraries address this need by organizing training sessions, workshops, and tutorials on digital research methods, critical evaluation of information, and responsible online resource usage. These initiatives equip students and faculty with the necessary skills to navigate the digital landscape effectively, ensuring they can assess and utilize credible information sources.

7. Supporting Multilingual Education and Inclusivity

NEP 2020 emphasizes multilingual education to promote cultural representation and inclusivity. Academic libraries contribute by curating learning resources in multiple languages**,** enabling students to engage with content in regional, national, and international languages. This effort fosters linguistic diversity, strengthens cross-cultural understanding, and broadens access to education for learners from diverse backgrounds.

8. Encouraging Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration

A core principle of NEP 2020 is the promotion of multidisciplinary learning**,** where knowledge from various fields is integrated to develop well-rounded perspectives. Academic libraries facilitate this by offeringcross-disciplinary resources and collaborative research spaces**,** encouraging students and faculty to engage in interdisciplinary studies and explore innovative research areas.

9. Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Skill Development

NEP 2020 underscores lifelong learning as a key aspect of education, advocating for continuous knowledge acquisition beyond formal academic settings. Academic libraries support this by providing access to professional development resources, online courses, certification programs, and self-directed learning materials**.** These initiatives help individuals enhance their competencies, upgrade their skills, and stay informed about advancements in their respective fields**.**

10. Advancing Research and Innovation

To strengthen India's research ecosystem, NEP 2020 calls for increased focus on academic research and innovation**.** Academic libraries play a crucial role by offering comprehensive research materials, access to scholarly journals, and specialized academic databases**.** Additionally, they provide collaborative workspaces, research tools, and opportunities for academic inquiry**,** fostering an environment that encourages high-quality research and scholarly advancements**.**

11. Embracing Technological Advancements

As NEP 2020 promotes technology-driven education**,** academic libraries are integrating digital platforms, e-resources, and advanced library management systems into their operations. These technological enhancements facilitate remote access to materials, support digital learning, and enable online research collaborations**,** ensuring that library services remain relevant and accessible in a rapidly evolving educational landscape**.**

12. Promoting Open Access and Knowledge Sharing

To democratize information and promote open-access learning**,** NEP 2020 advocates for freely available academic resources**.** Academic libraries contribute by maintaining institutional repositories, supporting open-access publishing, and encouraging faculty and students to engage with publicly accessible research journals**.** These initiatives help build an inclusive academic community by making knowledge widely available and accessible**.**

13. Creating Collaborative and Inclusive Learning Spaces

NEP 2020 envisions an education system that is student-centered, inclusive, and accessible**.** Academic libraries support this vision by offering collaborative learning spaces, quiet study areas, and digital tools tailored to diverse learning needs**.** By fostering an environment where students from all backgrounds can engage in knowledge-sharing and academic collaboration**,** libraries strengthen the sense of community within educational institutions**.**

As India progresses with the implementation of NEP 2020, academic libraries will remaininstrumental in achieving its objectives**.** To effectively align with the policy's vision, libraries must focus on:

- Expanding access to high-quality resources to ensure inclusivity in education.
- Enhancing digital literacy programs to equip students and faculty with essential technological skills.
- Strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration by providing access to cross-disciplinary research materials.
- Investing in innovative technologies to modernize library services and enable remote learning.
- Encouraging open-access publishing to facilitate knowledge-sharing on a wider scale.
- Through these strategic initiatives, academic libraries will continue to serve as catalysts for change, empowering students, educators, and researchers to thrive in an increasingly knowledge-driven and technology-oriented world**.**

14. Discussion Points

14.1 Expanding Access to Educational Resources

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the importance of providing equitable access to quality education, regardless of socio-economic background. Academic libraries play a key role in closing this gap by offering diverse learning materials in both physical and digital formats. To better serve students in remote and rural areas, libraries must focus on expanding digital resources and ensuring that educational materials remain accessible to all, including underprivileged communities.

14.2 Enhancing Digital Literacy and Information Skills

With the increasing reliance on digital technologies, NEP 2020 highlights the necessity of digital literacy in education. Academic libraries contribute to this objective by providing training

programs that teach students and faculty how to effectively retrieve, assess, and ethically use information. Strengthening digital competencies ensures that learners are well-prepared to navigate the evolving technology-driven world.

14.3 Providing Multilingual and Inclusive Learning Resources

In alignment with NEP 2020's focus on linguistic diversity and cultural inclusivity, academic libraries support multilingual education by curating collections in various regional and international languages. By offering learning resources in native languages, libraries enhance accessibility and make education more inclusive for students who prefer studying in their mother tongue.

14.4 Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration

A core principle of NEP 2020 is fostering a multidisciplinary approach to education. Academic libraries support this vision by providing extensive resources across various fields and creating collaborative spaces for students and faculty to engage in interdisciplinary research. By integrating diverse academic materials and research tools, libraries promote cross-disciplinary knowledge-sharing and innovation.

14.5 Encouraging Lifelong Learning

NEP 2020 emphasizes the importance of continuous learning beyond formal education. Academic libraries contribute to this goal by offering self-learning resources, online courses, and professional development materials. By supporting skill development and career advancement, libraries play a crucial role in fostering a culture of lifelong education.

14.6 Leveraging Technology for Improved Learning

To enhance educational accessibility and quality, NEP 2020 encourages the integration of technology into learning environments. Academic libraries align with this objective by adopting digital platforms, enabling remote access to resources, and implementing advanced library management systems. However, to fully maximize these benefits, challenges such as financial limitations and infrastructure development must be effectively addressed.

Through these efforts, academic libraries remain essential in realizing NEP 2020's vision, ensuring that students, educators, and researchers have the necessary tools to succeed in an ever-evolving academic landscape.

15. Recommendations

15.1 Securing Funding and Optimizing Resource Allocation

Sustainable financial support is essential for enhancing library collections, modernizing infrastructure, and introducing innovative services. Prioritizing library development through government funding and institutional investments will strengthen their role in advancing NEP

2020's objectives. Additionally, fostering partnerships with educational institutions, research organizations, and private entities can open new avenues for supplementary funding and resource-sharing initiatives, ensuring long-term growth and accessibility.

15.2 Implementing Comprehensive Digital and Information Literacy Initiatives

To align with NEP 2020's emphasis on digital education, academic libraries should establish well-structured digital literacy programs catering to students, educators, and researchers. These initiatives should focus on equipping users with skills to critically assess online information, effectively utilize digital research tools, and ensure data security. Strengthening digital literacy will empower learners to navigate an increasingly technology-driven academic and professional landscape.

15.3 Expanding Multilingual and Inclusive Learning Resources

In support of NEP 2020's commitment to linguistic diversity and inclusive education, academic libraries must enhance their collections by incorporating resources in multiple languages. Collaborating with regional publishers, academic institutions, and digital repositories will improve the availability of multilingual materials. Additionally, prioritizing open-access content will ensure equitable access to high-quality educational resources, regardless of socio-economic background.

15.4 Creating Dynamic Collaborative Learning Spaces

Transforming libraries into interactive learning hubs will foster a more engaging and flexible academic environment. Establishing group study areas, digital labs, and integrating collaborative tools such as project management software can facilitate teamwork, interdisciplinary engagement, and research-driven problem-solving. These enhancements align with NEP 2020's vision of a holistic and well-rounded education system.

15.5 Promoting Lifelong Learning and Professional Development

To cultivate a culture of continuous learning, libraries should provide access to online courses, professional workshops, webinars, and career development programs. By offering these resources, libraries empower students, faculty, and professionals to pursue ongoing education and skill enhancement beyond traditional academic settings, ensuring long-term personal and professional growth.

15.6 Leveraging Technology to Elevate Library Services

Integrating cutting-edge digital tools, such as e-learning platforms, remote access services, and AI-driven user assistance, can significantly enhance library efficiency and accessibility.

Investments in robust IT infrastructure will enable seamless digital integration, improving user experience and ensuring that libraries remain at the forefront of technological advancement in education.

15.7 Advocating for Policy Support and Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

To solidify their role in the educational framework, libraries must actively engage with policymakers, ensuring their objectives align with NEP 2020's transformative vision. Establishing strategic collaborations with academic and research institutions will facilitate resource sharing, promote the adoption of emerging technologies, and encourage the implementation of best practices in library management. Advocacy efforts will be instrumental in securing greater recognition and support for libraries in shaping the future of education.

16. Conclusion

Academic libraries are pivotal in the successful implementation of NEP 2020, playing a crucial role in expanding knowledge accessibility, fostering digital literacy, supporting multilingual education, and promoting lifelong learning. As the education landscape continues to evolve, libraries will remain essential in creating an inclusive, technologically advanced, and learner-centered academic environment. Addressing challenges related to funding, technological advancements, and infrastructure development—while fostering collaboration and policy alignment—will empower libraries to fully realize NEP 2020's vision of a transformative and equitable education system.

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PRESERVING INDIA'S HERITAGE: GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND LIBRARIANS' ROLE IN ADVANCING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

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Abstract : *This paper delves into the role of librarians in NEP 2020 for promoting IKS by underlining their role in the preservation of ancient knowledge, digital curation of repositories, and support to research. The paper also explores some of the major initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in the preservation and dissemination of IKS and also studies how librarians are involved with national initiatives like NDLI, Bharatavani, IGNCA, NCAA and UGC for enhancing access to IKS resources. Discussing the roles these people have to organize IKS-oriented workshops, translation of old texts, and integrate IKS contents in academia, with the vision of NEP 2020 where multilingual education along with multi-disciplinary will bring them together from ancient wisdom towards the mainstream academics so that IKS does not get sidelined as part of Indian educational infrastructure.*

Keywords *- Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), National Digital Library of India (NDLI), IKS Research and Higher Education, Bharatavani Project , UGC.*

1. Introduction

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is a systematic and structured approach to transmitting knowledge, traditions, philosophies, beliefs, and practices from one generation to the next. With sweeping ranges of knowledge domains from science to spirituality, arts to literature, and social norms, IKS has visibly influenced the social and intellectual lives of Indians Rooted in the Vedic literature, the Upanishads, Vedas, and Up Veddas, the IKS serves as a foundational principle recognized by the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). The core components of the Indian Knowledge Systems—Jnan (knowledge), Vignan (science), and Jeevan Darshan (philosophy of life)—have evolved through a dynamic interplay of knowledge, observation, investigation, and rigorous analysis. The Government of India has initiated several programs to preserve, promote, and integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into the modern educational framework. These efforts therefore play a paramount role in creating a bridge to connect ancient wisdom of India and modern scientific, academic approaches of the world around. Academic libraries, however, are seen as the centers of this moving landscape in context with NEP 2020. They also promote digital literacies; they allow students to navigate through e-resources; they open learning cultures. Librarians create an inclusive adaptive learning environment; students and researchers and faculty can have access to the latest information and digital tools needed.

1.1 Indian Knowledge System

Indian knowledge system is an ancient and rich collection of beliefs, practices, and philosophies that have been passed down from generation to generation in India. It encompasses various fields such as science, spirituality, art, literature, and social norms, and

has played a significant role in shaping Indian society and culture.

The Indian Knowledge Systems comprise of Jnan, Vignan, and Jeevan Darshan that have evolved out of experience, observation, experimentation, and rigorous analysis. This tradition of validating and putting into practice has impacted our education, arts, administration, law, justice, health, manufacturing, and commerce. This has influenced classical and other languages of Bharat that were transmitted through textual, oral, and artistic traditions. "Knowledge of India" in this sense includes knowledge from ancient India and, its successes and challenges, and a sense of India's future aspirations specific to education, health, environment and indeed all aspects of life.

The main objective of drawing from our past and integrating the Indian Knowledge Systems is to ensure that our ancient systems of knowledge represented by unbroken tradition of knowledge transmission and providing a unique perspective called Bhāratiya Drishti is used to solve the current and emerging challenges of India and the world.

1.2 National Education Policy 2020

NEP 2020 provides valuable insights and recommendations on various aspects of education that include moving towards multidisciplinary and holistic education, institutional autonomy, promotion of quality research through establishment of National Research Foundation, continuous professional development of teachers, integration of technology, internationalization of higher education, restructuring of governance and regulatory architecture, multidisciplinary curricula, engaging blended, pedagogy, valid reliable and blended assessment and availability of content in Indian languages.

NEP 2020 promotes the development of online and blended learning program, allowing students to access high-quality resources from anywhere. NEP policy emphasis the creation of digital libraries and responsibilities of open educational resources to provide students with diverse learning material and promote self-directed learning. Digital education incorporates interactive multimedia elements. This includes videos, animations, and quizzes. This makes learning more engaging and interactive for students. NEP emphasizes investing in digital infrastructure, creating online teaching platforms, developing virtual labs and digital repositories, training teachers to produce high-quality online content, designing online assessments, and establishing standardsforcontent,technology,andpedagogy in online education.

2. Methodology

The study conducts a thorough examination of government policies, institutional frameworks, and digital repositories that support Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS). Through qualitative content analysis and comparative evaluation, it emphasizes the importance of these initiatives in safeguarding India's intellectual heritage and incorporating traditional wisdom into modern education and research.

3. IKS Initiatives by Government of India

The paper also explores some of the major initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in the preservation and dissemination of IKS.Ministry of education and Ministry of culture has many initiative and projects to promote Indian Education system some of the initiatives are studied here

3.1 Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) is an innovative cell under Ministry of Education at AICTE, New Delhi. It is established to promote interdisciplinary research on all aspects of IKS, preserve and disseminate IKS for further research and societal applications. It will actively engage for spreading the rich heritage of our country and traditional knowledge in the field of Arts and literature, Agriculture, Basic Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Management, Economics, etc.The IKS Cell aims to support the construction of a more inclusive and culturally responsive educational framework by promoting the application of Indian Knowledge Systems in present-day educational, social, and scientific frameworks.

3.2 National Digital Library of India

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an extensive virtual repository of learning resources, offering more than just search and browse options. Sponsored and guided by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), NDLI provides a wide range of services tailored for different user groups. These include exam preparation support for school and college students, resources for job seekers, and materials for researchers and lifelong learners. It accommodates content in multiple languages, with interface support for the 10 most widely spoken Indian languages. Designed to cater to all academic levels and disciplines, NDLI is accessible on various devices and is inclusive of differently-abled learners. NDLI is important for preserving and promoting Indian Knowledge Systems by offering digital access to a vast repository of resources that are related to traditional Indian knowledge. Digitization ensures the preservation of ancient texts, scriptures, and philosophical works and makes them accessible to everyone in the world. It enables the multilingual diffusion of IKS by making available content in several Indian languages, such as Sanskrit, Tamil, and others. NDLI further facilitates interdisciplinary research by providing access to resources on Indian philosophy, Ayurveda, astrology, mathematics, and arts, so that scholars can relate traditional knowledge with modern scientific developments. The availability of open access to these resources helps students, researchers, and educators in their pursuit of IKS in all disciplines. It fosters innovation through the availability of age-old knowledge for the solutions of contemporary problems in the context of healthcare, agriculture, and technology. In this regard, NDLI acts as an important platform for promoting research, collaboration, and global sharing of India's rich intellectual legacy.

3.3 Bharatavani

Bharatavani Project is a knowledge initiative launched by the Ministry of Education Government of India. This Project aims to build a searchable knowledge repository in and about all the languages in India in multimedia formats through an online portal. The

Bharatavani Portal will be accessible to all sections of society. The Project is being implemented by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru, Karnataka. The Portal offers open knowledge under fair usage clauses of The Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2012, for educational purposes.

Providing available knowledge already created by the Government and publicly funded institutions all over India, and putting it across for the public usage, by deploying robust, interactive, user friendly web tools will be the main thrust of the Bharatavani Project. Bharatvani and the Indian Knowledge System are complementary initiatives focused on the preservation and promotion of India's linguistic and traditional knowledge wealth. The Bharatvani initiative is undertaken by the Ministry of Education, acting as a digital depository for providing resources in the mother tongue in all Indian languages and hence made accessible to more people. In parallel, IKS deals with protecting and diffusing traditional knowledge across India, spanning disciplines from Ayurveda and Vedic sciences to mathematics and philosophy. By putting online ancient texts and manuscripts, Bharatvani promotes the spread of IKS in digital platforms, thus ensuring that valuable indigenous knowledge can reach researchers, students, and ordinary learners. It also fits the agenda of a digital education structure in India whereby India's intellectual and cultural heritage is preserved for the benefit of future generations.

3.4 Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi is a premier institute set-up by the Government of India for research, documentation, preservation and dissemination of Indian arts and to provide a holistic understanding of Indian culture. A large volume of India’s cultural wealth, created in the last six decades, is stored in audio-visual form with various governmental and non-governmental institutions and private collections. The content of these holdings enshrines the creativity of some of India’s greatest artistic talents. This is an invaluable national heritage that needs to be preserved for all time and also made accessible to the citizens of the country.

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Indian Knowledge System share a common motive of preserving, promoting, and disseminating the rich cultural and intellectual heritage of India. IGNCA was constituted by the government of India. It acts as a center that promotes research and documentation in, and dissemination about, India's traditional arts and culture and the knowledge systems they represent. It plays a very important role in protecting the ancient texts, oral traditions, as well as indigenous knowledge in all disciplines like philosophy, literature, music, and traditional sciences. In the same way, IKS works on integrating and imbuing Indian ancient wisdom into modern education and research. IGNCA supports IKS by furnishing access to an immense collection of texts, manuscripts, as well as cultural artifacts that contribute to the study of India's intellectual traditions. Both initiatives complement one another in serving the purpose to bridge the distance between traditional knowledge and modern research and academic settings, thereby creating a reservoir where India's diversities are safeguarded and delivered.

3.5 National Cultural Audiovisual Archives

Ministry of Culture sanction for the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives (NCAA) project at the IGNCA. The Ministry entrusted IGNCA to implement the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives project.The National Cultural Audiovisual Archives aims to ensure lend term access to the oral traditions performing arts, rituals and cultural practices and traditional knowledge systems of Indian audiovisual form. It present unpublished noncommercial audio-video recordings from governmental and non-governmental institutions across the country in an attempt to provide open access to the cultural heritage of India.NCAA and Indian Knowledge System form closely related goals in advancing their objectives of preserving and promoting India's rich cultural and intellectual heritage.

NCAA is an initiative under the NOCA at its endeavor and is dedicated to digitizing and long-term preservation of India's diverse audiovisual resources: oral traditions, music, dance, folklore, and indigenous knowledge systems. These archived materials are valuable sources for researchers, scholars, and practitioners in the field of IKS because they document traditional practices, rituals, and ancient wisdom passed down from generation to generation. NCAA thus plays a vital role in making rare recordings, performances, and spoken knowledge accessible through digital media so that India's traditional knowledge and cultural expressions are protected and available for generations to come. Together, NCAA and IKS contribute to integrating traditional Indian wisdom with contemporary education and research, fostering a deeper understanding of India's intellectual and artistic legacy.

3.6 University Grants Commission (UGC) Initiatives

The UGC has undertaken several initiatives to promote the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in consonance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. UGC recommended incorporating IKS into the curricula of higher learning, urging universities to integrate India's traditional wisdom across disciplines such as science, mathematics, medicine, philosophy, and linguistics. For this purpose, dedicated IKS research centers have been set up in various universities. Research grants and fellowships are also given to scholars engaged in the exploration of India's intellectual heritage. In addition, UGC has also enabled MOOCs in SWAYAM to make students sit on the benches of online IKS-based courses. To improve the studies on Sanskrit and regional languages that are significant to understand sources of traditional knowledge, the commission is working to build up on that. In addition, IKS has been incorporated into the National Credit Framework (NCRF), which allows students to gain academic credits for studying traditional subjects. UGC conducts workshops, conferences, and faculty training programs on a regular basis to promote research and discussion on IKS. The commission is promoting Indian traditional sciences like Ayurveda, Yoga, Vaastu Shastra, and Metallurgy in collaboration with AICTE's IKS Division and ensuring their recognition in mainstream education.

Additional special guidelines have also been brought for PhD and Postgraduate research to further the incorporation of IKS in contemporary academics. It encourages scholars to explore the vast intellectual traditions of India and their relevance in contemporary

contexts. These guidelines intend to integrate ancient Indian disciplines like Vedic studies, Ayurveda, Sanskrit grammar, Indian philosophy, traditional architecture, astronomy, and indigenous technologies into mainstream academic research.UGC has focused on inter-disciplinary research that integrates the traditional knowledge with the modern scientific advancements so that scholars can use ancient Indian wisdom in medicine, engineering, environmental science, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development. To support this initiative, UGC has suggested research fellowships, financial grants, and academic collaborations with institutions specializing in IKS. UGC is trying through these initiatives to revive, popularize, and institutionalize IKS as part of India's higher education framework.

3.7 Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and IIT Initiatives

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and various Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have made huge efforts to promote the IKS. They have opened research centers and begun offering academic courses that bring traditional Indian wisdom together with modern science. Institutes like IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Gandhi nagar, and IISc Bengaluru are conducting research on topics Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and IIT Initiatives- which include Vedic mathematics, ancient metallurgy, water management, Ayurveda, and Vaastu Shastra. Studies on Vedic mathematics focus on its use in the computational sciences, in artificial intelligence, in cryptography, and the like. Research on ancient water management at IIT Roorkee and IIT Gandhinagar take up the theme of rainwater harvesting and step-well systems for sustainable solutions. Research in ancient Indian metallurgy examines Wootz steel production and corrosion-resistant iron for modern material science applications. Ayurveda and Siddha medicine are being integrated with biotechnology and pharmaceuticals for advanced healthcare. IIT Kharagpur is exploring Vaastu Shastra for sustainable architecture, while IIT Indore and IIT Bombay study Indian astronomy and calendar systems. IIT Kanpur and IIT Madras lead Sanskrit computational linguistics, applying Panini’s grammar to artificial intelligence. IITs are also researching traditional farming techniques and Indian philosophy. Working with AICTE's IKS Division and the Ministry of Education, these institutions are inculcating IKS into modern education through online courses, workshops, and curriculum modules, thus ensuring its preservation and advancement.

3.8 Academic Libraries in the Context of IKS and NEP 2020

Academic libraries represent a critical component in implementing National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Indian Knowledge System in facilitating knowledge repositories, research facilitators, and digital resource hubs. NEP 2020 bases its revitalization efforts on a combination of interdisciplinary, revival of indigenous knowledge systems, and integration of traditional wisdom with modern education processes and involves major roles from academic libraries.

Academic libraries are, therefore, fully engaged in IKS research and education by archiving, digitizing, and distributing ancient manuscripts, palm-leaf texts, and rare books related to studies of Veda, Ayurveda, Sanskrit, mathematics, astronomy, and indigenous science. Many

are also working hand-in-hand with NDLI (National Digital Library of India), Bharatavani, and the NCAA (National Cultural Audiovisual Archives) to amplify access to these IKS sources. These libraries also make facilities available for PhD and research purposes related to rare texts, journals, and online databases that support scholarly inquiries in India's intellectual legacy.

Following on the lines of NEP 2020's multilingual education agenda, Libraries are contributing towards digitization and translation of traditional texts translated to be consulted by a wider section of people. They also support interdisciplinary learning and curriculum development by curating IKS-based reading materials, organizing workshops, and hosting conferences on India's ancient knowledge systems. Academic libraries are playing a crucial role in revitalizing India's heritage by integrating IKS resources with modern learning platforms, aligning education with the principles of NEP 2020, and ensuring that traditional knowledge is preserved, studied, and applied in contemporary academic and research frameworks.

3.9 Role of Librarian in Promoting IKS through NEP 2020

The role of librarians is very crucial in the promotion of the Indian Knowledge System through the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, acting as facilitators of knowledge, curators of indigenous resources, and educators who bridge traditional wisdom with modern academia. NEP 2020 highlights multidisciplinary learning, revival of Indian heritage, and the integration of IKS into mainstream education, for which librarians are the key enablers.

Librarians contribute to identifying, preserving, and making accessible rare manuscripts, ancient texts, and scholarly works on Vedic literature, Ayurveda, Indian mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, traditional medicine, and indigenous technologies. They also collaborate with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Bharatavani, and the National Cultural Audiovisual Archives (NCAA) in digitizing and cataloging IKS-related resources to make them more accessible. In addition, librarians provide support to the researchers and students by developing focused collections, coordinating IKS-related workshops, seminars, and reading programs, and encouraging interdisciplinary research. Librarians also work towards translating and digitizing indigenous knowledge in different languages as part of NEP 2020's focus on multilingual education. They support the integration of IKS material into academic curricula, coordinate with faculty to develop IKS-based courses, and assist PhD scholars in their research. Leverage digital technologies, open-access platforms, and knowledge-sharing networks so that IKS becomes an essential part of modern education, bringing together India's rich intellectual traditions with contemporary learning and innovation

4. Conclusion

Inclusion of IKS courses in mainstream education is expected to inspire students while preserving the rich heritage of traditional learning systems. The efforts taken by goverments initiatives that are currently being made to utilize digital technologies, such as online learning platforms, virtual libraries, and digital archives, to make IKS more accessible

to learners and researchers.Academic librarians have a very significant role in the preservation, promotion, and integration of IKS into modern education in line with the objectives of NEP 2020. Their efforts through digitization, cataloging, translation, and research support make India's ancient knowledge accessible to scholars and students. By making use of digital tools, open-access platforms, and interdisciplinary collaborations, librarians help bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and contemporary education, foster innovation, and promote academic excellence. Strengthening the library infrastructure, increasing funding for IKS research, and improving librarian training will be essential to sustain this knowledge ecosystem in the future. In this manner, librarians actively contribute to the revival, institutionalization, and global recognition of India's intellectual heritage.

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IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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Abstract: *Research facilities and services in university libraries are important components of academic and scientific research. They provide the infrastructure, equipment and support needed to conduct experiments, collect data and analyse findings. These facilities play a vital role in advancing knowledge, fostering innovation and addressing complex global challenges. In this article, we will discuss the importance of research facilities and services, the types of services they provide and how they help researchers in the success of their research efforts. Along with this, the purpose behind providing university library research facilities and services is also discussed.*

Key Words:*Impact, Research, Library resources, Research Facilities, Research Services.*

1. Introduction

Research facilities and services play a important role in advancing scientific knowledge, innovation, and technology by providing faculty member, researchers and student with essential tools, infrastructure and support. These resources are integral to various stages of research, from facilitating scientific breakthroughs and offering specialized equipment, to supporting interdisciplinary collaboration and ensuring quality control. They also help attract funding, talent, and foster innovation, while promoting ethical practices in research. In university libraries, these facilities and services extend beyond traditional resources to include data management, research consultation, technology access, and collaborative spaces. They enable researchers to access scholarly materials, manage data, and improve research methodologies, ensuring the overall success of academic and professional endeavours. University libraries (KRC) also provide essential services like interlibrary loans, citation assistance, and training, fostering a supportive and efficient research environment. These facilities contribute not only to academic advancement but also to economic and societal development by facilitating the creation of new technologies and fostering collaboration across disciplines.

The essential role of research facilities and services in supporting academic research with a specific focus on university libraries. Research is defined as a systematic and in-depth investigation aimed at discovering valuable knowledge for further application. In universities, libraries go beyond being just repositories of books; they play a critical role in enhancing the research process by providing access to scholarly resources, research databases, specialized software, and expert support. The article highlights various services that university libraries offer, such as data management assistance, training workshops, citation help, and collaborative

spaces for researchers. By doing so, these services contribute significantly to the advancement of new technologies, scientific discoveries, and the development of knowledge. The article also outlines how these facilities foster interdisciplinary collaboration, support high-quality research, and ensure ethical practices while helping researchers navigate complex academic challenges.

Research facilities and services offered by university libraries (KRC) to support and enhance academic research. University libraries have evolved beyond traditional repositories of books and journals to become hubs of innovation and scholarly activity. By providing researchers with access to a diverse range of resources—such as books, journals, electronic databases, and specialized software these libraries play a pivotal role in ensuring that academic research is conducted with the best tools, data, and support available. The article outlines essential services such as data management, research consultation, citation assistance, and collaborative research spaces, all aimed at facilitating high-quality, interdisciplinary research. Additionally, it highlights how these libraries assist with research ethics, intellectual property, and funding opportunities, ultimately fostering an environment that encourages innovation and knowledge advancement. Through this comprehensive approach, university libraries contribute significantly to the success and impact of academic research.

2. Meaning of Research

Research is a careful and scientific inquiry into every subject, subject matter or area, which is an endeavour to discover valuable information which would be useful for further application. Thus, research is process of a systematic and in depth study or search of any specific topic, subject or area of investigation.

The Advance Learners Dictionary, " Research is careful investigation or inquiry specially through search for new facts in any branch of knowledge."

C. R. Kothari, " Research is an original contribution to the existing stock of knowledge for knowledge making for its advancement. In short the research for knowledge through objective and systematic method of finding solution to a problem."

3. OBJECTIVES

- To explore the important role research facilities and services play in innovation and academic research.
- To explore how research resources and services in libraries help researchers to conduct high-quality research.
- To explore the multifaceted nature of research facilities and services in university libraries.
- To explore the importance of these facilities and services in contributing to the development of new technologies.

4. Purpose of research facilities and services in a university library

4.1 Access to Scholarly Resources

University libraries provide access to an extensive range of research materials including books, academic journals, electronic databases, e-books, and digital archives. To give researchers access to both primary and secondary sources of information, helping them conduct comprehensive literature reviews, support hypotheses, and find new research questions.

4.2 Research Databases and Digital Repositories

Many databases provide access to peer-reviewed journal articles, conference papers, reports, and datasets across various disciplines. To allow researchers to access scholarly articles, theses, dissertations, and datasets that are not freely available online, enabling more in-depth and cutting-edge research.

4.3 Data Management and Analysis Support

To assist researchers in managing and analyzing research data, ensuring that data is stored securely and can be accessed and shared for future use. This is especially important for large-scale research projects that require sophisticated data handling.

4.4 Research Consultation and Training

Libraries often offer **consultation services** and **training workshops** to help researchers develop essential skills for conducting research effectively. To enhance researchers' skills, making them more efficient in accessing information, managing references, and improving their research quality. It also ensures researchers understand ethical issues in research.

4.5 Reference and Citation Assistance

Citation services ensure that researchers can properly cite their sources and avoid plagiarism.To support proper academic referencing and citation standards, which are essential for maintaining academic integrity and improving the credibility of research outputs.

4.6 Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services

To expand the range of materials available to researchers beyond the university library's holdings, ensuring that they have access to the necessary resources for their work, even if they are not immediately available on campus.

4.7 Collaborative Spaces for Research

Many modern university libraries have dedicated **collaborative spaces** for group work, discussions, and joint research efforts. These spaces are designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and interaction among researchers. To create a conducive environment for researchers to work together on projects, share ideas, and collaborate across disciplines. This fosters innovation and interdisciplinary research.

4.8 Thesis and Dissertation Services

University libraries often have dedicated services for managing **theses and dissertations**. This includes support for the submission, archiving, and access to student theses, as well as guidelines for writing and formatting academic theses. To help students, teacher and researcher prepare their theses or dissertations in line with university guidelines, and to ensure that these works are properly archived and accessible to the academic community.

4.9Preservation and Archiving of Research

Many university libraries offer archiving services to ensure that research outputs (such as theses, research papers, and other publications) are preserved for long-term access. This may involve the creation of institutional repositories, where researchers can deposit and share their work. To preserve the academic legacy of research conducted at the university, ensuring that it remains accessible for future research and historical purposes. It also supports open access by making research publicly available.

5. The Importance of Research Facilities and Services

Research facilities and services are integral to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and technology. These resources provide researchers with the tools, infrastructure, and support they need to conduct rigorous, high-quality studies. The role of research facilities and services is multifaceted, and their importance extends beyond the research process itself. Following several key reasons why these resources are critical:

5.1 . Providing Education and Training

Research facilities and services are vital for the education and training of students and early-career researchers. University labs and research centers offer hands-on experience with experimental techniques, research methodologies, and data analysis. Training programs are instrumental in cultivating the next generation of researcher, scientists, engineers, and innovators.

5.2 . Facilitating Scientific Progress and Innovation

Research facilities provide the infrastructure needed to conduct experiments, tests, and studies that lead to scientific breakthroughs. Whether in academia, government labs, or private sector research centers, these facilities allow for the exploration of new ideas, development of innovative technologies, and testing of new hypotheses.

5.3. Providing Access to Specialized Equipment

Some types of research require specialized equipment that is not commonly available to individual researchers or smaller organizations. Research facilities offer access to expensive and complex instruments such as electron microscopes, spectrometers, high-performance

computing systems, or gene sequencers. These tools are essential for experiments that cannot be carried out using basic or off-the-shelf technology, thus ensuring the quality and accuracy of scientific findings.

6. **Supporting Interdisciplinary Research**

Modern challenges often require interdisciplinary approaches. Research facilities and services especially those associated with universities libraries and large research institutes, facilitate collaboration between researchers from different fields.

6.1 Providing Technical and Expert Support

Research services often include access to expert technicians and advisors who assist in the design, implementation, and troubleshooting of experiments. These professionals help ensure that research is conducted efficiently and that technical problems are addressed swiftly. From data analysis and statistical support to maintenance of complex machinery, research services enhance the overall productivity and success of research activities.

7. Ensuring Safe and Ethical Research Practices

Research facilities and services often have strict protocols to ensure that studies are conducted ethically and safely. These include compliance with regulatory standards, ethical review boards, and safety measures to prevent accidents or harmful outcomes. This is especially important in fields like biomedical research, where the risks associated with experimentation must be carefully managed. Ethical guidelines and safety protocols help ensure that research contributes to human well-being without causing harm.

7.1 Ensuring Quality Control and Reliability

High-quality research requires precise control over variables and accurate data collection methods. Research facilities often have built-in measures for quality control and standardization to ensure that results are reproducible and valid. Access to calibration services, standardized testing protocols, and peer-reviewed methodologies ensures that research findings are credible and can contribute to scientific progress.

7.2 Fostering Collaboration and Networking

Research facilities often host events, conferences, and workshops that bring together experts from various fields. These events allow researchers to present their findings, receive feedback, and network with other professionals. Collaborative opportunities can lead to new research partnerships, shared funding sources, and collective problem-solving efforts that would be difficult to achieve individually.

8. Research facilities and services in university libraries (KRC)

University libraries (KRC) provide a range of research facilities and services to support academic research and ensure access to high-quality resources, tools, and assistance. Following list of common research facilities and services offered by libraries:

8.1 Access to Scholarly Resources

- **Books and Journals**: Physical and digital collections of books, academic journals, and periodicals.
- **Electronic Databases**: Access to specialized databases (e.g., JSTOR, PubMed, IEEE Xplore, Scopus) for peer-reviewed articles, research papers, and other scholarly resources.
- **E-books and Digital Archives**: Online access to e-books and archival collections.

8.2 Data Management Services

- **Data Curation**: Support in organizing, cleaning, and managing research data for long-term storage.
- **Data Storage**: Secure data storage services to help researchers store and back up large datasets.
- **Data Sharing and Preservation**: Assistance with sharing research data publicly or with collaborators, along with data preservation services for future access.

8.3 Research Consultation Services

- **Reference and Research Assistance**: Personalized help from librarians in locating relevant research materials and sources.
- **Research Strategy Development**: Guidance on how to formulate research questions, conduct literature reviews, and design research methodologies.

8.4 Training and Workshops

- **Information Literacy Training**: Workshops to help researchers efficiently search for, evaluate, and use academic information.
- **Citation Management Training**: Sessions on using citation management tools (e.g., EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley) to organize references and generate citations.
- **Research Methodology Workshops**: Training in research methodologies and data analysis techniques, often in collaboration with academic departments.

8.5 Collaborative Research Spaces

- **Group Study Rooms**: Designated spaces for group research work and collaboration on projects.
- **Multimedia and Presentation Facilities**: Rooms equipped with projectors, screens, and computers for presentations and collaborative work.

8.6 Technology and Software Access

- **Specialized Research Software**: Access to software like SPSS, MATLAB, R, GIS, and other tools for data analysis, visualization, and modeling.
- **High-Performance Computing (HPC)**: Access to powerful computing systems for computational research tasks.
- **Video Editing and Design Tools**: Software for video, audio, and image editing, used in multimedia research projects.

8.7 Thesis and Dissertation Services

- **Submission and Archiving**: Support for the submission, formatting, and archiving of theses and dissertations.
- **Guidelines and Templates**: Resources to help students adhere to university formatting and submission guidelines.
- **Open Access Repositories**: A platform for sharing and making research publicly available through institutional repositories.

8.8 Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery

- **Interlibrary Loan**: Service to borrow materials (books, articles, etc.) from other libraries when they are not available in the library's collection.
- **Document Delivery**: Service that provides access to articles, book chapters, or other resources from external sources or partner institutions.

8.9 Research Funding Information

- **Grant Search Assistance**: Information and guidance on finding research funding opportunities from various sources, such as government bodies, non-profits, and corporations.
- **Proposal Writing Support**: Resources and workshops to assist researchers in writing successful research proposals and applications for grants.

8.10 Citation and Referencing Services

- **Citation Guidance**: Assistance with proper citation formats (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.) to ensure academic integrity.
- **Plagiarism Detection**: Tools and services to check research papers for potential plagiarism before submission.

8.11 Institutional Repository and Open Access Services

- **Institutional Repository**: A digital archive for storing and sharing university-based research, including theses, dissertations, and faculty publications.

- **Open Access Support**: Services promoting open access publishing, ensuring that research outputs are freely accessible to the public.

8.12 Library Catalogue and Discovery Tools

- **Online Catalogue**: A searchable library catalogue (OPAC) to locate books, articles, and other resources available in the library.
- **Discovery Systems**: Integrated search tools to access both print and digital resources across multiple library collections.

8.13 Research Ethics and Compliance Support

- **Ethical Research Guidance**: Assistance in navigating research ethics and compliance issues, including proper conduct in human subjects research, animal studies, and data privacy.
- **IRB (Institutional Review Board) Support**: Resources to help researchers understand the process of obtaining ethical approval for their research projects.

8.14 Peer Review and Academic Publishing Assistance

- **Peer Review Support**: Guidance on preparing research for submission to academic journals, including insights on the peer review process.
- **Publication Support**: Assistance with understanding the publication process and improving the quality of scholarly articles before submission to journals.

8.15 Virtual Research Services

- **Remote Access to Resources**: Services allowing remote access to digital resources, databases, and library catalogs for researchers working from home or abroad.
- **Virtual Research Consultations**: Online consultations with librarians and subject matter experts to assist with research-related questions.

8.16 Digital Preservation Services

- **Preservation of Research Outputs**: Ensuring that digital research materials, such as datasets, publications, and multimedia, are preserved for long-term use.
- **Archival Services**: Archiving and preserving historical or rare research documents for future access.

8.17 Advisory Services on Intellectual Property

- **Copyright Guidance**: Help with understanding copyright laws and guidelines, especially in relation to publishing, open access, and digital rights management.

- **Patents and Innovation Advice**: Support for researchers looking to protect their intellectual property, including assistance with patent filing and innovation management.

These services and facilities provided by university libraries are essential for fostering an environment of high-quality research. They not only help researchers access information but also improve the quality of their work, facilitate collaboration, and ensure ethical and efficient practices throughout the research process.

9. Conclusion

University libraries and their associated research facilities and services play a crucial role in supporting academic and scientific research. They provide researchers, faculty, and students with essential resources such as access to scholarly materials, research databases, specialized software, and expert support. These services enhance the quality of research by offering data management assistance, citation help, and collaborative spaces, while also fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and ethical research practices. Furthermore, university libraries help ensure the success of research projects by facilitating access to cutting-edge tools and technologies, offering training and consultation services, and supporting the preservation and sharing of research outputs. By providing a comprehensive infrastructure for research, university libraries contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and societal development. Through their services, they not only support academic achievement but also help shape the future of research and scientific progress.

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INFLIBNET SERVICES FOR THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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Abstract : *INFLINET (Information and Library Network) is working as a communication network to connect libraries and information canters in academic community. It is providing services for each and every academic person. It provides support and services to college going Students, Teaching faculties, Researchers, Institutions or student wish to go for Distance education. It has been working since 1996 in the higher education sector for maximum utilization of information. It works in library automation, educational consortia, open access initiatives, content development and services, various projects for academicians, data services, e-governance, and technical services like the ISBN and MMTT programs, and many more things related to education and research. It also works in ranking and accreditation process like NIRF and NAAC. Networks like VIDWAN, SheRNI, and IRINS are set up to stay connected. In this study researcher found that Shodh-chakra is a highly valuable service for researchers to track their research data and assist them in the entire research process. INDCAT is a digital library catalogue showcasing books, theses, and journals from India's largest university libraries. SheRNI (She Research Network in India) is Network created for expert Women in different fields. ONOS (One Nation One Subscription) is an imitative launched on 1st January, 2025 to provide access to scholarly research content for everyone in the country. VIDWAN is a database that contains profiles of researchers and academicians across various fields. All selected services play a crucial role in information transmission and helping to foster growth in education and research through digital media. Every service has its own speciality and target group.*

Keywords: *INFLIBNET, Shodh-Chakra, INDCAT, SheRNI, ONOS, Vidwa*n

1. Introduction

Indian education system drastically changed in 21st century. In the last few years after COVID pandemic entire education system adopted Online education system very fast. Because of the rise of digital platforms and initiatives, academic study and higher education have changed in the past few decades. Educational institutions started adopting this new change. The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) is one of innovative project in India that is very important for improving information access in digital platform in educational and Research institutions.

2. Objectives of the study

1. To find out services of INFLIBNET
2.To evaluate INFLIBNET's contribution to higher education and research.
3. To assess usefulness of INFLIBNET resources to academic community.

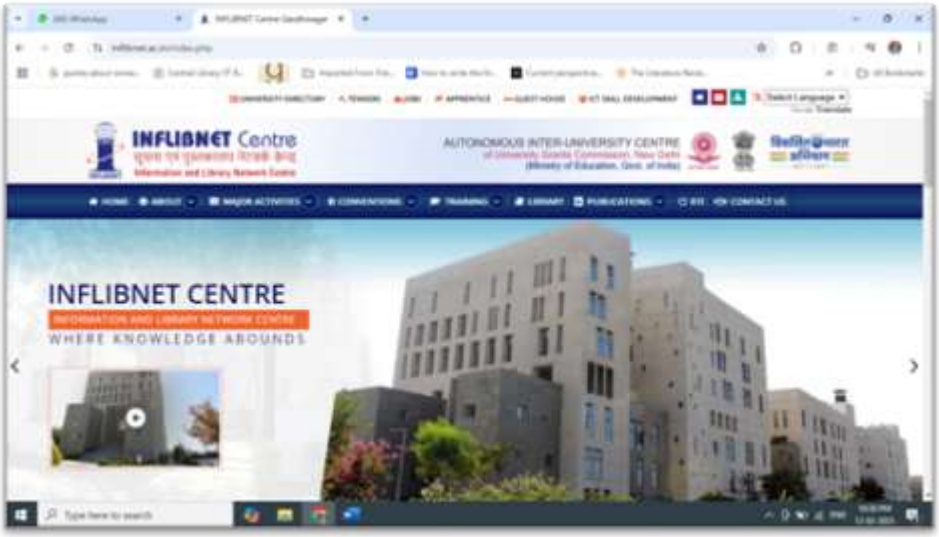
3. Scope and Limitations

This study is based on INFLIBNET services and only five services are randomly selected for the study. Data is collected from official INFLIBNET website on 10th February 2025.

4. Methodology

This is web-based research study. Main Data is retrieved from INFLIBNET website (https://www.INFLIBNET.ac.in) and other related data is retrieved from respective links provided on INFLIBNET website.

5. INFLIBNET



INFLIBNET, was setup by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1991. It was created to promote networking and connectivity among libraries, information centres, and educational institutions across the country. It has made a prominent contribution to the digitalization of research materials by offering databases, online tools, and services that support academic development. NFLIBNET: Information and Library Network is an Autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC. It is working to update the University and college libraries using technology. INFLIBNET is helping to all types of community Students, Faculties, Researchers, and Libraries in different ways.

Simply we can categories INFLIBNET initiatives in following way

- **E-Consortium** (E-shodhsindhu, N-List, INFISTATS, INFED, Shodhsiddhi
- **Open Access Initiatives** (Shodhganga, Shodhgangotri, Shodha-Chakra, Institutional Repository, INFOPORT)
- **Projects and Services** (E-PG Pathshala, Vidwan, Database, Vidya Mitra, IRINS, SheRNI
- **Library Automation** (IndCat, Union Catalogue, SOUL)
- **Scholarly Network** (Vidwan:Expert Database,IRINS,SHERNI)
- **E-Content Development and Services** (ILMS, E-PG Pathshala)
- **Ranking and Accreditations** (NIRF, NAAC, NBA)
- **e-governance, and technical services** (ISBN, MMTT programs)

In addition to the services listed above, INFLIBNET offers many other activities. The five services listed below are chosen from INFLIBNET for the study on a random basis.

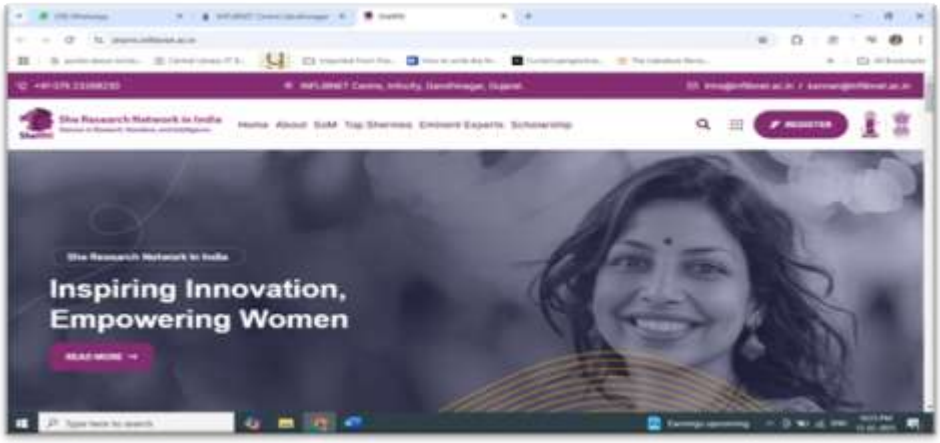
6. SHODH-CHAKRA – Research reference and management tool.

Shodh-Chakra is a useful tool for academic community to help them in their research work. Researchers are able to store, arrange, and cite their research work in this digital workspace. Researchers can control their choices and develop their profile with the help of the Shodh-Chakra. Researchers, guides, and universities/colleges can all log in to the system and use Shodh-Chakra's features. To avail of the facilities of Shodh-chakra, an MoU must be signed between INFLIBNET and the institution; the institution can only use its services afterward. Three types of profile login are available here Institutional profile, Guide profile and Researchers profile login is provided to use the service.

7. INDCAT- Online Union Catalogue of Indian Universities

INDCAT is a free online union catalogue of Books, Theses, and Journals of Major Indian institutional libraries. It includes entire bibliographic description of the document. Currently in Ind-Cat 464 Universities sharing data of theses, 362 Universities are sharing data of Books and only 239 Universities are sharing data of Journals. any university can contribute or share its data with INDCAT through a simple Tab “Contribute Your Data” given in Ind-Cat website.

8. SheRNI- She Research Network in India



SheRNI is a Network created for expert Women in different subject domains. Through this platform, faculty members and female scientists will be able to develop strong professional relationships that will promote cooperation, career advancement opportunities, and mentoring. In order to progress women in a variety of disciplines, the SheRNI program seeks to enable women professionals to build a professional network, encourage teamwork, and support one another by knowledge-sharing. Till today 100608 women scientists and faculty members profiles are registered in the network. The website features subject-specific profiles of professional scientists. Additionally, there is a "Scientist of the Month" list available for users on the network. A link to various scholarship programs for women is also provided. Furthermore, profiles of distinguished women scientists are included to encourage aspiring scientists.

9. ONOS- One Nation One Subscription

ONOS One Nation One Subscription is a new Scheme of INFLIBNET which is launch on 1st January 2025. It plans to get national licenses from the majority of the major journal publishers for subscriptions to e-journals and databases. It allows nationwide access to scholarly research journal publications. 30 major national and international journal publishers have joined the ONOS scheme. All the journals published by these publishers will be available through this scheme. Student, faculty members, and researchers will be benefited through the scheme. INFLIBNET will be work as a coordinating agency to subscribe and provide the access to the resources. The scheme will be implanted phase wise. In the first phase central government, state governments and Research & Development Institutions of the central government can join the scheme. 6500+ Institutions are being benefited in around 27 broad subject categories.

10 Vidwan – Expert database for researchers.

VIDWAN is a database of expert faculties in various academic, research and development fields. It's a professionals' network basically work for exchange of information communication within the academic and research community. Experts can communicate with each other to exchange expertise or help each other. They can work collaboratively in research. Almost all institutions in almost all subjects can be a part of the service. Funding agencies are also participating actively on the network for collaborative works too. Any teaching faculty/ researcher having 15 years' experience can be register themselves for the network. More than 285694 experts are member of this network and more than 21634 Organizations are registered and participating actively on the network.

11. Discussion and conclusion

After studying INFLIBNET and its services, it is clear that each service and scheme has its own unique strengths. Faculty, researchers, students, and institutions have all benefited from these offerings. Each scheme provides something valuable for different users. For instance, Shodh-Chakra is designed for researchers, guides, and institutions, supporting the research community throughout the entire research cycle. Any institution can participate in INDCAT to take advantage of this comprehensive catalogue. SheRNI is tailored specifically for women expert scientists, while ONOS consolidates journal databases from publishers worldwide into a single platform, saving both time and money for institutions and researchers alike.

In conclusion, all these services are highly useful and user-friendly for researchers, academicians, and institutions. The increasing number of members and users indicates that these digital initiatives are popular and beneficial within the research community. INFLIBNET has successfully achieved its goal of connecting libraries through a network for information and communication.

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NATIONALDIGITALLIBRARYOFINDIA(NDLI):ADVANCINGACCESSTO KNOWLEDGE AND FOSTERING LIFELONG LEARNING

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Abstract : *The National Digital Library of India (NDLI), launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aims to provide a centralized digital platform to enhance learning and research across the country. The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) was indeed established in 2016 and is managed by IIT Kharagpur, NDLI offers free access to millions of academic resources, including textbooks, research papers, videos, and more, across multipledisciplines such as science, technology, social sciences, and humanities. By promoting content in various Indian languages and diverse formats, NDLI supports students, teachers, researchers, and lifelong learners. Its key objectives include bridging the digital divide, improving accessibility to educational materials, and fostering lifelong learning opportunities. Through collaborations with educational institutions, NDLI ensures up-to-date, quality content that caters to the needs of India's diverse academic community.*

Key Word: *National Digital Library of India, digital resources, open access, educational technology, academic research, lifelong learning.*

Objective

Thispaperexplorestheobjectives,keyfeatures,typesofresources,andbenefitsoftheNational Digital Library ofIndia(NDLI). It highlights the platform's role in enhancing access to knowledge, bridging educational gaps, and fostering a culture of life long learning. The paper also examines the impact of NDLI on students, educators, researchers, and the wider academic community

Benefits of NDLI

The users can store their study materials on their smartphones, computers and other devices without worrying about buying physical copies of them.

1. Introduction:

The development of a digital library portal was initiated as Pilot project. It is divided in three phases NDLI Ph-I in (April 2015). This Ph-I lasted till 30th September 2017. The initial duration of Ph-II was from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2020 but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this phase was extended till 31st March 2021. *Ministry of Education* has initiated the Ph-III of the project and its duration is from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2026.

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Ministry of Education,Government of India, with the aim of providing a centralized digital repository of academic resources to facilitatelearningand research. Established in 2016, NDLIserves as a platform that provides access to a vast range of educational content across disciplines, including textbooks, articles, research papers, videos, and more. It is designed to cater to

students, teachers, researchers, and lifelong learners across India, offering resources in multiple languages and formats. The core objective of the NDLI is to bridge the digital divide and make knowledge and learning materials more accessible to people across the country. It aims to support various stages of education, from school-level learning to higher education and professional development, thereby contributing to the enhancement of the education system in India The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Government of India, aimed at providing access to a vast repository of educational resources for learners across the country. It was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), now theMinistry of Education, and is managed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP). The NDLI Portal was nationally launched on 19th June, 2018.

2. KeyFeaturesofNDLI

1. **Vast Repository**: NDLI offers access to millions of documents, including textbooks, research papers, articles, videos, and other educational materials across different domains such as science, arts, technology, social sciences, and humanities.
2. **Free Access**: The platform is free for use by all users, primarily targeting Indian students, researchers, and educators, providing them with the tools to advance learning and research.
3. **Content in Multiple Languages**: NDLI provides content in multiple languages, ensuring accessibility to a wider audience across the country. It is currently provides access to more than 100 million items, in 39 Indian languages, out of 423 languages in total.
4. **Easy Access and Search**: The platform provides user-friendly search features, enabling users to access resources based on specific topics, keywords, and subjects.
5. **Collaborations with Institutions**: NDLI collaborates with universities, colleges, and research institutions to upload and maintain relevant educational resources, ensuring quality and up-to- date materials.
6. **ResourceTypes**: Thelibraryincludes diversetypes ofresources, such there are more than 60 different types of learning resources available in the repository, including books, articles, manuscripts, video lectures, and theses.
7. **Educational Tools and Services**: NDLI also offers tools like browsing and advanced search options to help users refine their queries. It includes additional features like citation management and document sharing.
8. **Promotion of Open Access**: Bymaking learning materials available digitally, NDLI promotes the concept of open-access education, helping bridge knowledge gaps and promote lifelong learning.

The goal of NDLI is to improve the accessibility of high-quality educational resources, bridge the digital divide, and enhance learning opportunities for all citizens of India. It is available at

3. Typesofresources

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a project initiated by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It aims to provide access to a vast repository of digital resources for students, researchers, and the general public. The types of resources available in NDLI include:

1. **Books**: A vast collection of academic books, e-books, and educational materials across various disciplines.
2. **ResearchPapersandJournals**:Peer-reviewedarticles,researchpapers,andjournalsfrom different academic fields such as science, technology, humanities, social sciences, etc.
3. **ThesesandDissertations**:Accesstodoctoraltheses,dissertations,andotheracademic research works.
4. **Audio and Video Lectures**: Educationalvideos, lectures, and tutorialsin different subjects,offering learners a multimedia learning experience.
5. **CoursewareandStudyMaterials**:Awiderangeofdigitalcourseware,includingnotes, assignments, and study materials to support academic learning.
6. **ReferenceMaterials**:Dictionaries,encyclopedias,andotherreferencesourcesusefulfor academic and research purposes.
7. **MultimediaContent**:Images,animations,andothermultimediaresourcesdesignedfor learning and teaching.
8. **OpenEducationalResources(OERs)**:Freeandopenlyaccessiblelearningresources contributed by institutions and organizations.

The NDLI makes these resources available in multiple languages and across various educationallevels, from primaryto higher education. The goal is to enhance knowledge access and foster learning among all sections of society. The National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is an initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, designed to provide a comprehensive digital resource for students, researchers, and anyone interested in accessing educational content across various disciplines.

4. BenefitsofNDLI

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI)offers several benefits, particularly in the realm of education and research. Here are some of the key advantages:

1. **Access to a Vast Collection of Resources**: NDLI provides access to millions of digital resources, including textbooks, articles, research papers, e-books, audio-visual content, and more across various subjects and languages.
2. **Free and Open Access**: Most of the resources on NDLI are freely available, making it a valuable tool for students, researchers, and professionals who may not have access toexpensive academic journals or books.
3. **Improved Research Opportunities**: NDLIhelps researchers access awidevarietyofresearch papers, dissertations, and other academic resources, facilitating the development of new knowledge and aiding in academic collaboration.
4. **Support for Diverse Learning Styles**: With multimedia content such as videos, images, and audio files, NDLI caters to different learningpreferences, helpinglearners understand complex topics more easily.
5. **Cross-Disciplinary Content**: NDLI supports a broad range of disciplines, from engineering and technology to humanities and social sciences, providing a comprehensive source of information for multidisciplinary learning and research.
6. **Language Inclusivity**: NDLI offers content in various Indian languages, promoting

inclusive access to educational materials for diverse linguistic communities.

7. **Enhanced Learning for Students**: NDLI offers students access to high-quality study materials,helpingthemimprovetheiracademicperformanceandexpandtheirknowledgeb ase.
8. **Research Collaboration**: NDLI fosters academic collaboration and networking among researchers, institutions, and scholars, promoting a culture of sharing and disseminating knowledge.
9. **User-Friendly Interface**: The platform is designed to be easy to navigate, allowing users to efficiently search for and access the resources they need.
10. **Resource for Teachers and Educators**: NDLI provides educators with teaching resources, lesson plans, and reference materials, enhancing their ability to deliver quality education.

Overall,NDLIplaysacrucialroleinenhancingaccesstoknowledge,fosteringresearch,and supporting the educational development of individuals across India and beyond.

5. Herearethekey insights about NDLI

1. VastRepositoryof Resources

- NDLI provides a broad range of educational content, including textbooks, research papers, e- books, videos, courseware, and more, across various disciplines such as science, arts, technology, and humanities.

2. FreeandOpenAccess

- The platform is available for free, promoting equal access to quality learning materials, especially for students and researchers who may not have access to expensive academic resources.

3. ContentinMultipleLanguages

- NDLI offers educational resources in multiple Indian languages, ensuring inclusivity for diverse linguistic communities.

4. User-FriendlySearchand Navigation

- The platform is designed to be easy to navigate with advanced search features, helping users quickly find resources based on topics, keywords, and subjects.

5. CollaborationwithInstitutions

- NDLIcollaborateswithuniversities,researchinstitutions,andotheracademicentitiestopr ovide and maintain quality, up-to-date materials for users.

6. DiverseResourceTypes

- NDLIincludesavarietyofcontent, such as:
- Booksande-books
- Researchpapersandjournals
- Thesesand dissertations
- Audio/videolecturesand tutorials
- Studymaterials and multimediacontent
- OpenEducationalResources (OERs)

7. PromotingOpenAccessEducation

- NDLI promotes the open-access model, helping bridge educational gaps and fostering

lifelong learning opportunities.

8. SupportforDifferentLearningStyles

- Withmultimediaresources,includingvideosandaudio,NDLIcaterstodifferentlearning preferences, helping learners engage with and understand complex subjects more effectively.

9. EnhancedResearchand Collaboration

- NDLIoffersextensiveresearchmaterials,facilitatingacademicresearch,collaboration,and knowledge-sharing among scholars, students, and institutions.

10. SupportforTeachersandEducators

- Theplatformprovidesvaluableteachingresources,lessonplans,andreferencematerials, enhancing educators' ability to deliver high-quality education.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a transformative initiative by the Ministry of Education, Government of India that aims to bridge the digital divide and enhance access to high-quality educational resources across the country. With a vast repository of millions of digital resources, including books, research papers, multimedia content, and more, NDLI provides free, open access to learners, educators, and researchers from all walks of life. By offering materials in multiple languages and diverse formats, it ensures inclusivity and caters to various learning preferences.

NDLI's user-friendly interface, combined with advanced search tools, enables efficient access to educational materials, fostering research and collaboration among scholars and institutions. The initiative supports a wide range of disciplines, from primary education to higher learning and professional development, contributing significantly to the growth and enhancement of India's education system. In essence, NDLI plays a pivotal role in democratizing education by making learning materials easily accessible, promoting open-access education, and supporting thedevelopment of a knowledge-based society in India.

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SCIENTOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF INDIAN JOURNAL OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

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Abstract: *This study is carried out to understand the publication trends of the journal of Indian traditional knowledge using scientometric indicators. For this purpose, an analysis of 1871 records published in the journal during 2007–2023 were conducted focusing on various aspects such as the types of documents, publication pattern and rate of growth, citations and impact, authorship pattern and degree of collaboration, author productivity, institution productivity, funding agency productivity and frequency distribution of author key words. The study shows that most of the documents, 1825 out of 1871 (97.54%) were research articles. The overall trend suggests that while the publication percentage is stable, certain years show significant growth or decline, impacting the overall AGR. during the period 2007 to 2011, the average citations per paper and the median of citations are high, ranging from approximately 9.63 to 12.58 and 6 to 8, respectively. This indicates that the research output during these years was highly impactful. The study found that the majority of documents in the study result from collaborative efforts, with the highest frequency of papers being co-authored and only 141 out of 1871 (7.54%) documents were contributed by single author.*

Keywords: *Scientometric Analysis, Indian Traditional Knowledge, Indigenous Knowledge,Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge, IJTK, Preservation of Knowledge*

1. INTRODUCTION

The transfer of traditional knowledge is crucial not only for sustainable resource management but also has fundamental socio-cultural significance for any society. Despite knowledge being the cornerstone of social life, the sociology of knowledge, particularly its transmission across generations, remains a largely neglected field (Ruddle 1993). Traditional Knowledge (TK) comprises the knowledge acquired by indigenous communities over generations of living. While some of this knowledge is documented in local languages, a large portion remains unrecorded and confined within local communities. It is generally passed down from generation to generation orally and remain largely undocumented (Poorna, Mymoon, and Hariharan 2014). Preserving TK is essential, as its exploitation for industrial or commercial gain can lead to misappropriation and harm the interests of its rightful custodians. Given to this it is necessary to develop strategies to protect and nurture TK for sustainable development, aligning with the interests of TK holders. This is especially important for developing countries, where preserving, protecting, and promoting TK-based innovations and practices is vital (Anon, 2011.).

There was a pressing need to preserve the rich heritage of Indian Traditional Knowledge in the contemporary format and to make it accessible to future generations. With a view to protect and document traditional knowledge for future generations, National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (erstwhile NISCAIR), CSIR started publishing an interdisciplinary journal entitled “Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK)”. Its role is

significant in preserving traditional knowledge by providing a platform for documenting indigenous practices and claim(https://or.niscpr.res.in/index.php/IJTK/about). The establishment of the division of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) by The Government of India under the Ministry of Education in the year 2020 is another milestone in this direction. The mission of the IKS is to create a comprehensive database of individuals and organizations contributing to the research, teaching, publication, and preservation of India's rich traditional knowledge across various domains and ensuring its wider application for human benefit and integration into modern academic and research frameworks.

A scientometric study on research related to Indian Traditional Knowledge is invaluable in furthering the mission of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). By systematically analyzing the research outputs the study can identify and recognize key contributors, both individuals and organizations and track research trends, thereby uncovering strengths and gaps in the current body of knowledge.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The importance of scientometric studies in evaluating academic journals has been well-documented in the literature. Scientometric portraits of individual journals provide valuable insights into publication impact, research trends, and academic influence over time, making them a crucial tool for understanding the dynamics of scientific communication. Numerous researchers have employed scientometric methods to analyze various journals, highlighting the widespread acceptance and significance of these studies in assessing journal performance and scholarly output.

Kumar and others (Kumar, Lal, and Garg 2022) in their study analyzed 2623 records published in the Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research from 2001–2020 to understand the journal's dynamics using scientometric indicators. The study focused on the chronological distribution of output, the impact factor of the journal during the study period. It also examined the geographical distribution of documents, their Relative Citation Impact (RCI) and Papers not Cited (PnC). Further the study identified the most productive institutions and authors and impact of their productivity. the study found that among highly productive institutions, Anna University (Chennai) topped the list with 99 papers, and the CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (Chennai) had the highest CPP at 25.7. The pattern of citations indicated that 18% of papers were not cited, and 2% were cited more than 50 times. The distribution of research output was highly skewed across countries, institutions, and authors. The share of multi-authored papers increased, resulting in a high collaborative coefficient (CC).

Gargand others (Garg, Sharma, and Kumar 2008) analysed 369 items published in the journal "Mausam" from 2003-2006 and developed a scientometric profile of the journal. The study found that agricultural and environmental meteorology, climatology, synoptic meteorology, hydrometeorology, numerical weather forecasting, and physical meteorology are the major research areas accounting for 56% of the total output. The study reported that the references cited by the papers were mostly international and majority of the citations were more than a decade old. The time lag between receipt of manuscript and acceptance was found to be about 11 months, and between acceptance and publication it was about nine months. The editorial board was composed of members from domestic institutions. Mausam's impact factor was 0.19 for 2005 and 2006, comparable to 18 other Indian journals indexed by SCI-E in 2005.

Jin and others (Jin, Zuo, and Hong 2019)conducted a scientometric analysis of articles published in the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management by applying a comprehensive text-mining approach and analyzed 2217 journal articles followed by a qualitative discussion. This study addresses the evolution of academic research in the field of Construction Engineering and Management (CEM) by focusing on three primary research areas namely the mainstream research topics, the emerging topics or techniques in CEM in recent decades and the potential future research areas in CEM. The findings revealed a trend of integrating traditional construction management themes with emerging techniques. Overall, the study provided an overview of research topics in the CEM field and offers insights into near-future research trends. Pathak (Pathak 2020)depicted the scientometric profile of Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Research based on the data retrieved from Web of science database. The study identified the year-wise growth of publications, citation profiles, authorship pattern, prolific organizations, international collaboration, impact factor trend of the journal based on the documents published during 2007-2018.

3. OBJECTIVES

The present study was conducted with the objective of analysing Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK) on the following parameters

- Publication pattern and rate of growth
- Citations and impact
- Authorship pattern and degree of collaboration
- Author productivity
- Institution productivity
- Funding agency productivity
- Frequency distribution of author key words

4. METHODOLOGY

To collect data for the present study, the Web of Science (WoS) Core Collection database of Clarivate Analytics was accessed, and the data was retrieved on 8th July 2024 using the search string "SO = (Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge)" in the advanced search field. Since documents published prior to 2007 are not covered in the WoS database, the study could not include those. Documents published up to the year 2023 were considered to obtain a complete year's data. Therefore, the time period for the analysis was set from 2007 to 2023. The data of 1871 publications was downloaded in plain text format and analyzed using Bibexcel according to the objectives of the study.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Type of Documents

From 2007 to 2023, the journal published a total of 1871 documents. The distribution of document types is as follows:

- Research Articles: 1,825 documents, accounting for 97.54% of the total publications.
- Review Articles: 27 documents, representing 1.44% of the total.
- Editorial Materials: 16 documents, making up 0.85% of the total.

- Corrections: 2 documents.
- Biographical Items: 1 document.

5.2 Publication Pattern

The year-wise distribution of various publication indicators is depicted in Table 1. The number of publications generally increased over the years, with some fluctuations. The highest number of publications occurred in 2010, with a notable peak of 142 publications (7.59%). From 2007 to 2010, there is a steady increase in the number of publications, reflecting growing interest and activity in the field. However, from 2011 to 2019, a declining trend is observed, with a noticeable drop in the number of publications in 2014. Despite this decline, there is a gradual increase in publications again until 2021, followed by a slight drop and then a rise in 2023.

Table 1 - Year-wise distribution of publications and values of different indicators

Years	Outputs	Percentage (%)	Cumulative %	AGR	Citations	ACPP	MC	H - index
2007	113	6.04	6.04	0	1422	12.58	8	21
2008	120	6.41	12.45	20	1156	9.63	6	17
2009	116	6.2	18.65	16	1299	11.2	7	18
2010	142	7.59	26.24	42	1642	11.56	8	21
2011	113	6.04	32.28	13	1221	10.81	7	19
2012	106	5.67	37.95	6	921	8.69	6	14
2013	101	5.4	43.35	1	680	6.73	5	14
2014	96	5.13	48.48	-4	892	9.29	6.5	15
2015	100	5.34	53.82	0	750	7.5	5	13
2016	100	5.34	59.17	0	698	6.98	5	14
2017	99	5.29	64.46	-1	440	4.44	3	10
2018	102	5.45	69.91	2	517	5.07	4	11
2019	104	5.56	75.47	4	516	4.96	3	11
2020	129	6.89	82.36	29	408	3.16	2	9
2021	123	6.57	88.94	23	241	1.96	2	6
2022	104	5.56	94.49	4	106	1.02	1	4
2023	103	5.51	100	3	14	0.14	0	1
Total	1871	100			12923			

AGR – Annual Growth Rate, ACPP - Average citation per paper, MC - Median citation count

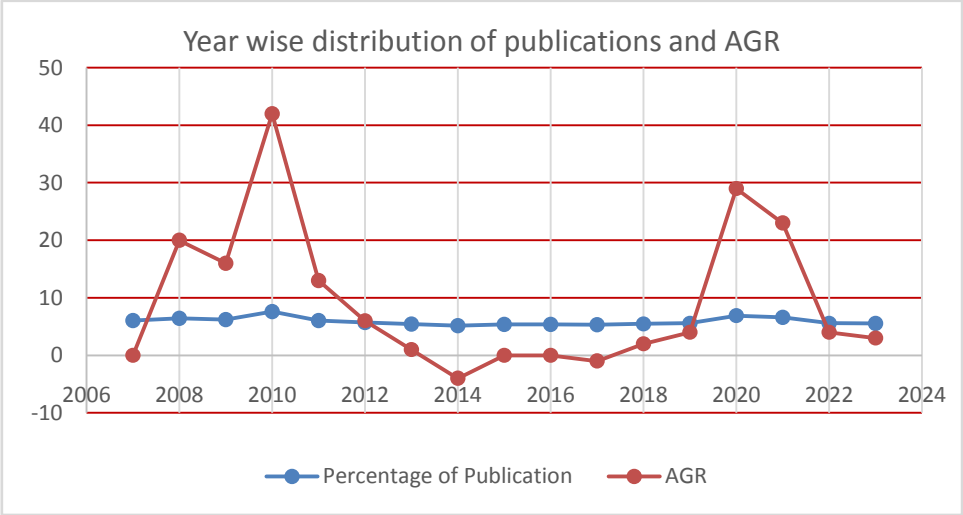
5.3 Annual Growth Rate (AGR)

The AGR indicates the growth rate of publications year over year. A positive AGR indicates an increase in the percentage of publications compared to the previous year and a negative AGR indicates a decrease in the percentage of publications compared to the previous year. Figure 1 and table 1 show the complete picture of AGR of the journal over the years. The overall trend suggests that while the publication percentage is stable, certain years show significant growth or decline, impacting the overall AGR. The peak in AGR around 2010 corresponds with the

highest percentage of publications, indicating a notable increase in research output. Another significant peak in AGR occurs around 2020, which aligns with a high percentage of publications The formula(Santha kumar and Kaliyaperumal 2015) used for calculation of (AGR) is mentioned below:

AGR = End Value - First Value / First Value x 100

Figure 1- Year wise distribution of publications and AGR



5.4 Citations and Impact

The year wise total citations received by the articles published in the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK) during 2007 to 2023 are depicted in Table 1. As can be seen from the table, during the period 2007 to 2011, the average citations per paper and the median of citations are notably high, ranging from approximately 9.63 to 12.58 and 6 to 8, respectively. This indicates that the research output during these years was highly impactful, with a substantial portion of papers receiving a significant number of citations. This trend is also reflected in the H-index for these years. From 2012 to 2016, the impact of the research was moderately high. The average citations per paper ranged from 6.73 to 9.29, while the median ranged from 5 to 6.5. This suggests that the research during this period continued to be impactful, but there is a noticeable decline compared to the previous period. From 2017 onwards, there is a significant decline in both the average and median citations. By 2023, the median citation drops to 0, indicating that at least half of the papers published in that year received no citations at all.

5.5 Authorship Pattern

Table 2 illustrates the complete authorship pattern of documents published over 2007 to 2023. The data indicates that the majority of documents in the study result from collaborative efforts, with the highest frequency of papers being co-authored. Out of the 1871 publications, 502 (26.83%) were contributed by more than four authors. This is followed by 471 (25.17%) by two

authors, 437 (23.25%) by three authors, and 322 (17.21%) by four authors. Notably, only 141 (7.54%) documents were contributed by single authors. Single-author publications show some fluctuations, peaking at 23 in 2008, but generally remaining low, especially in recent years. Notably, in 2009, there were no single-author publications, showing instance of complete collaboration.

Publications with two authors remain relatively stable, averaging around 28 per year. Similar to double authors, there is a consistent trend of research paper written by three authors, with peaks in 2010. In case of four authors, there is an upward trend, especially from 2010 onwards, indicating an increasing preference for moderate collaboration. Publications with more than four authors show a significant increase over the years, peaking at 51 in 2021, indicating a strong trend towards larger collaborative groups.

5.6 Degree of Collaboration

The Degree of Collaboration (DC) is a metric used to measure the extent of collaboration among authors in scholarly publications. It is calculated as the ratio of collaborative publications (co-authored) to the total number of publications (Gupta and Hasan 2018).

It is visible from the values depicted in table 2 that the degree of collaboration ranges from 0.81 to 1.00. While DC value 1.00 represents hundred percent collaborative efforts, the value 0.81 represents a strong tendency towards collaboration. The highest value (i.e. 1.00) and the lowest value (i.e. 0.81) of DC was observed in the year 2019 and 2008 respectively.

Table 2- Authorship Pattern and collaboration

Year	Output	SA	DA	TA	FA	More than FA	Total MA	DC (Nm/Nm+Ns)
2007	113	17	41	30	13	12	96	0.85
2008	120	23	43	29	16	9	97	0.81
2009	116	10	43	34	18	11	106	0.91
2010	142	20	44	41	23	14	122	0.86
2011	113	8	34	39	18	14	105	0.93
2012	106	7	28	23	20	28	99	0.93
2013	101	7	28	22	15	29	94	0.93
2014	96	5	26	28	17	20	91	0.95
2015	100	7	24	17	19	33	93	0.93
2016	100	5	23	20	19	33	95	0.95
2017	99	6	17	19	21	36	93	0.94
2018	102	5	13	22	23	39	97	0.95
2019	104	0	20	18	16	50	104	1
2020	129	9	27	21	23	49	120	0.93
2021	123	4	17	31	20	51	119	0.97
2022	104	5	20	14	17	48	99	0.95
2023	103	3	23	27	24	26	100	0.97
Total	1871	141	471	435	322	502	1730	0.92

SA – Single Authored, DA – Double Authored, TA – Tripple Authored,FA –Four Authored, DC - Degree of Collaboration, Nm = Number of multi authored publications, Ns - Number of single authored publications

5.7 Author Productivity

Table 3 – Author productivity

S.N.	Author	Output	Total Citations	ACPP	Citation sum within H-core	H-index
1	Singh, Ranjay K.	46	335	7.28	197	11
2	Srivastava, R. C.	16	100	6.25	79	4
3	Rawat, A. K.	14	100	7.14	80	6
4	Tamang, Jyoti Prakash	13	227	17.46	213	8
5	Mukherjee, Pulok K.	13	193	14.85	183	8

ACPP - Average citation per paper

From the data downloaded from Web of Science database, it is found that a total of 200 authors have contributed 1871 papers during the period under study. Table 3 depicts the author productivity of top five authors in the field. The data indicates a diverse range of research impacts, with the highest number of publications being 46 and the lowest being 13 by Singh, Ranjay K. and Mukherjee, Pulok K respectively. The average citations per paper vary significantly, reflecting differences in research influence. The H-index values show a range of scholarly impact, with the highest being 11.

5.8 Institution Productivity

Table 4 – Institution productivity

S.N.	Affiliated institution	Output	Citations	Average	H- index
1	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR	205	1387	6.77	17
2	Council of Scientific Industrial Research, CSIR	107	676	6.32	14
3	Banaras Hindu University , BHU	45	224	4.98	8
4	Central Agricultural University, CAU	40	327	8.18	11
5	Botanical Survey of India , BSI	36	431	11.97	12

Table 4 depicts the top five contributing institutions to the journal and their research impact. As can be seen from the table each organization contributes significantly to research, with varying degrees of impact based on the number of publications, total citations, average citations per publication, and h-index. ICAR and CSIR are the most prolific in terms of publication output, with ICAR having a slightly higher research impact. BSI has the highest average citations per publication, suggesting that their research is highly influential despite having fewer publications. CAU also shows a strong impact per publication, with the second-highest average citations per publication. BHU has a moderate research impact with fewer publications and citations compared to the other organizations.

5.9 Funding Agency Productivity

Table 5 – Funding agency productivity

S.N.	Funding Agencies	Output	Citation	ACCP	H-index
1	University Grants Commission , UGC	57	498	8.74	11
2	Department of Science Technology, DST	38	245	6.45	10
3	Council of Scientific Industrial Research, CSIR	31	214	6.9	9
4	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR	30	166	5.53	8
5	Department of Biotechnology, DBT	28	197	7.04	6

ACPP - Average Citation Per Paper

From the data shown in table 5 it is observed that UGC is the most productive and impactful funding agency with the highest output, total citations, average citation per item, and h-index. Followed by DST and CSIR which have moderate productivity and impact with relatively high H-index. ICAR also has moderate productivity but the lowest impact in terms of average citation per paper. Notably, DBT exhibits less productive but relatively impactful research with a decent average citation per paper.

5.10 Frequency Distribution of Author Key Words

Table 6 - Frequency distribution of author key words

S.N.	Author Keywords	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
1	Traditional knowledge	9	13	19	24	10	5	9	8	4	2	3	10	6	4	9	8	8	151
2	Ethno medicine	16	27	13	53	11	3		1		1	3	2	1	4	4	2	2	143
3	Medicinal plants	20	11	11	33	7	6	6	3	4	5	3	4	6	4	7	5	1	136
4	Ethnobotany	6	12	7	13	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	3	7	2	3	90
5	Traditional medicine	7	9	5	12	6	4	2	4	1		2	2	2	5	4	4	3	72
6	Indigenous knowledge	8	6	6	11	7	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	5	70
7	Antioxidant					1		1	1	4	10	6	6	8	3	5	4	4	53
8	Conservation	3	4	4	9	3	4	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	53
9	Assam	6	6	5	12	3	2	3	1		2				2	1	1	3	47
10	Arunachal Pradesh	3	7	6	8	5	4	4	1	1	1	1				1		1	43
11	Ayurveda	5	2	7	2	4		1		2	1	5	1	2	5	1	2	1	41
12	HPTLC		1	2	1	2		2	2	4		2	4	1	2	2	4	3	32
13	Unani Medicine	2	2	9		7					1	1	1	1	1			1	26
14	Antioxidant activity	1					1		1	1		6	4	2	3	3	2	2	26
15	Folk medicine	1	4	1	5	3	2	1		2	2		1			1	1		24
16	Fermentation	3	1		1	1	4	1	2		1	1		1	3	2		2	23
17	Traditional						6	1			3	1		2	4	2	2	1	22
18	Standardization	1	2	3	1	6		2	1		1	2	1	1				1	22
19	Kerala	4	6		7	1	1							2	1				22
20	Tamil Nadu	4	3	6	6									2					21

The data in Table 6 presents the frequency distribution of the top twenty author keywords related to research on traditional knowledge during 2007 to 2023. The keywords "Traditional knowledge," "Ethno medicine," "Medicinal plants," "Ethnobotany," "Traditional medicine," and "Indigenous knowledge" are consistently mentioned almost every year, indicating their sustained relevance in research. Similarly, keywords such as "Conservation" and "Ayurveda" have a relatively equal distribution with slightly lower frequencies. Notably, terms like "Antioxidant" and "Antioxidant activity" show an upward trend in recent years, indicating emerging interest and new research directions in these areas. Geographical keywords like "Arunachal Pradesh," "Assam," "Tamil Nadu," and "Kerala" reflect a peak in Indian traditional knowledge research interest around 2010, followed by a significant decline and fewer mentions in more recent years.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

With a view to document bygone knowledge and preserve recent developments in the field of indigenous knowledge, the National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (erstwhile NISCAIR), CSIR, started publishing an interdisciplinary periodical named “Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge.” In its glorious journey of more than two decades, the journal has focused on many aspects of Indian Traditional Knowledge.

This article presents a scientometric analysis of the Journal of Traditional Knowledge for the period from 2007 to 2023 based on data available in the Web of Science Database. The journal has covered many overlooked areas of social knowledge and played a significant role in strengthening the socio-cultural relationships in a country like India, known for its diversity.

The study found a steady number of publications each year, with slight variations, indicating sustained interest and consistent research activity in the field. The number of citations received by the articles published during the initial ten years of the study period was higher. The recent decline in impact might be attributed to the age of the documents as, earlier published papers have had more time to gain visibility and accumulate citations, whereas newer papers have had a shorter window to be cited.

Findings on the authorship pattern exhibit a shift towards more collaborative research efforts over the years, with a significant increase in multi-author publications, particularly those involving more than four authors. This trend highlights the growing importance of teamwork and collaboration in research activities in this field of study.

The frequency of keywords provided by authors highlights a regional focus around the year 2010, which could be linked to specific research projects, funding, or events that drew attention to these regions. The decline after that suggests a possible saturation of research or a move towards other emerging areas of interest.

Funding plays a crucial role in research. The University Grants Commission stands out as the top performer in terms of both productivity and impact, while the Department of Biotechnology,

despite lower productivity, shows a strong average citation per item, indicating that the research it funded is relatively influential.

It would have been invaluable to analyze the research trends of the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge using other scientometric indicators not covered in the present study. This is suggested as a potential area for further research.

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ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LIBRARIES IN NEP 2020 FRAMEWORK

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Abstract : *The ministry of Education in India launched the New Education Policy National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) on 29th July 2020. The policy is based on five foundational pillars quality, affordability, access, equity and accountability. Focusing on these pillars the government is planning developments in digital libraries and academic and public libraries including the formation of a national book promotion policy. Numerous steps will be made to promote accessibility and availability of high quality learning resources at reasonable rate across all languages and locations. The library is considered an essential aspect in the context of education system in NEP 2020 the library plays a significant role in study research and skill development.This paper tries to focus on the role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020 framework.*

Keywords*: National Education Policy 2020, NEP 2020, role of libraries in NEP 2020, responsibility of libraries in NEP 2020.*

1. Introduction:

Education allows every person to achieve his human potential and leads to holistic growth and development. Holistic development comprises of cognitive, foundational, literacy and numeracy by critical thinking and power solving. Information manager and educators work hand in hand to bridge the knowledge gaps faced by users and libraries play a very significant role in meeting the target and objectives of the NEP 2020. NEP has a new pedagogy along with special focus on ensuring equitable use of Technology .

The main objective of NEP 2020 is to reform the education policy of the schools, colleges, Universities and Higher educational Institutions and to provide better infrastructures. The development of a nation is very much dependent on the education system of the country. The new education policy aims to take forward the country to a global community so that individuals can get all the opportunities they want to avail. In this process the libraries are getting importance to provide services to all types of users. The effective utilization of digital technologies, open access resources are dominating the modern education system. The Digital India campaign is going to transforme the entire nation into a digitally strong society. Education plays an important role in this transformation and Technology will help educational process as well. The libraries always support the teaching learning process. The role and responsibilities of libraries has changed in the techno driven world.

2. Objective of the study :

1.To increase our nails awareness about NEP 2020

2.To highlight role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020

3. Research methodology :

This paper is based on the literature published on the Internet and other relevant sources like e-journal articles.

4. Role and responsibilities of libraries in NEP 2020 framework:

The National Educational Policy (NEP 2020) emphasizes the pivotal role of libraries in India's educational framework, highlighting their responsibilities in promoting reading culture providing access to diverse information resources to fulfill information needs of users and supporting research and life long learning. Libraries are envisioned as essential hubs for learning and research offering a wide range of resources including books, journals and digital media resources. The government will focus on the advancement in digital libraries in schools and colleges to encourage the reading habit and maximize the library use regardless of the location. So that they can access the required book. Some of the important points regarding the role and responsibilities of the libraries in NEP 2020 are discussed below:

4.1 making inspirational books available:

NEP 2020 emphasizes on regional and Indian languages inspirational books in all regional and Indian languages will be made available for students of all levels. Differently able students will be able to access books with assistants from private and public sector organisations

4.2 Increasing book collection of public and school libraries :

The authority will emphasize in increasing the number of books in school and public libraries. Main focus will be given to the under privileged community of rural and remote places.A National Book promotion policy will ensure the quality, accessibility of books to urban and rural part of the country.

4.3. Developing culture of reading across the country:

The number of children libraries and mobile libraries will be increased to promote reading habit among children and different stages of the community. The status of public libraries will be improved.

4.4. ICT enabled school and public libraries in remote places:

The local inhabitants and students will be served by ICT equipped public and school libraries in rural areas which is called as Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL).

4.5. Improvement of libraries of Higher Educational Institutions :

As the libraries are the heart of the educational institutions government will give importance in acquisition of books, periodicals like journals and magazines and other teaching learning resources. The digital library will also be built with sufficient online books and reading materials. The content will be available in original language version also.

4.6 Public library spaces for adult education:

The government will provide necessary infrastructure to ensure adult education. The public libraries will be used as adult education centre with ICT and involvement of community will be ensured interested adults for life long learning.

4.7. Create and appropriate continue professional development plan for library personnel :

To establish, developed and strengthen the existing libraries there is need of adequate library staff. The government will design suitable CPD plan for the growth of library professionals and ensure sufficient staff for maximum operation of the library.

4.8. Conclusion

The National Education Policy 2020 brought tremendous changes in education system. The NEP 2020 mainly focused on multi disciplinary education, holistic education and skill development. It also gives importance to education in regional languages. It also emphasizes on vocational training to students. The NEP 2020 realises the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT).So the role and responsibilities of libraries are changing from traditional store house of books to modern ICT based resource centre. These are some positive changes to the role and responsibilities of libraries.

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RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT: ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS IN DIGITAL AGE

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Abstract : *For academic librarians and researchers alike, finding information is crucial, and obtaining data is as crucial. In our modern information retrieval system, sharing, storing, gathering, disseminating, and managing data with regard to research data is crucial. The cooperation of academic librarians and researchers with information communication and technology has made this possible. This paper aims to present the role of Academic Librarians in Research Data Management in digital age and challenges for maintaining RDM.*

Key Words: *Research Data Management, Role of Librarian, Academic Librarian, Digital Age*

1. Introduction

The process of arranging, keeping, protecting, and disseminating data gathered during a research endeavor is known as research data management, or RDM. Network of the National Library of Medicine defines it as "Research data management is the organizing, documentation, storage, and preservation of the data resulting from the process, where data can be broadly defined as the outcome of experiments or observations that validate research findings, and can take a variety of forms including numerical output (quantitative data), qualitative data, documentation, images, audio and video."

To help researchers, libraries are designed to gather, create, analyze, manipulate, store, preserve, and transport datasets. According to a different perspective, there can be a necessity to publish some data publicly or among particular groups. Despite these obstacles to widespread data sharing, there is an increasing trend toward benefits such as facilitating data by other researchers, enabling the verification of study findings, and collecting scientific activities.

Research data is a valuable institutional asset for higher education institutions that can be used for purposes other than the current research phase. A distinct RDM approach is being created among universities and other organizations, and additional stakeholders including both faulty themselves and assisting service staff have joined in. Because the design of the research data service has greatly aided in certain general operations, university libraries have expanded and are now more frequently recognized as important RDM providers.

2. Need of RDM

Research data is organized, accessible, and preserved, it facilitates accurate analysis, reproducible findings, data sharing, and compliance with funding agency and ethical

requirements. So this improves the integrity and impact of research by reducing data loss and making it easier for other researchers to reuse the data.

Key reasons for the significance of research data management:

Reproducibility and Data Integrity: Appropriate data management procedures guarantee the validity and dependability of study data, enabling others to repeat investigations and confirm findings.

Data Reusability and Accessibility: Researchers can readily access and reuse well-managed data, encouraging cooperation and expanding scientific understanding.

Adherence to Regulations: Adhering to these standards is essential since numerous funding organizations and publications require data sharing and appropriate data management procedures.

Efficiency and Time Saving: Data that is well-organized allows for quicker analysis and spends less time looking for pertinent information.

Reducing Data Loss: By putting in place reliable backup and storage systems, data loss from accidents or technological problems is avoided.

Increased Research Impact: Researchers can raise the profile and possible influence of their work by making data easily accessible.

Ethical Considerations: Proper data protection and privacy are ensured by responsible data management, especially when handling sensitive data.

3. Important Facets of Managing Research Data

Data Collection: To guarantee consistency and quality, data collection procedures should be planned and documented.
Data Organization: For effective data retrieval, use clear file naming conventions and folder structures.
Data Documentation: Supplying thorough information that explains the data, including variables, limitations, and methods of collection.
Data Storage: To avoid data loss, use suitable storage options with contingency plans.
Data Sharing: Adhering to rules for data deposition in repositories and access controls when exchanging data with other academics.

4. Advantages of RDM

Save time: Properly managing data is in a researcher's best interest; being able locate past or current data and accompanying metadata saves time, frustration, and money.

Increase citation: Well-managed data is easy to share, which can lead to the data itself being cited; making the data available may also lead to more citations for the original paper

Enhance reproducibility: Data management enhances reproducibility by making the methodology more transparent.

Preserve data: While data management encourages researchers to consider backup and security measures, it also ensures that data is preserved, not just stored. Preservation focuses on the long-term ability to access and use data, and considers interoperability and open file formats.

5. Role of Academic Librarians in RDM

Management of research data is a major challenge for academic librarians as research data management in present digital era is a broad concept that includes processes undertaken to create organized, documented, accessible and reusable quality research data. The role of the librarians is to support researchers through the research data cycle.

Fig: https://www.goshen.edu/academics/data-management/

The creation, organization, documentation, access, and reuse of research data are all included in the wide idea of research data management. Research data management is changing the work of librarians, and libraries are realizing more and more how important it is to help. Librarians can collaborate with archivists, data scientists, IT specialists, and other stakeholders to create efficient data management plans and advance best practices. Librarians may help guarantee that research data is saved and utilized to its maximum capacity by assisting researchers in efficiently managing their data. The data life cycle includes following paths:

Planning: To plan for Research Data Management (RDM), a librarian can evaluate the research needs of their institution; identify current data management practices; work with researchers to understand their data needs; create a plan for storing and accessing data; train and support researchers on data management tools; and form partnerships with other campus units to provide comprehensive RDM services. In essence, a librarian serves as a facilitator and

knowledge broker to help researchers navigate the data lifecycle while making sure data is discoverable, accessible, and preserved.

Collecting: Through active engagement with researchers, identification of pertinent data sources, development of data collection strategies, use of specialized databases, coordination with institutional repositories, provision of data management training, and ensuring appropriate documentation and metadata for collected research data, a librarian can gather research material for Research Data Management (RDM) while adhering to legal and ethical considerations regarding data ownership and privacy.

Analyzing: In order to ensure that research data is well-organized, discoverable, and reusable by others, a librarian can analyze research material for Research Data Management (RDM) by evaluating the quality, accessibility, and metadata of research data, spotting possible problems with data organization and documentation, recommending suitable data repositories for storage, and encouraging best practices for data sharing and preservation. In other words, a librarian can serve as a liaison between researchers and data management systems.

Publishing or data sharing: A librarian can publish research findings on their own RDM service implementations or studies exploring researcher needs and perceptions regarding data management within their institution, often through academic journals or conference presentations. They can also publish educational content such as guides, tutorials, workshops, articles, and blog posts on best practices for data management, data sharing, metadata creation, using institutional repositories, and navigating compliance issues.

Preserving: A librarian can act as a guide and facilitator throughout the data lifecycle, from collection to preservation, by giving researchers access to secure data repositories, teaching them about appropriate data management practices, developing metadata standards to thoroughly document data, putting backup plans into place, and guaranteeing the long-term accessibility of archived data through appropriate file formats and preservation techniques.

Reuse: By finding existing datasets in the library's collections, curating them with thorough metadata, and making them discoverable through a data repository, a librarian can reuse data for Research Data Management (RDM). This practice encourages data sharing, maximizes the value of existing research, and fosters collaboration across disciplines. Other researchers can then access and re-analyze the data for new research questions, possibly combining it with other datasets for broader analysis.

Overall, librarians are increasingly recognized as key players in the research data management landscape, providing essential support to researchers throughout the research lifecycle by ensuring the quality, accessibility, and preservation of digital research data.

6. Role of Academic Librarians in RDM in Digital Age

Librarians play a crucial role in Research Data Management in the digital age because they give researchers access to a wide range of digital resources, make it easier to find, preserve, and share data, provide training and expertise in data management, and serve as a central location

for depositing, managing, and retrieving research data while guaranteeing data quality and ethical standards compliance.

Key role of academic librarians in RDM in digital age are as follows:

- To preserve and distribute research material, including raw datasets, analysis findings, and research outputs in a variety of formats, librarians create and manage digital repositories.
- By using metadata standards, organizing and cleaning datasets, and using digital archiving techniques to ensure long-term accessibility and preservation, librarians curate research data.
- Libraries create intuitive search interfaces with extensive search capabilities and filtering tools to help researchers find pertinent datasets across several repositories.
- Researchers can receive training and workshops from librarians on data management procedures, such as data collecting, recording, sharing, and adherence to privacy and data ethics laws.
- To guarantee that data creators receive due credit and to make tracking data usage easier, libraries encourage data citation standards.
- From project conception to data release, librarians actively collaborate with academics, offering advice on best practices and data management techniques.
- To guarantee the dependability and integrity of shared data, libraries might put in place procedures for peer review and data validation checks, among other methods for evaluating the quality of data.

7. Challenges for Academic Librarians in Research Data Management

- **Technical expertise:** Staying abreast of the quickly changing tools and technologies for data management.
- **Cooperation with Researchers:** Establishing trusting bonds with researchers from different fields to comprehend their data requirements and difficulties.
- **Resource Allocation:** obtaining sufficient funds and personnel to establish all-inclusive RDM services in the library.

8. Conclusions

Digital data is being produced, shared, and stored by scholars in far greater quantities than text. As the volume and complexity of research data continue to increase, research data management is becoming more and more significant in the research community. It is in the best interests of librarians to assist researchers in efficiently managing their data.

Librarians collect, organize, and preserve digital research data, ensuring long-term accessibility and integrity of datasets. They can literate researchers how to create accurate and comprehensive metadata for their datasets, enabling discoverability and reusability. Also they can conduct workshops and provide consultations to researchers on best practices for data collection, documentation, analysis, and sharing. By collaborating with institutional stakeholders librarians can develop research data management policies, promoting open

access and ethical data practices. Also they can assist researchers in exploring and visualizing complex datasets through appropriate tools and techniques, as well as educate researchers on proper data citation practices and facilitating data sharing through institutional repositories.

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IMPACT OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) ON HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *The progress of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has profoundly changed education, with college libraries playing a central role in this transformation. The integration of ICT has revolutionized library functions, improving accessibility, efficiency, and the overall user experience. This research examines the impact of ICT on college libraries, particularly its influence on library management, resource accessibility, user engagement, and the evolving role of library professionals in the digital age. It highlights both the benefits and challenges of implementing ICT in college libraries, offering insights into how technology is reshaping library services. Furthermore, it explores future prospects for ICT to enhance the role of college libraries as centers for learning and information sharing..*

Keywords: *ICT, Library Management, Digital Resources, Library Professional*

1. Introduction

The rapid progress of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has profoundly influenced various fields, including education. College libraries, as essential centers of information, have undergone remarkable changes driven by the integration of ICT tools and systems. These advancements have enhanced traditional library functions while introducing new services and access methods. Libraries have evolved from being primarily physical book repositories to dynamic digital information hubs, providing diverse resources to students and faculty.This paper examines the diverse impact of ICT on college libraries, focusing on its effects on library operations, resource management, user experiences, and the changing role of library professionals. ICT has transformed college libraries by improving efficiency and accessibility. Digital catalogs, such as Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs), allow users to search for and reserve resources remotely. ICT also enables access to digital libraries, e-books, online journals, and academic databases, catering to extensive research and learning needs. Library automation systems streamline tasks like cataloging, circulation, and inventory management, while technologies like RFID enhance resource tracking and security. Moreover, remote access to digital repositories and multimedia content ensures users can explore resources from any location. Personalized services, including email notifications, virtual assistance, and e-learning platforms, further enhance user engagement, creating a more seamless and enriched academic experience.

2. ICT Library Require Infrastructure and Instruments

The successful integration of ICT in libraries requires a well-established infrastructure and suitable tools to ensure efficient operations and high-quality user services. Essential components include reliable high-speed internet, computer workstations for staff and patrons, and robust servers to support library management systems and digital repositories. Libraries must employ automation software, such as integrated library management systems (e.g., Koha or Libsys), and provide access to e-resource platforms. Tools like barcode scanners, RFID systems for tracking resources, and self-checkout kiosks enhance operational efficiency. Interactive learning is supported by multimedia tools, such as projectors and digital display

boards. Dedicated computer labs and Wi-Fi-enabled reading areas provide users with convenient access to digital resources. Backup solutions like Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) ensure uninterrupted services, while firewalls and cybersecurity protocols safeguard digital assets. This comprehensive infrastructure equips libraries to effectively address the evolving needs of modern academia.

3. ICT Tools in Institution Libraries.

Feature	Description
Library Management Software	Manage book inventory and user accounts.
RFID Technology	Facilitate automated check-ins and check-outs.
E-Journal Portals	Provide access to academic research articles And Book
Computer Terminals	Enable internet access and digital research.
Printing and Scanning Devices	Support academic tasks like printing research papers and Documents.

4. ICT in Educational: An Overview

The incorporation of ICT into college libraries has significantly transformed their operations. By automating administrative tasks and digitizing resources, ICT tools have streamlined a wide range of processes. Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) enable efficient automation and management of library operations, ensuring accurate inventory control and easy access to information. Furthermore, digital platforms such as online catalogs, e-books, and digital repositories are now standard features in contemporary college libraries. These technological advancements have not only enhanced operational efficiency but also extended the library's reach beyond its physical boundaries..The incorporation of ICT tools and systems in education has significantly improved the learning experience by granting access to a variety of digital resources, online courses, and interactive platforms. Teachers can leverage ICT to present lessons in a more dynamic way using multimedia, creating a more engaging and tailored learning environment. Students benefit from the ability to access extensive information, collaborate with peers and educators globally, and pursue self-guided learning. Furthermore, ICT has simplified administrative processes, enhancing communication, assessment, and resource management. As technology advances, its role in education is anticipated to expand, presenting new opportunities for innovation and better educational results.

5. Role of ICT in Educational Institution Libraries

Feature	**Description**
Digital Catalogs	Online access to library resources, including books, journals, and e-resources
Automated Circulation System	Streamlined borrowing and returning of books through software.
E-Resources	Access to databases, e-books, and journals.

Multimedia Resources	Videos, audio lectures, and presentations for academic Information use.
Internet Access	Wi-Fi and computer terminals for research and study.

6. Library Management and Automation Software

The adoption of ICT in college libraries has had a transformative impact, particularly through automation, which has revolutionized library management. Traditional manual processes, such as cataloging, resource tracking, and circulation, have been replaced by software solutions that enhance efficiency. Systems like Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) and Library Management Software (LMS) facilitate smooth operations, including book checkouts, returns, and renewals. Many of these systems also offer online access, enabling students and faculty to search for and request resources remotely. Automation has minimized human errors, boosted staff productivity, and enhanced the overall user experience.Library software is specifically designed to streamline operations, supporting tasks such as cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, inventory management, and user tracking. These tools reduce manual effort and ensure accurate record-keeping. Features like Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) simplify resource discovery, while integration with digital repositories and e-resource management tools enhances accessibility. Commonly used library software includes **Koha,** an open-source integrated library system; **Libsys,** widely adopted in India; **Evergreen,** another open-source solution; **SLIM21**, ideal for small and medium-sized libraries; NewGenLib, suited for digital library management; and **SOUL,** developed by INFLIBNET for Indian academic institutions. These advanced tools enable libraries to efficiently manage their resources and provide seamless access to users.

7. Access to Digital Resources

The digital transformation of college libraries has significantly broadened access to a wide range of resources. ICT enables libraries to offer online databases, e-journals, e-books, and other digital content, accessible 24/7, providing students and faculty with the flexibility to retrieve information anytime, anywhere. This shift to digital resources has reduced the dependence on physical books and journals, alleviating space limitations in libraries. Remote access facilitated by ICT extends the reach of libraries, making resources available to users regardless of their location. Moreover, this transition supports the concept of a "global library," enabling access to scholarly content from institutions worldwide.E-resource databases are vital for academic and research excellence, offering an extensive repository of knowledge across disciplines. Prominent databases include **JSTOR** for scholarly articles and primary sources, **IEEE Xplore** for engineering and technology research**, ProQuest** for dissertations, e-books, and journals across fields, and **ScienceDirect** for scientific and medical research. Other specialized platforms include **PubMed** for life sciences, **SpringerLink** and **Taylor& FrancisOnline** for science, humanities, and social sciences, **Emerald Insight** for business and management studies, and **EBSCOhost** for multidisciplinary resources. Open-access platforms like **DOAJ** and Project **MUSE,** as well as citation tools like **Scopus** and **Web of Science**, further empower students, researchers, and educators with high-quality, peer-reviewed information on demand.

8. Enhanced User Engagement and Experience

ICT has transformed user engagement in college libraries, complementing traditional services like in-person browsing and reference assistance with innovative online features. Virtual reference desks, chatbots, and interactive library portals enable real-time interaction with

library staff, creating a more engaging and personalized experience. Additionally, mobile apps and library websites allow users to search catalogs, reserve books, and manage accounts remotely, streamlining library visits and enhancing user satisfaction.

9. Evolving Role of Library Professionals

The advent of ICT has redefined the role of library professionals. Traditionally focused on managing physical collections, assisting users in locating books, and offering reference services, librarians now take on expanded responsibilities in the digital era. These include managing technology, curating digital resources, and providing support for various digital tools. Proficiency in information technology has become essential for librarians to effectively assist users and navigate the evolving demands of the profession. This shift necessitates continuous professional development to stay abreast of technological advancements and maintain high-quality service delivery in a digital environment..

10. Challenges of ICT Adoption in Educational Institution Libraries

Although the integration of ICT in college libraries brings numerous advantages, it also presents significant challenges. A primary concern is the high initial cost of establishing technology infrastructure and the ongoing expenses for maintenance and upgrades. Budget constraints often limit libraries' ability to invest in ICT tools and adequately train staff for their effective use. Resistance to change from some staff or users accustomed to traditional methods can also hinder adoption. Additionally, the digital divide poses a major challenge, as not all students have access to the necessary devices or reliable internet connections required to utilize digital resources. Addressing these issues and ensuring equitable access to ICT resources is crucial to avoid disparities in library usage.

11. The Future of ICT in Educational Institution Libraries

The role of ICT in college libraries is poised to expand significantly in the future. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), and blockchain are set to transform library services. AI-powered systems may enhance resource discovery, while VR could enable immersive learning experiences. Blockchain technology could ensure secure management of intellectual property rights for digital content. Additionally, cloud computing and big data analytics will empower libraries to handle and analyze extensive information more efficiently, offering personalized recommendations and improving access to resources. As technology advances, college libraries will continue to evolve, playing an increasingly vital role in supporting education and research.

12. Conclusion

The integration of ICT in college libraries has fundamentally transformed library operations, resource access, and the roles of library professionals. Despite certain challenges, the advantages of adopting ICT—such as greater resource accessibility, improved library management, and enhanced user engagement—far surpass these obstacles. With ongoing technological advancements, college libraries are expected to become even more integral to the educational process, offering innovative and personalized services. The influence of ICT on college libraries underscores the potential of technology to elevate the quality of education and improve access to information in the digital era.

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NEW EDUCATION POLICY AND ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract : *The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes a transformative approach to education in India, impacting the roles of academic libraries and librarians significantly. Academic libraries are integral to supporting holistic and multidisciplinary education, enhancing digital literacy, and promoting multilingualism. They provide access to diverse resources, including digital content, e-books, and research materials, fostering a culture of research and innovation. The NEP also highlights the importance of preserving indigenous knowledge and integrating it into the curriculum, with libraries playing a crucial role in this endeavor.*

Librarians face challenges such as resource constraints, skill gaps, and the need for continuous adaptation to technological advances. They are responsible for curating digital resources, supporting multilingual education, facilitating research, and promoting lifelong learning. By addressing these challenges, librarians can effectively contribute to the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system.

In summary, the NEP 2020 positions academic libraries and librarians as key facilitators in transforming India's education landscape, ensuring access to quality resources, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

The present paper focus on how the academies library important roll plays in NEP and face the challenges

Keywords: *New education policy, NEP and Higher education policy, academic libraries, higher education, digital library.*

1. Introduction

1.1 Academic libraries

A library is like a treasure trove of knowledge! It's a place where you can find a vast collection of books, magazines, newspapers, journals, and other resources. These resources can be physical copies or digital formats. Libraries are often organized by subject matter, making it easy to find information on a wide range of topics.

Libraries aren't just about books; they also provide access to computers, the internet, and sometimes even multimedia resources like DVDs and audiobooks. Many libraries offer programs and events such as reading groups, workshops, lectures, and activities for children. They're a wonderful place for learning, research, relaxation, and community engagement.

1.2 National Education Policy

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** is a comprehensive framework aimed at transforming India's education system. It was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on July 29, 20202. Here are some key highlights:

1. **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy**: The policy emphasizes the importance of foundational skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, aiming to achieve this for all students by 2025.
2. **Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: The curriculum is designed to be holistic, integrated, enjoyable, and engaging, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
3. **Equitable and Inclusive Education**: The NEP aims to provide equitable and inclusive education for all, ensuring that no child is left behind.
4. **Use of Technology**: Technology is integrated into education through various initiatives, including high-quality e-content and energized textbooks.
5. **Vocational and Adult Education**: The policy promotes vocational education and adult learning to enhance skills and employability.
6. **Language Policy**: The policy encourages the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, with a focus on multilingualism.

The NEP 2020 is built on five guiding pillars: Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability. It aims to make India a global knowledge superpower by providing high-quality education to all1.

1.3 National Education Policy (NEP) 20

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** has a significant impact on academic libraries in India. Here are some key points on how the NEP 2020 influences academic libraries:

1. **Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: Academic libraries are encouraged to support a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to education. This means providing resources across various subjects and disciplines to promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills2.
2. **Digital Literacy**: The NEP 2020 emphasizes the importance of digital literacy. Academic libraries play a crucial role in enhancing digital literacy by providing access to digital resources, e-books, online journals, and databases2.
3. **Multilingual Resources**: The policy promotes multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction. Academic libraries are expected to provide resources in multiple languages to support this initiative2.
4. **Research and Innovation**: Academic libraries are pivotal in supporting research and innovation by providing access to a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools.
5. **Lifelong Learning**: The NEP 2020 encourages lifelong learning. Academic libraries contribute to this by offering resources and programs for continuous education and skill development2.
6. **Collaboration and Networking**: The policy encourages collaboration and networking among educational institutions. Academic libraries can facilitate this by creating spaces for collaboration and providing resources that support joint projects and research.

Overall, the NEP 2020 aims to transform the education system in India, and academic libraries are essential in achieving these goals by providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** outlines several key roles for academic libraries in transforming India's education system:

1. **Supporting Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education**: Academic libraries provide resources across various subjects and disciplines, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
2. **Enhancing Digital Literacy**: Libraries offer access to digital resources, e-books, online journals, and databases, helping students and faculty develop digital literacy skills.
3. **Promoting Multilingualism**: Libraries provide resources in multiple languages, supporting the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction.
4. **Facilitating Research and Innovation**: Libraries support research by providing access to a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools.
5. **Encouraging Lifelong Learning**: Libraries offer resources and programs for continuous education and skill development, aligning with the NEP's goal of lifelong learning.
6. **Fostering Collaboration and Networking**: Libraries create spaces for collaboration and provide resources that support joint projects and research.

Academic libraries are essential in achieving the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system. They play a crucial role in providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills1.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** outlines several important roles for librarians in transforming India's education system:

1. **Curating Digital Resources**: Librarians are responsible for curating and managing digital resources, including e-books, online journals, and databases, to support the digital literacy goals of the NEP.
2. **Promoting Multilingualism**: Librarians help provide resources in multiple languages, supporting the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and the use of mother tongue as the medium of instruction.
3. **Supporting Research and Innovation**: Librarians assist students and faculty in accessing a wide range of research materials, databases, and tools, fostering a culture of research and innovation.
4. **Facilitating Lifelong Learning**: Librarians offer resources and programs for continuous education and skill development, aligning with the NEP's goal of lifelong learning.
5. **Creating Collaborative Spaces**: Librarians create spaces for collaboration and provide resources that support joint projects and research, promoting teamwork and interdisciplinary learning.

6. **Enhancing Digital Literacy**: Librarians play a crucial role in enhancing digital literacy by providing training and support for the use of digital resources and tools.

Librarians are essential in achieving the NEP's vision of creating a learner-centric, holistic education system. They contribute significantly to providing access to diverse and quality resources, promoting lifelong learning, and enhancing digital literacy skills.

1.4 promotion and conservation of indigenous knowledge

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** emphasizes the **promotion and conservation of indigenous knowledge** in several ways:

1. **Recognition of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)**: The NEP acknowledges the rich heritage of ancient knowledge systems, including those of indigenous communities. It aims to integrate these systems into the modern educational framework2.
2. **Multilingual Education**: The policy promotes the use of mother tongue and local languages as mediums of instruction, which helps preserve and promote indigenous languages and knowledge.
3. **Curriculum Integration**: The NEP suggests incorporating indigenous knowledge into the curriculum to provide a holistic and multidisciplinary education. This includes traditional practices, cultural traditions, and philosophical insights2.
4. **Research and Innovation**: The policy encourages research on indigenous knowledge systems to address contemporary social challenges. This includes developing modules for teacher training and orientation to enhance the efficacy of classroom instruction in IKS courses3.
5. **Public Engagement**: The NEP promotes public engagement and participation in indigenous knowledge projects through initiatives like Jan Bhagidari (citizen participation) programs. This helps in the widespread dissemination and preservation of authentic indigenous knowledge3.
6. **Global Cooperation**: The policy supports global cooperation to promote indigenous knowledge systems, aiming to secure a share of global tourism and generate employment opportunities.

By integrating these elements, the NEP 2020 aims to preserve and promote indigenous knowledge, ensuring that it continues to enrich the educational landscape and contribute to sustainable development.

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2024** builds on the foundation laid by NEP 2020 and introduces several new reforms to further enhance India's education system. Here are some key highlights:

1. **New School Education Structure**: The traditional 10+2 structure has been replaced with a more flexible 5+3+3+4 system. This new structure is designed to be more age-appropriate and developmentally aligned1.

2. **Foundational Stage**: For children aged 3-8, this stage includes three years of pre-primary education and grades 1 and 2, focusing on play-based and activity-based learning.
3. **Preparatory Stage**: For children aged 8-11 (grades 3-5), this stage emphasizes the development of literacy and numeracy skills.
4. **Middle Stage**: For children aged 11-14 (grades 6-8), this stage introduces subject-oriented learning while maintaining an experiential and activity-based approach.
5. **Secondary Stage**: For students aged 14-18 (grades 9-12), this stage offers greater flexibility and choice of subjects, eliminating rigid stream divisions.
6. **Board Examinations**: High-pressure board exams are mitigated by allowing exams to be taken twice a year, with students able to retain their best scores.
7. **Multidisciplinary Learning**: The policy promotes breaking down silos between academic streams, encouraging students to choose subjects across disciplines.
8. **Focus on Sustainability**: The NEP 2024 emphasizes the importance of sustainability in the education curriculum.

These reforms aim to make Indian education more holistic, flexible, and attuned to the demands of the 21st century.

Designing a digital library in line with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** involves several key considerations to ensure it meets the goals of promoting digital literacy, supporting multidisciplinary learning, and preserving indigenous knowledge. Here are some essential elements to consider:

1. **User-Friendly Interface**: The digital library should have an intuitive and easy-to-navigate interface, accessible to users of all ages and technical abilities.
2. **Multilingual Support**: To align with the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism, the digital library should offer resources in multiple languages, including regional and indigenous languages.
3. **Comprehensive Resource Collection**: The library should include a wide range of digital resources such as e-books, journals, research papers, multimedia content, and databases.
4. **Digital Literacy Programs**: The digital library should offer training and support programs to help users develop digital literacy skills, including how to effectively search for and use digital resources.
5. **Integration with Educational Curriculum**: The digital library should be integrated with the educational curriculum, providing resources that support the subjects and topics being taught in schools and universities.
6. **Research and Innovation Support**: The library should provide access to research materials, databases, and tools that support academic research and innovation.

7. **Collaborative Tools**: Features such as discussion forums, collaborative workspaces, and tools for sharing resources can facilitate collaboration among students and educators.
8. **Accessibility**: The digital library should be accessible to users with disabilities, ensuring that everyone can benefit from its resources.
9. **Sustainability Focus**: Resources related to sustainability and environmental education should be included to align with the NEP's focus on sustainability.
10. **Regular Updates and Maintenance**: The digital library should be regularly updated with new resources and maintained to ensure it remains a valuable tool for education and research.

By incorporating these elements, a digital library can effectively support the goals of the NEP 2020 and contribute to creating a learner-centric, holistic education system.

1.5 Librarians face several challenges in implementing theNational Education Policy (NEP)

2020. Here are some key challenges:

1. **Resource Constraints**: Limited funding can hinder the ability to upgrade infrastructure, acquire new resources, and provide training for staff.
2. **Skill Gaps**: Librarians may need additional training to develop skills in digital literacy, ICT, and modern pedagogical methods.
3. **Multilingual Resources**: Providing resources in multiple languages, including regional and indigenous languages, can be challenging due to the availability and cost of such materials.
4. **Collaboration and Networking**: Establishing effective collaboration and networking with other educational institutions and community organizations requires effort and coordination.
5. **Accessibility**: Ensuring that digital resources are accessible to all users, including those with disabilities, is a significant challenge.
6. **Community Engagement**: Engaging the community and promoting the use of library resources can be difficult, especially in rural or socio-economically disadvantaged areas.
7. **Keeping Up with Technological Advances**: Rapid technological changes require librarians to continuously update their knowledge and skills to provide relevant and up-to-date resources.
8. **Balancing Traditional and Digital Resources**: Maintaining a balance between traditional print resources and digital resources while ensuring both are accessible and relevant.

Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from librarians, educational institutions, and policymakers to ensure that libraries can effectively support the goals of the NEP 2020.

2. Conclusion

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a holistic, inclusive, and flexible education system in India. Academic libraries and librarians are pivotal in realizing this vision. Academic libraries play a crucial role in supporting multidisciplinary education, enhancing digital literacy, and promoting research and innovation. They provide access to diverse resources, including digital content and multilingual materials, aligning with the NEP's emphasis on multilingualism and indigenous knowledge conservation.

Librarians face challenges such as resource constraints, skill gaps, and the need for continuous adaptation to technological advances. However, by curating and managing a wide range of resources, offering training and support for digital literacy, and creating collaborative spaces, librarians can effectively support the NEP's goals.

In summary, academic libraries and librarians are key facilitators in transforming India's education landscape. Their contributions ensure access to quality resources, promote inclusivity, and foster a culture of lifelong learning and innovation, ultimately supporting the NEP 2020's vision of a learner-centric, holistic education system.

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LIBRARIES AS HUB FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

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Abstract : *Libraries have evolved beyond their traditional role as repositories of books to become dynamic centers for multidisciplinary learning. This paper explores the modern library's transformation into an inclusive space that fosters collaboration, research, and education across multiple disciplines. It examines the factors driving this shift, the role of technology, and the impact on students, researchers, and lifelong learners.*

Key word:- *Interdisciplinary Learning, Collaboration Resources,Knowledge Sharing, work shop event, Learing spaces*

1. Introduction

Libraries have historically served as the cornerstone of knowledge acquisition. However, in the digital age, their function has expanded significantly. Libraries now support interdisciplinary research, provide access to diverse learning resources, and serve as collaborative spaces for innovation. This paper examines how libraries facilitate multidisciplinary learning and the challenges and opportunities associated with this transition.

2.Importance of Libraries as hub for mulidisciciplinary

2. 1. Access to Diverse Knowledge

Libraries house resources across multiple disciplines, enabling students to explore subjects beyond their primary field of study. This fosters a well-rounded education and encourages interdisciplinary thinking.

2. 2. Encourages Research and Innovation

With access to books, journals, digital databases, and research papers, students can cross-reference ideas from different fields, leading to innovation and critical thinking.

2. 3. Supports Collaborative Learning

Libraries provide spaces where students from various disciplines can collaborate, exchange ideas, and engage in group discussions or projects.

2.4. Technology and Digital Resources

Modern libraries offer e-books, online journals, multimedia tools, and research software, allowing students to explore cutting-edge developments across fields.

2.5. Enhances Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

By engaging with materials from different disciplines, students develop analytical and problem-solving skills, essential for tackling complex real-world challenges.

2.6. Promotes Lifelong Learning

Libraries instill the habit of continuous learning, helping students remain adaptable and informed in an ever-evolving world.

2.7. Access to Expert Guidance

Librarians provide guidance on **research methods, citations, and academic integrity**, helping students improve their learning strategies across subjects.

3.Objectives of the Study: -

1. **To explore the role of libraries in promoting multidisciplinary learning** – Understand how libraries facilitate access to diverse knowledge across various disciplines.
2. **To analyze the impact of library resources on student learning and research** – Assess how books, digital resources, and academic journals contribute to students' ability to integrate knowledge from multiple fields.
3. **To examine the role of libraries in fostering collaboration and innovation** – Investigate how libraries create spaces for students from different disciplines to interact, share ideas, and work on interdisciplinary projects.
4. **To identify the technological advancements that enhance multidisciplinary learning in libraries** – Explore how digital databases, e-books, multimedia tools, and research software support learning across various subjects.
5. **To evaluate the effectiveness of library services in supporting interdisciplinary education** – Assess how libraries help students develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and adaptability in an evolving academic landscape.
6. **To recommend strategies for improving library facilities to better serve as multidisciplinary learning hubs** – Provide insights on how libraries can be further developed to enhance student engagement and knowledge integration

4. Literature Review

1. The Evolving Role of Libraries in Multidisciplinary Learning

Historically, libraries served as repositories of printed materials, but modern libraries now integrate **digital resources, online databases, and collaborative spaces** to support multidisciplinary education (Smith, 2020). According to Johnson and Williams (2019), libraries provide an environment where students from different fields can **access a variety of knowledge sources** and develop a holistic understanding of complex topics. .[Lankes, R. David**.** (2016). *The New Librarianship Field Guide*. The MIT Press.]

2. Libraries as a Bridge for Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Studies highlight how libraries **promote collaboration** between students from different disciplines. Turner (2021) argues that libraries encourage **peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing** through **study rooms, research workshops, and interdisciplinary discussion forums**. Additionally, libraries help break academic silos by offering **cross-disciplinary databases** and literature that enable students to incorporate multiple perspectives into their research (Garcia & Patel, 2018).

3. Digital Resources and Technology in Multidisciplinary Learning

The integration of **digital libraries, e-books, online journals, and research tools** has expanded access to knowledge beyond traditional print materials (Brown & Clark, 2022). Research by Miller (2020) suggests that **technological advancements** in libraries, such as **AI-**

powered search engines, virtual reality, and interactive learning spaces, have enhanced students' ability to explore connections between different academic disciplines.

4. The Role of Libraries in Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

Multidisciplinary learning encourages students to **develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills** by exposing them to different viewpoints (Taylor, 2017). Libraries provide **structured access to diverse academic materials**, allowing students to **synthesize information from multiple disciplines**, which is essential for tackling real-world challenges (Parker, 2021).

5. Challenges and Future Directions for Multidisciplinary Learning in Libraries

Despite their growing role, libraries face challenges such as **limited funding, inadequate technological infrastructure, and the need for specialized training for librarians** (Williams & Carter, 2020). Future research should explore how libraries can further adapt to emerging educational trends and provide **more personalized learning experiences** for students from various disciplines (Davis, 2022).

6 .**Research Methodology**

6.1. Research Design

This study adopts a **mixed-methods research approach**, combining **quantitative and qualitative** methods to provide a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

- **Quantitative Approach**: Surveys and questionnaires will be used to collect numerical data on students' use of library resources for multidisciplinary learning.
- **Qualitative Approach**: Interviews and case studies will explore students' experiences, challenges, and perceptions regarding library support for interdisciplinary education.

6.2. Data Collection Methods

a) Survey Method

A structured questionnaire will be distributed to **students, librarians, and faculty members** to assess:

- Frequency of library usage for multidisciplinary learning
- Types of resources accessed (books, digital materials, databases, etc.)
- Effectiveness of library spaces for collaboration
- Student satisfaction with library facilities and services

b) Interviews

Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with **librarians and students** to gain deeper insights into:

- The role of libraries in supporting multidisciplinary education
- Challenges students face in accessing multidisciplinary materials
- Recommendations for improving library resources and services

6.3. Sampling Techniques

A **stratified random sampling** method will be used to select students from different academic disciplines to ensure diverse perspectives. A sample size of **200 students, 10 librarians, and 10 faculty members** will be targeted for surveys and interviews

6.4. Data Analysis

- **Quantitative Data** (from surveys) will be analyzed using **statistical tools** (e.g., SPSS, Excel) to identify trends and correlations.
- **Qualitative Data** (from interviews and case studies) will be analyzed using **thematic analysis** to identify common themes and patterns

6.The Evolution of Libraries Traditional libraries focused on archiving and lending books, whereas modern libraries incorporate digital resources, maker spaces, and collaborative work areas. Advances in technology, such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and big data, have enhanced access to information across multiple disciplines, allowing for a more integrated learning experience.

7. Facilitating Multidisciplinary Learning Libraries support multidisciplinary learning through various initiatives, including:

- **Access to Digital Resources**: Online databases, e-books, and open-access journals provide researchers with information across various fields.

Collaborative Spaces**: Study rooms, discussion areas, and maker spaces encourage teamwork and innovation among students froObjectives of the Study: Libraries as Hubs for Multidisciplinary Learning**

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- **To recommend strategies for improving library facilities to better serve as multidisciplinary learning hubs** – Provide insights on how libraries can be further developed to enhance student engagement and knowledge integration. different academic backgrounds.
- **Workshops and Training Programs**: Libraries offer workshops on research methods, coding, data analysis, and other interdisciplinary skills.

Specialized Research Assistance**: Librarians provide expert guidance on literature searches, data management, and citation practices. .**[Forrest, Charles & Halbert, Martin (Eds.).(2009). *Beyond the Information Commons: A Field Guide to Evolving Library Services*. Libraries Unlimited**.**

8. The Role of Technology Emerging technologies have transformed libraries into interactive learning hubs. Key technological advancements include:

- **Artificial Intelligence**: AI-driven search tools improve the efficiency of research and information retrieval.
- **Virtual and Augmented Reality**: VR and AR applications enable immersive learning experiences in fields such as medicine, engineering, and the arts.
- **Data Analytics**: Libraries use data analytics to track user engagement and improve service offerings.

9. Case Studies Several academic and public libraries have successfully implemented multidisciplinary learning initiatives. This section will highlight examples from leading institutions, illustrating best practices and successful outcomes.

6. Challenges and Future Directions Despite the benefits, libraries face challenges in adapting to multidisciplinary learning, including budget constraints, digital divide issues, and the need for continuous staff training. The paper discusses strategies to overcome these challenges and future trends in library services.

7. Conclusion Libraries have become essential hubs for multidisciplinary learning, integrating technology and collaborative spaces to support diverse fields of study. By continuing to evolve, they will remain vital to education, research, and lifelong learning in the digital era.

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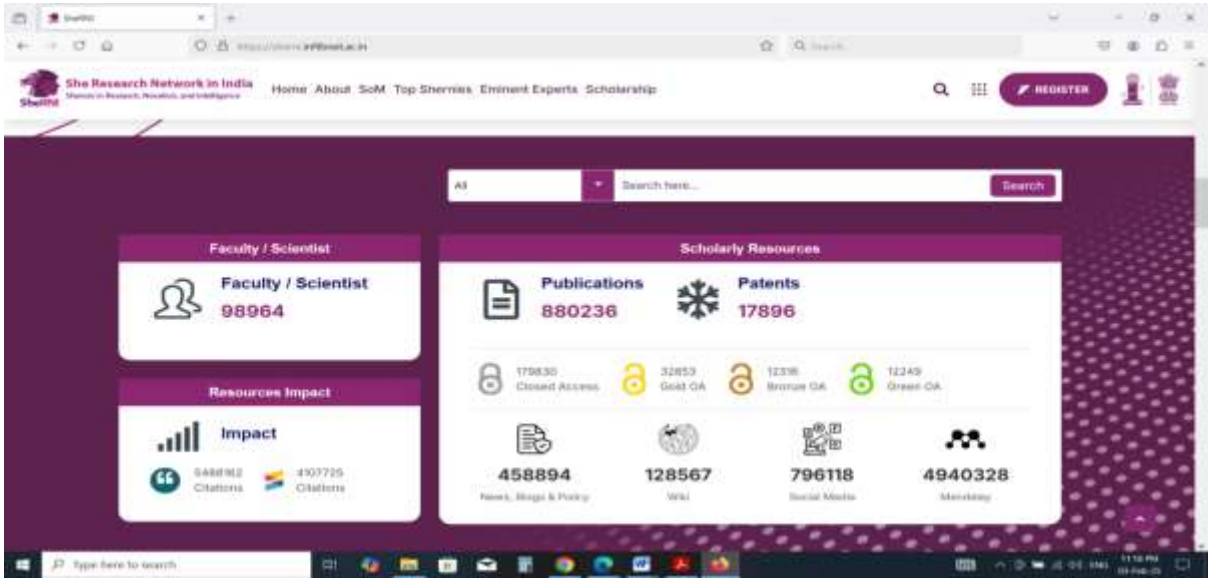

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- ९२२७४ lk/ku Green Open Access vrxr
- ९७९९८० lk/ku Closed Access Lo:ikr

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- vfrfjä४९,४०,३२८ lk/ku fofo/k Lo:ikr miyC/k vkgr-

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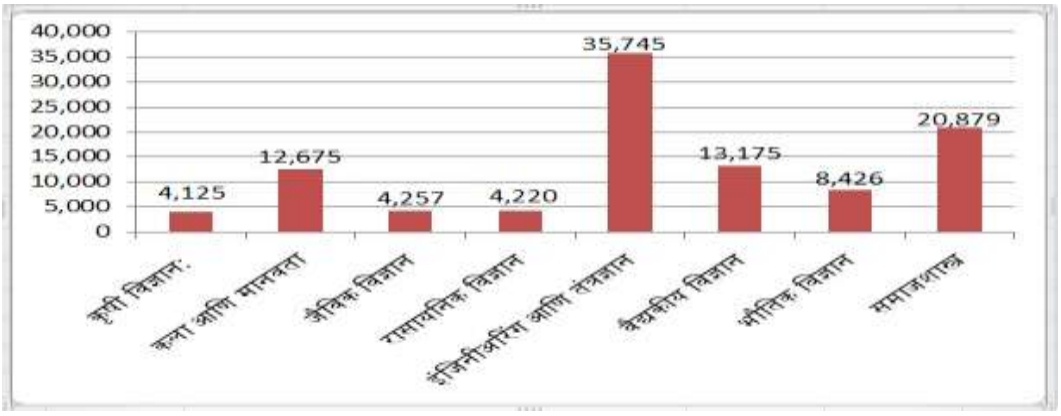

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xFkky; gh ,d lkekftd lLFkk vkg rlp xFkky;kpk eG m/n"k lxfgr Kku o ekfgrh okpdki;r/mi;ktud i;r ikgpfou gk vlrk, R;keG xFkky; xFkiky o brj depkjh ;koj vlr- fo|eku tx g ekghrh r=Kkukp vkg vl lxG lck/krkr R;keG ikphu dkGkiklu r vkti;r Kku ekfgrh lxgkph lk/ku cnyr vkyh vkg- ekghrhilkj.kkph uoufou ek/;e o i/nrhr dkGku:i cny gkr tkÅu vk/kfudhdj.kkph l:okr gkÅu R;kulkj xFkky;hu loke/; l/nk cny gkr vkgr- R;kulkj xFkky;hu okpd/mi;ktd ;kuk uohu xFkky; lokp vk;ktu d:u uohu fi<hyk mi;Dr iMy v"kk lok xFkky;kru dk.kR;k nrk ;rhy ;koj xFkky; Hkj nr vkg- R;kulkj vk/kfud r=Kkukpk fLodkj xFkikyku dyk vkg- xFkky;kpk oG o ilk dlk okpy rlp ntnkj uouohu xFkky; lok i<P;k fi<hyk d"kk nrk ;rhy ;kpk i;Ru vk/kfud xFkiky djr vlrkr-

ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र हा विषय झपाट्यात प्रगती करत आहे- ekghrh foLiQkVkP;k ;xkr ekfgrhpk ilkj vkf.k ipkj oxku gkr vkg, Eg.ku ekfgrhP;k lc/khr lo ifjek.k xFkky; ;k fo"k;kr lekfo"V >kyh vkgr- xFkky;kp egRo fnolfnol ok<r vkg, dk.kR;kgh ekfgrh"kh ifjphr gk.;kl Kku vl EgVy tkr- Kku gk lLFkrhy ,d vfr'k; egRokpk L=kr vlrk- ex ती संस्था शैक्षणिक असे किंवा संषोधन व्यावसायिक असो' m|kx/knk dj.kkjh txkrhy cÚ;kp n"kkuh vkiyk lkekftd vkf.k vkfFkd fodkl Kkukp ;kX; mik;ktu vkf.k Kkukrhy ixrh ;kP;kp ek/;ek}kj dyk tkr vlrk- Kkukp idkf'kr L=kr Eg.ktp lLFkkp HkkMoy vkg vKkukP;k fojk/kkr t lR; vkg rp lR; vkg vl Kku lkBfo.;kp lk/ku xFkky; g mRre nkyu vlr- Eg.ku xFkky;kp iohp Lo:i g QDr xFk o fu;rdkfyd b- okpu lkfgR; miyC/k d:u n.kkj gkr- ijr vkt Kku fofo/k lk/kuk}kj o ek/;ek}kj xFkky;kr lxfgr dy tkr, Eg.ku xFkky;kyk egkfo|ky;kpk àn;kph miek fnyyh vlr-

2- xFkky;hu mi;ktd/okpd (Users)

okpd/mi;ktd Eg.kt vl lo egRokp ?kVd/x.k/ke T;kP;k f'kok; ekfgrh i.kkyhpk i.k gkÅ शकत नाही-

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mi;ktd (User) :gh lKk vkg] th lolk/kkj.kiu ekfgrh loP;k vkf.k xFkky;kP;k lnHkkr lgHkkxh vkf.k ifrlkndklkBh okijyh tkr-

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dk.kR;kgh xFkky;kph rRijrk vkf.k ifj.kkedkjdrk gh QDr xFklxgko:u ektrk ;r ukgh rj r xFkky; R;kP;k okpdkuk dk.kR;k lok o lfo/kk miyC/k d:u nr ;koj vkycu vlr- R;keG egkfo|ky;hu ik;Ú;k p<.kkÚ;k uokxrdkuk egkfo|ky;hu xFkky;kpk fo|kFkh ftoukr vk/kkj ?;kok ykxrk] R;keG xFkky;krhy xFkikykyk v'kk uohu okpdkuk xFkky;kpk ijij mi;kx dlk djrk ;by g;k m/n"kku uo&mide lk/ku xFkky;hu okpu lkfgR;kpk mi;kx gkby vl mide jkcfor vlrk- R;kulkj ufou vkxrdklkBh fofo/k midekP;k dk;dekP;k ek/;ekru okpu lkfgR;kph vkoM fuek.k dj.;kp dk; xFkky;kr dy tkr-

3- xFkky;kr okpdkp idkj

xFkky;krhy okpd g oxoxG;k idkjp vlrkr tl lkotuhd xFkky;kr ;.kkj okpd ike[;ku ey] fo|kFkh, xfg.kh, शेतकरी, lokfuoRr 0;Drh, lk{kj vkf.k l"kk/kd n[kh vlrkr, 'k{kf.kd xFkky;kr vkf.k fo"ks"k xFkky;ke/; okpd toG&toG ,dlkj[k vlrkr- Eg.ku xFkky;krhy okpdkiek.k R;kuk okpu lkfgR; ijfo.;kp dk; xFkky;kp vlr-

4- uohu mi;ktdklkBh egkfo|ky;kpk midse %

१. xFkky; ifjp;
२. xFk vkG[k
३. xFkky;krhy mi;ktdkuk ekfgrh n.k-
४. xFkky;krhy lkekU; lpuk-

5- xFkky; ifjp; %

;ke/; okpdkuk xFkky;krhy fofo/k dkekpk ifjp; d:u fnyk tkrk] dkekp rkl] fnol] fofo/k foHkkx xFkky;hu lxg xFkky;hu fu;e] fu;rdkfyd] lkekU; xFk] lnHk xFk] xFkky;hu शुल्क, सद"; ukn.kh rlp xFkkph nok.k&?koku vkf.k xFkky;hu depkjh ;kpk ifjp; d:u fnyk tkrk-

6- xFk vkG[kh

;ke/; xFkky;kr miyC/k lk/ku lkexh ;koj ekghrh fnyh tkr- R;keG okpdkuk xFkky;kpk okij djrkuk lk/kxFk, lnHk xFk vkid ;kpk okij] bVjuV lfo/kkpk mi;kx d'kk idkj djkok ;kfo"k;h ekxn'ku egkfo|ky;hu xFkiky ufou mi;ktdkyk/okpdkuk nr vlrk-

7- xFkky;krhy okpdkuk ekfgrh n.k %

ग्रंथालयांत जेव्हा वाचक ग्रंथालयीन शुल्क भरतात त्यावेळी त्यांना विविध ग्रंथालयीन सेवा व lfo/kk n.;kp dk; dy tkr- R;kulkj fofo/k uohu okpd/mi;ktd ;kuk fn"kk fun'k nÅu xFkky;hu lk/kukpk ijij okij 0gkok ;klkBh i;Ru djhr vlrkr-

8- xFkklc/kh lkekU; lpuk %

mi;ktd/वाचकांना ग्रंथालयीन नियमावलीचे पालन करण्याविषयी मार्गदर्षन केले जाते- ;kulkj xFkky;hu okpdkuk xFkky;kph vkG[k dyh tkr] o R;kulkj xFkky;krhy lok o lfo/kk ;k cgky dY;k tkrkr R;kulkj fo|kFkh xFkky;kpk ykHk ?kr vlrkr- egkfo|ky;krhy xFkky; vk/kfud r=KkukP;k okijku vkt fofo/k okpu lkfgR;kP;k ek/;ekuh vktP;k uohu fi<hyk uohu r=KkukP;k lkgk;ku fofo/k uo&uohu Kku xgu dj.;kP;klkBh y{kkr ?kÅu fofo/k lok n.;klkBh i;Rujr vlrkr- R;kulkj uohu fi<hlkBh [kkyhy iek.k lok n.;kp dk; [kkyhy iek.k lkfxry vkg-

u0;k fi<hP;k okpdkP;k cnyR;k xjtkuk y{kkr ?kÅu vkt 'k{kf.kd egkfo|ky;krhy ;kru [kkyhy iek.k ukfo.;i.k lok xFkky; okpdkuk/ mi;ktdkuk nrk ;rkr-

9- fMthVy xFkky; %

fMthVy xFkky; Eg.kt vl xFkky; gk; dh T;ke/; ikjikfjd xFkky;kiklu fnY;k जाणाऱ्या माहिती विषयक सेवामध्ये संगणक संम्प्रेषन तंत्रज्ञानाच्या साहाय्याने नवीन पिढीला माहिती lokpk vf/kd fodkl o foLrkj d:u R;k iHkkohi.k ijfork ;rkr-

fMftVy xFkky;keG efnr Lo:ikrhy xFk] fuy;rdkyhd] y[k Nk;kfp=] ifVx rlp byDVkfud Lo:ikrhy lkexhr n0;Jk0;] vky[kh; lk/ku] lh-Mh] fM]0gh]Mh- lhMh-jke ek;dkQhp eVkMkVkcl l b- lk/kuk}kj iy[kkp tkLrhr tkLr dkG tru djrk ;r-

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10- ekckby ,ll vkf.k vkuykbu ikVYl %

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uruhdj.k vkf.k fMftVy okpu lkfgR; ikIr dj.;klkBh vko';d R;k lpukp ikyu d:u ekfgrh feGfo.;klkBh okpdkuk lok nr vlrkr-

11. lkekftd vkf.k lkLdfrd dk;dde %

egkfo|ky xFkky;krhy okpu lkfgR;kpk Hkjij iek.kkr okij 0gkok gk e[; mn'k xFkky;kpk vlrk- R;keG xFkky;hu okpdkuk/उपयोजकांना ग्रंथालयाकडे आकर्षित करण्यासाठी xFkky; foHkkxku oGkoGh fo|kFkh okpdkuk ij.kk feGkoh ;k lkBh xFkky;kr iLrdppk] y[kd HkVh] fofo/k dk;''kkGk vkf.k lkLdfrd dk;dekp vk;ktu dY;kl fuf'prp xFkky;kdM okpd ik< fQjo.kkj ukgh o xFkky;kdM vlyyk Kku lkfgR;kpk okikj gkÅu xFkky; 'kkL=kp fl/nkr iR;d xFkklkBh okpd o iR;d okpdklkBh xFk ;kp ijij ikyu gkÅu xFkkuk U;k; feG;kl enr gkby-

12-xFkky; lgdk; vkf.k uVofdx %

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13-o;Drhd lok %

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14- lrr dk;jr vH;kfldk%

uohu fi<hryk okpdmi;ktd ;kuk ekfgrh r=Kk.kkP;k ;xkr uohu ekghrh d'kh vkf.k dk.kR;k ekxkuh ikIr djrk ;by ;kdM y{k vlrk- v'kk oGh v'kk okpdklkBh xFkky; okpdkuk dk.kR;k&dk.kR;k ekxkuh fo|kFkh/okpdkuk U;k; nrk ;by à;k m/n"kku egkfo|ky;krhy v'kk uohu fi<hrhy okpdkph xjt i.k dj.;kdjhrk R;kyk vokrj vl okpuklkBh ;kX; vl okrkoj.k r;kj dj.;klkBh okpdklkBh/mi;ktdklkBh xFkky; २४ rkl m?kMh BoY;kl okpdkuk R;kuk ;kX; ekfgrh ikIr djrk ;.;kl enr gkÅ 'kdr- R;kpiek.k fo|kF;kuk vkf.k l'kk/kdkuk R;kP;k

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15-xFkky; 0;oLFkkiu i.kkyhpk okij %

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rlp brj loP;k ek/;ekru okpdkuk vk/kfud xFkky; [kkyhy lok nrkuk fnlrkr-

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१. bVjuV lok
२. fMtkVy yc
३. विशेष ग्रंथसंग्राहाचे डिजीटायझे”ku
४. byDVkfud lnHk lok
५. bVj yk;cjh yku lok
६. b-ifCyflx
७. byDVkfud MkD;eV fMfy0gjh lf0gl
८. byVkfud fFkfll o M>jV'ku
९. vkid(Search Book, Junranals, Artical)
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११.fuoMd ekfgrhp ilkj lok
१२. E-Book service
१३. Thematic Book Display
१४. Research cell Book
१५. Books Exhibition
१६. Student Internship program
१७. Orientation Program
१८. Book Bank service
१९. E- Article.
२०. E-Mail Alert Service
२१. Employment news service.

v'kk idkj ikjikfjd xFkky;kP;k lok i{kk oxG;k Lo:ikP;k lok] ufou fi<hrhy okpdkuk nrk ;Å 'kdrkr- ;k ukfoU;i.k lokP;k ek/;ekru xFkky; u0;k fi<hP;k okpdkuk आकर्षित करू शकता आणि त्यांची माहितीची गरज पूर्ण करू शकतात-

निष्कर्ष :

vk/kfud ekfgrhP;k ;xkr ekfgrhP;k LQkVkeG o l”kk/kukr lkrR;ku gkr vlyY;k ok<heG xFkky;keG xFkky;kp Lo:i fnolufnol cnyr pkyyk vkg- fMftVy xFkky;keG ikFkfed Lo:ikrhy iy[k Rojhr 'kk/ku xFkky;kph mRikndrk o {kerk ok<fo.;kl enr gkÅ ykxyh vkg-

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dYkk o foKku egkfo|kYk;, fpp¨Ykh ½fYk-½]
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1- ÁLrkouk

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xFkkYk; g nh?kdkGkiklu l'k¨/ku ÁfØ;pk ,d e/;orÊ Òkx vkg- ekfgrh llk/kuke/; Áo'k Ánku djr vlr vkf.k l'k¨/kdkYkk R;kYkk goh vl.kkjh ekfgrh Áklr d#u nr vlr- ekfgrhph e¨BÓk Áek.kkr ok< Yk{kkr ?¨rk l'k¨/ku dk;klkBh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukr xFkkYk;kph Òfedk vk.k[kh egRokpk cuYkh vkg- mPp x.koÙ¨p l'k¨/ku dj.;klkBh l'k¨/kdkuk ekfgrh ÁÒkfori.¨ feGfo.¨ vko';d vkg vkf.k xFkkYk; ;k ÁfØ;Ykk ikBÈck n.;kr egRokpk Òfedk ctkor vkg-

2- l:'k¨/kukr ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukpk egRo o xFkkYk;kph Òfedk

l'k¨/ku fu"d"kkph x.koÙkk] v[kMrk vkf.k iumRiknukr {kerk lfuf'pr dj.;klkBh l'k¨/kukr xFkkYk;kuk ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu dj.¨ vko';d vkg- ÁÒkoh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu g l'k¨/kdkuk vkiY¨ l'k¨/ku dk; l{ke dj.;klkBh enr djrkr-

1½ ekfgrh l:llk/kuki;:r Áo'k Ánku dj.¨

xFkkYk;kP;k ÁkFkfed Òfedidh ,d Eg.kt ekfgrh llk/kuki;r l'k¨/kdkYkk Áo'k Ánku dj.¨-;ke/; iLrd] fu;rdkfYkd] MVkcl vkf.k llk/kuklc/kh brj lkfgR; ;kpk leko'k vkg-

ग्रंथालयामध्ये संसाधनांपर्यंत संशोधकांना विविध पद्धती वापरतात ज्यात ऑनलाईन कॅटलॉग, डिस्कव्हरी Y¨;l vkf.k bVjYkk;cjh Yk¨u lok ;kpk leko'k g¨r¨- ekfgrh llk/kukP;k foLrr J.khe/; Áo'k Ánku d#u xFkkYk; l'k¨/kdkuk R;kP;k l'k¨/ku dk;klkBh vko';d vlY¨Ykh ekfgrh ijfo.;kl enr d#u R;kp l'k¨/ku l{ke dj.;kpk Á;Ru djhr vlrkr-

2½ ekfgrh lk{kjrk Áf'k{k.k

xFkkYk; ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukr vkiYkh Òfedk Ánku djhr vlrkuk ekfgrh lk{kjrk Áf'k{k.k n.¨ vko';d vkg- ekfgrh lk{kjrk Eg.kt ekfgrh 'k¨/k.;kph] eY;kdu dj.;kph vkf.k ÁÒkohi.¨ okij.;kph {kerk vkf.k l'k¨/kdklkBh vko';d rh ekfgrh feGfo.;klkBh ,d vko';d d©'kY; fuek.k djr-xFkkYk;kuh l'k¨/kdkuk R;kph ekfgrh lk{kjrk d©'kY; fodflr dj.;klkBh fdok enr dj.;klkBh fofo/k Áf'k{k.k dk;Øe vkf.k dk;'kkGk ;kp vk;¨tu dj.¨ egRokp vkg- T;ke/; ekfgrhpk 'k¨/k] ekfgrh ÁfrÁklrh] l'k¨/ku i)rh ;kpk leko'k dj.¨ vko';d vkg-

3½ ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu o l:'k"/ku

xFkkYk;ke/; ekfgrhp 0;oLFkkiu gk ,d l'k"/ku ÁfØ;pk Òkx vlu egRokpk iYk vkg- l'k"/kdkuk R;kph ekfgrh vpd] i.k vkf.k lYkÒ dj.;klkBh ÁÒkfori.¨ xFkkYk;kuh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu dj.;kph vko';drk vkg- ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukP;k lo¨Ùke i)rhoj Áf'k{k.k] ekfgrh lxg.k vkf.k ekfgrh ÁfrÁklrh lok nou llk/kukr xFkkYk; egRokph Òfedk ctkor vkgr-

l'k"/ku dk;klkBh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu d#u egRokph Òfedk ctkor vlugh R;kuk vud vk0gkukuk r¨M |ko Ykkxr vkg- e[; vk0gkukidh ,d Eg.kt miYkC/k ekfgrhp ok<r Áek.k R;keG l'k"/kdkuk vko';d vlY¨Ykh ekfgrh 'k"/k.¨ dBh.k >kY¨ vkg- R;kpÁek.¨ xFkkYk;kuk fuf/kph derjrk ;k vk0gkukuk l)k r¨M |ko Ykkxr vkg- rjhgh xFkkYk;kuk ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukrhYk uouohu r«kKku ;kP;k'kh tGou ?¨.¨ vko';d vkg-

4½ l:'k"/kdkP;k cnYkR;k xjt i:.k: dj.;klkBh

l'k"/kdkP;k cnYkR;k xjtk i.k dj.;klkBh xFkkYk;kuh uouohu ldYiuk o vk/kfud lk/kukpk mi;¨x dj.¨ vko';d vkg- ;ke/; ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu] b&cDl] b&tuYl] Ñf«ke c)heÙkk vkf.k ef'ku Ykkfux lkj[;k uohu r«kKku vkf.k nf"Vd¨uklg Á;¨x dj.;kl n[khYk r;kj vl.¨ xFkkYk;kuk vko';d vkg-

3- ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiuklkBh xtFkkYk; l:ok

ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu gh ,d l'k"/ku dk;klkBh xFkkYk;kuh fnY¨Ykh ,d lok vlu l'k"/ku dk;klkBh l'k"/kd R;kYkk goh vl.kkjh ekfgrh feGfo.;klkBh xFkkYk;kdM ;r vlr¨- dkj.k l'k"/kd o l'k"/ku ;krhYk egRokpk nok Eg.kt xFkkYk; g¨;- R;keG l'k"/kdkYkk goh vl.kkjh ekfgrh ijfo.;klkBh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu gh ,d lok vlu gh lok n.;klkBh xFkkYk; i<hYk fofo/k lok nr vkgr-

1½ ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu fu;¨tu

l'k"/kdkuk vkiY;k l'k"/ku dk;klkBh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu fu;¨tu dj.¨ vko';d vlu T;ke/; ekfgrh d'kh Áklr d'kh djrk ;bYk] rh ekfgrh lxfgr dj.¨ o lkekf;d dj.¨ ;kph #ij"kk fnYkh tkr-

2½ eVkMVk fufe:rh

xFkkYk; mPp x.koÙ¨pk eVkMVk r;kj dj.¨] ekfgrhpk 'k"/k o ekfgrhpk iuokij dj.;klkBh l'k"/kdkuk xFkkYk; enr d# 'kdrkr-

3½ ekfgrh l:xg

xFkkYk;kuh ekfgrhpk lxg dj.¨ vko';d vlu R;klkBh lLFkkid ÒkMkj fdok lxg ;klkj[¨ mik; Ánku dj.¨ vko';d vkg-

4½ lgdk;: vkf.k le:o;

l'k¨/ku ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiu i)rh fodflr dj.;klkBh xFkkYk;kuh l'k¨/kd ekfgrh r«kKku foÒkx o brj 0;kolkf;d fodklkP;k l/khe/; xro.kd dj.¨ vko';d vkg- rlp xFkkYk;hu depkÚ;klkBh vko';d Áf'k{k.k] d©'kY; ;klkBh Áf'k{k.k ox l# dj.¨ vko';d vkg-

4- fu"d"k

l'k¨/ku dk;klkBh ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiukr xFkkYk; egRokph Òfedk ctkor vlr- ekfgrh llk/kuke/; Áo'k] ekfgrh lk{kjrk] Áf'k{k.k vkf.k l'k¨/ku ekfgrh 0;oLFkkiuklkBh leFku Ánku dj.¨ o l'k¨/kdkuk mPp x.koÙ¨p l'k¨/ku dj.;kl l{ke djrkr- rlp xFkkYk;kuh miYkC/k ekfgrhp ok<r Áek.k vkf.k e;kfnr fu/kh ;klg vud vk0gkukuk r¨M |ko Ykkxr- l'k¨/kdkP;k cnYkR;k xjtk i.k dj.;klkBh vkf.k l'k¨/ku ÁfØ;Ykk leFku n.kkÚ;k uohu lok vkf.k llk/ku inku dj.k vko';d vkg-

5- lnÒ;xFk

1. l'k¨/ku xFkkYk; ½2019½] l'k¨/ku leFku lok xFkkYk;klkBh ,d ekxn'kd ¼;d½
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सार :*संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन ही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे . ज्यामध्ये संघटित , दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्यासारखी गुणवत्तापूर्ण संशोधन माहिती तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. यात ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका फार महत्वाची आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे या माहितीचे संपूर्ण आयुष्यभर , नियोजन, उत्पादन, निवड आणि मूल्यमापनापासून ते पुनर्वापराच्या उद्देशांसाठी साठवणूक आणि प्रक्रिया करण्यापर्यंतच्या प्रक्रियेचा भाग संदर्भ म्हणून देता येतो.ग्रंथालयाच्या उपस्थितीशिवाय संस्था अस्तित्वात आणि योग्यरित्या कार्य करू शकत नाही कारण शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयाद्वारे प्रदान केलेल्या सेवांची गुणवत्ता प्रतिबिंबित करते. या संशोधन लेखामध्ये ग्रंथालयाच्या संकल्पनेचा थोडक्यात आढावा मांडण्याचा प्रयत्न केला आहे , संशोधन माहिती, संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन आणि त्याच्या मर्यादा तसेच शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका विशद केली आहे. या भूमिकांनी नवीन पॅराडाइम शिफ्ट अनुभवले आहे, माहितीच्या उदयोन्मुख लहरींचा परिणाम म्हणून अभूतपूर्व आकार बदलणे आणि बदल कम्युनिकेशन टेक्नॉलॉजी (ICT) आणि त्यासोबतचे शाश्वत आणि व्यत्यय आणणारे तंत्रज्ञान विज्ञान आता डिजिटल डेटाचे उत्पादन, संचयन आणि प्रसार करत आहेत. माहिती ग्रंथालयामध्ये संग्रहित केला जात. त्यामुळे डेटा जतन करणे महत्त्वाचे . संशोधन लेख शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रातील उदयोन्मुख भूमिकेचे वर्णन करण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. तृतीय संस्थांमध्ये संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन ग्रंथालयात महत्वाची भूमिका बजावतात.*

शब्द्द संज्ञा : *प्रस्तावना , ग्रंथालयाची संकल्पना , संशोधन माहितीची संकल्पना , तृतीयक संस्थेतील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे विहंगावलोकन , तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन,*

1. प्रस्तावना

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे काय ? संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे. ज्यामध्ये संघटित, दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्यासारखी गुणवत्ता पूर्ण संशोधन माहिती तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. ग्रंथालय हा शिक्षण व्यवस्थेचा एक महत्त्वाचा पैलू आहे जो शिक्षणाला आधार देतो. सर्वसाधारणपणे मध्यवर्ती समर्थन देण्याच्या जबाबदारीने त्यावर आडकाठी टाकली गेली आहे. अध्यापन, शिक्षण आणि संशोधनासाठी महाविद्यालयीन जीवनातील भूमिका महत्वाची असते. या भूमिकांनी नवीन पॅराडाइम शिफ्ट अनुभवले आहे , अभूतपूर्व माहितीच्या उदयोन्मुख लहरींचा परिणाम म्हणून आकार बदलणे आणि बदल करणे कम्युनिकेशन टेक्नॉलॉजी (ICT) आणि त्यासोबतचे शाश्वत आणि व्यत्यय आणणारे तंत्रज्ञान हे सखोल बदल सर्वांमध्ये स्पष्टपणे दिसून येतात उच्च शिक्षण क्षेत्रावर बदलांचा परिणाम म्हणून विद्यापीठे द्वारे प्रदान केलेल्या संधींना प्रतिसाद म्हणून संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे त्यांचे कार्य बदलत आहेत.

इतर उच्च शिक्षण क्षेत्रांसह डिजिटल क्रांतीची पुष्टी केली की यामध्ये नवनवीन पद्धत बदल करण्यात आले आहेत ग्रंथालयामध्ये मध्ये आणि त्यांच्यामध्ये माहिती सेवांच्या तरतूदीची पद्धत आणि पद्धती जे तृतीयक संस्थांच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतात. निरीक्षण केलेल्या ट्रेंडमुळे वाढ होते नवीन आणि उदयोन्मुख ग्रंथालय सेवांची मागणी , जी लक्षणीयरीत्या स्थित आहे विविध तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर, जसे की कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI), क्लाउड संगणन, इंटरनेट ऑफ थिंग (IoT), इंटरनेट ऑफ एव्हरीथिंग (IoE), मशीन लर्निंग, बिग डेटा, डेटा क्यू-रेशन आणि खाणकाम तसेच डेटा व्यवस्थापन सेवा ; अशा प्रकारे,

अग्रगण्य संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) आणि ग्रंथालयाच्या च्या सहभागाची लोकप्रियते नुसार , अधिक ग्रंथालये विकसित झाली आहेत उदयोन्मुख डेटा व्यवस्थापन पद्धतींमध्ये सहभागी होण्यासाठी कार्यक्रम विकसित करणे आवश्यक आहे.

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या वापर सर्व प्रकारच्या कृतीसाठी केला जातो आणि संपूर्ण संशोधन माहिती/डेटा आणि इतर डिजिटल सामग्रीचे स्वरूप वापरकर्त्यांच्या पुढील पिढ्यांच्या वर्तमान आणि भविष्यातील वापरासाठी जीवन चक्र आणि कालांतराने उपयोगात येईल. संशोधन माहिती संग्रहण आणि सर्व स्वरूपांमध्ये जतन करण्याच्या प्रक्रियेमध्ये सर्व समाविष्ट असले पाहिजेत. चांगल्या संशोधन माहिती निर्मिती आणि व्यवस्थापनासाठी आवश्यक प्रक्रिया आणि माहितीच्या नवीन स्रोतांमधून व्युत्पन्न केलेल्या माहिती मध्ये मूल्य जोडण्याची क्षमता आणि ज्ञान त्यानुसार शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RMD हे उदयोन्मुख क्षेत्र आहे. संशोधन डेटा सेवा (RDS) च्या संकलनाची आवश्यकता आहे डेटा-केंद्रित वाढीस प्रतिसाद म्हणून शैक्षणिक समुदायाचे सदस्य संशोधन , ग्रंथालयांच्या बदलत्या भूमिका आणि संशोधन डेटाची गरज ओळखणे व्यवस्थापन, कमतरता आहे विकसनशील देशांतील तृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये स्थापन करण्यासाठी साहित्य, जे विकसित देशांमध्ये समान नाही , जिथे महत्त्वपूर्ण घडामोडी घडल्या आहेत शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये अस्तित्वात असल्याचे नोंदवले गेले आहे

2. ग्रंथालयाची संकल्पना:

संशोधन ग्रंथालये म्हणजे ज्या ग्रंथालयात विशेष प्रकारचे प्रलेख असतात व व्यापक प्रमाणात संशोधन कार्य हाती घेण्याकरिता विविध सेवा पुरवल्या जातात, असे ग्रंथालय. संशोधन ग्रंथालयाचा संबध हा संशोधन कार्याशी निगडित असतो. ज्याआधनवीन विषयाची, माहितीची, ज्ञानाची निर्मिती व विकास होतो.

आधुनिक काळात ग्रंथालयांची उद्दिष्टे बदलली आहेत. ग्रंथालये आता शैक्षणिक एजंट आहेत , सामाजिक, आर्थिक आणि राजकीय क्रांती आणि त्यांच्या आवश्यक असलेल्या सर्वांसाठी प्रवेश योग्य सेवा याचा अर्थ ग्रंथालय , हे आता संपादनासाठी सोपवलेले ठिकाण आहे , संघटना, जतन, साठवण, पुनर्प्राप्ती आणि माहितीचा प्रसार. एक चांगला ग्रंथालय आणि माहिती सेवा या संशोधनासाठी आवश्यक घटक म्हणून नोंदल्या गेल्या आहेत, यशस्वी शिकवणे आणि शिकणे तृतीय संस्थांची उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका आणि महत्प्रयासाने शैक्षणिक संस्था शैक्षणिक , बौद्धिक आणि इतरांसाठी प्रदान करण्यास सक्षम असतील चांगल्या ग्रंथालयांच्या सेवेशिवाय विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आवडी आणि माहितीच्या गरजा.शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये आहेत ज्ञान निर्मितीसाठी आवश्यक योगदान आणि विस्तृत स्पेक्ट्रम सेवा ज्ञान साधक.
शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालय हे मुख्य केंद्र म्हणून काम करते शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांकडे लक्ष वेधले आहे ते विद्यापीठे , पॉलिटेक्निक, शिक्षण महाविद्यालये आणि इतरांशी संलग्न तत्सम उच्च शिक्षण संस्था आहेत. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधनाच्या गरजा पूर्ण करतात पुस्तके, नियतकालिके, चित्रपट, रेकॉर्डिंग, संगणक डेटाबेस आणि सक्षम मानवी संसाधने. आणि ग्रंथालयाद्वारे पुरविल्या जाणाऱ्या माहितीच्या स्त्रोतांची विपुलता शिकण्याचे वातावरण बहुकार्यात्मक वातावरण प्रदान केले पाहिजे निर्धारित उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी व्यक्तींसाठी एक व्यासपीठ तयार करेल. शैक्षणिक समुदायाच्या गरजा पूर्ण करणे; अभ्यास प्रदान करण्यासाठी वापरकर्त्यांसाठी क्षेत्रे; विविध प्रकारच्या वापरकर्त्यांसाठी योग्य असलेली कर्ज सेवा प्रदान करण्यासाठी ; आणि एक सक्रिय माहिती सेवा प्रदान करणे जी संस्थेच्या पलीकडे विस्तारू शकते त्यांच्या वापरकर्त्यांच्या सतत बदलत्या गरजा प्रतिबिंबित केल्या पाहिजेत. ग्रंथालये अध्यापन, शिकणे आणि संशोधनास महत्त्वपूर्णपणे समर्थन देतात हे एक उत्सुक सत्य आहे तृतीय संस्था.
दर्जेदार अध्यापन प्रदान करण्यासाठी उत्तम साठा असलेली ग्रंथालये तृतीयक संस्थांच्या अजेंडावर आधारित आहेत आणि

शिक्षण आणि संशोधन क्रियाकलापांना समर्थन देतात. . वापरकर्त्यांद्वारे ग्रंथालयांचा वापर आणि ग्रंथालय सेवांचे समाधान योग्य शिक्षणाच्या उपलब्धतेवर अवलंबून असते साहित्य , निवास आणि सक्षम कर्मचारी. तात्पर्य , ग्रंथालयांनीच नव्हे सामग्रीचा चांगला संग्रह आहे परंतु वापरकर्त्यांसाठी शिकण्यासाठी आरामदायक ठिकाणे आहेत आणि कर्मचारी जे वापरकर्त्यांना गरज असताना मदत देऊ शकतात. ग्रंथालयांची प्रभावीता बहुतेकदा क्लायंटसाठी लायब्ररी सामग्रीची मात्रा , वापराच्या प्रमाणात मोजली जाते संसाधने आणि क्लायंटचे स्पष्ट समाधान. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या आवडीचे ठिकाण म्हणून लायब्ररी प्रासंगिक, पुरेशी आणि प्रदान करते सर्व संभाव्य अभ्यासक्रम शिकण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेली अद्ययावत माहिती सामग्री संस्था देऊ शकते.

3. संशोधन माहितीची संकल्पना

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन म्हणजे काय ? संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन (RDM) ही एक व्यापक संकल्पना आहे. ज्यामध्ये संघटित , दस्तऐवजीकरण, प्रवेश करण्यायोग्य आणि पुन्हा वापरता येण्याजोगा गुणवत्ता संशोधन डेटा तयार करण्यासाठी हाती घेतलेल्या प्रक्रियांचा समावेश आहे. ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका संशोधन माहिती लाइफ सायकलद्वारे संशोधकांना देण्याचे समर्थन करणे होय .माहिती संशोधनाचा एक भाग म्हणून उत्पादित , आकडेवारी आणि रेकॉर्डिंग आणि ट्रान्सक्रिप्ट मुलाखतीसाठी प्रायोगिक परिणाम संशोधनानुसार डेटा तथ्ये आहेत , ज्याची पूर्तता करण्यासाठी गोळा करणे आवश्यक आहे संशोधन कार्याची उद्दिष्टे. विविध माध्यमांद्वारे ही तथ्ये एकत्रित केली जातात वैज्ञानिक तंत्रे आणि साधने गुणात्मक किंवा परिमाणवाचक किंवा मिश्र स्वरूपाचे असू शकतात यापैकी , संशोधनाचे स्वरूप आणि प्रकार यावर कमी-अधिक प्रमाणात अवलंबून असतात.

संशोधन माहिती जी संकलित केलेली , निरीक्षण केलेली , व्युत्पन्न केलेली किंवा मूळ संशोधन निष्कर्ष प्रमाणित करण्यासाठी तयार केले. संशोधन माहिती हि वैज्ञानिकदृष्ट्या निरीक्षण केलेल्या संशोधन माहितीचे प्रमाणित एकक आहे आरडी हे व्युत्पन्न , संकलित, संशोधन डेटाचे प्राथमिक आणि दुय्यम स्त्रोत आहेत. संकलित , विश्लेषित आणि विविध हेतूंसाठी आणि विविध स्वरूपांमध्ये जतन केलेले भविष्यातील निर्णय घेणे आणि ज्ञान निर्मितीचे हेतू. साहित्यिकांना असे आहे की आर.डी हायलाइट केल्याप्रमाणे वेगवेगळ्या प्रक्रियांद्वारे, वेगवेगळ्या हेतूंसाठी व्युत्पन्न केले जाऊ शकते.

संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे हा सहसा संशोधन प्रक्रियेचा अविभाज्य भाग असतो आणि त्याचा विस्तार होतोडेटाच्या संपूर्ण जीवन चक्रावर , निर्मितीच्या बिंदूपासून ते पर्यंतप्रसार आणि संग्रहण , आणि सामान्यतः प्रारंभिक संशोधनानंतर बरेच दिवस चालू राहतीलप्रकल्प पूर्ण झाला आहे. RDM मध्ये अनेक विविध क्रियाकलाप आणि प्रक्रिया असतातडेटा जीवन चक्राशी संबंधित , डेटाची रचना आणि निर्मिती , स्टोरेज, सुरक्षा, जतन, पुनर्प्राप्ती, सामायिकरण आणि पुनर्वापर, सर्व तांत्रिक गोष्टी लक्षात घेऊनक्षमता , नैतिक विचार, कायदेशीर समस्या आणि प्रशासन फ्रेमवर्क. सहयोग्य डेटा व्यवस्थापन योजना आणि योग्य साधनांचा वापर, अंमलबजावणी RDM प्रणालीचा प्रभावी वापर देईल.

4. तृतीयक संस्थेतील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाचे विहंगावलोकन

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन हे तृतीय श्रेणीमध्ये स्वारस्य असलेले क्षेत्र म्हणून उदयास आले आहे संस्था , ज्यामुळे सेवा, संसाधने आणि पायाभूत सुविधांमध्ये महत्त्वपूर्ण गुंतवणूक होते समर्थन संशोधक डेटा व्यवस्थापन गरजा. तृतीय संस्था संदर्भित विद्यापीठांमध्ये (शासकीय किंवा खाजगी अनुदानित) माध्यमिकोत्तर शिक्षण मिळालेले , मोनोटेक्निक, पॉलिटेक्निक आणि शिक्षण महाविद्यालये कोणत्याही तृतीयक संस्थेला त्यांच्या मुख्य जबाबदाऱ्या पार पाडण्यासाठी ग्रंथालय संसाधनांचे यशस्वीरित्या पुरेसे व्यवस्थापन तसेच प्रभावी हाताळणी माहिती अपरिहार्य आहे. माहिती व्यवस्थापनामध्ये

सामान्यत: नियोजन समाविष्ट असते आणि डेटा तयार करणे ; डेटाचे आयोजन, रचना आणि दस्तऐवजीकरण; बॅकअप घेत आहे आणि डेटा संचयित करणे ; आणि इतरांशी किंवा त्यांच्याशी शेअर करण्यासाठी विश्लेषणासाठी डेटा तयार करणे दीर्घकाळासाठी जतन करा. संशोधन डेटाचे व्यवस्थापन विश्वसनीयतेची खात्री देते परिणामांची पडताळणी आणि अस्तित्वात असलेल्या नवीन आणि नाविन्यपूर्ण संशोधनांना परवानगी देते

माहिती हे अलीकडे तृतीयक संस्थांसाठी धोरणात्मक प्राधान्य म्हणून उदयास आले आहेते संशोधन डेटाला कोणत्या मार्गाने समर्थन दिले जावे हे शोधण्याचा प्रयत्न करत आहेतस्टोरेज , शेअरिंग आणि क्युरेशनसाठी सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण किंवा पायाभूत सुविधांच्या अटी (कॉक्सआणि पिनफिल्ड 2013). संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) प्रक्रिया डेटा तयार करण्यात आणि त्याच्या वापरासाठी योजना तयार करण्यात मदत करते ; संयोजित, रचना आणि नाव डेटा ; ते सुरक्षित करण्यासाठी ठेवा , प्रवेश प्रदान करा , स्टोअर करा आणित्याचा बॅकअप घ्या जाहिरात माहिती संसाधने शोधा आणि सहकार्यांसह सामायिक करा आणि बरेच काहीविस्तृतपणे , प्रकाशित करा आणि उद्धृत करा. आरडीएम दस्तऐवजीकरणात महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावते, संशोधन डेटाचे क्युरेशन आणि संरक्षण. संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन , सोप्या भाषेत, संशोधनाच्या दरम्यान तयार केलेल्या माहितीच्या प्रभावी हाताळणीचा संदर्भ देते.

तृतीयक संस्थांमधील शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालये आणि संशोधन संबंधित संस्थांनी सेवा प्रदान करणे अनिवार्य केले आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापित करणे हे क्रियाकलापांचे एक उदयोन्मुख क्षेत्र आहे , जिथे जबाबदारी आणि ग्रंथालया मधील प्रथा सामान्यतः अद्याप दृढपणे स्थापित केलेल्या नाहीत. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन अनिवार्य आहे. विद्वत्तापूर्ण संशोधनासाठी आणि त्याच्यासमोर साठवण , सुविधा आणि आव्हाने आहेत पायाभूत सुविधा , कौशल्य, कर्मचारी, माहिती अखंडता आणि बॅकअप पर्याय म्हणून, संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रक्रियेतील शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयाच्या भूमिकेची पुष्टी करण्यात आली आहे लोकप्रिय आणि वर्तमान साहित्य. याचा अर्थ असा होतो की अनेक ग्रंथालये नवीन घेण्यास उत्सुक आहेत प्रभावी संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन (RDM) साठी समर्थन प्रदान करून भूमिका.

5. तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन

तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनमध्ये अडथळेतृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये आणि शैक्षणिक पद्धतींमध्ये साहित्याची कमतरताग्रंथालयांनी असे उघड केले आहे की तृतीयक संस्थांमध्ये खालील ओळखल्या गेलेल्या पूर्वआवश्यकता नसतातइतरांपैकी खाली उल्लेख करण्यासारखे असंख्य आहेत:

संशोधन क्षमता आणि प्रशिक्षण (RC&T) मध्ये गुंतवणूक: संशोधनक्षमता आणि प्रशिक्षण (RC&T) संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनाचा अविभाज्य भाग आहेतृतीयक संस्थेत RMD च्या जागतिक मर्यादांशी लढण्यासाठी लँडस्केप प्रयत्न.जसजसे RDM लँडस्केप वातावरण अधिकाधिक जटिल होत जाते आणिआव्हानात्मक , व्यक्तीची संशोधन क्षमता सरळ करण्याची गरजसंशोधक, संस्था आणि प्रणाली मुख्य संशोधन डेटा करण्यात मदत करण्यासाठीव्यवस्थापन कार्ये.

संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन विशेषज्ञ आणि तज्ञ: मुख्य मालमत्ता आणिदर्जेदार शिक्षण, संशोधन आणि क्षमता विकासाचे चालक आहेतउच्च-पात्र मानव संसाधन (तज्ञ/तज्ञ) ज्यांना परिस्थितीशी जुळवून घेणे आणि दत्तक घेणे आवश्यक आहे RDM तंत्र सह तंत्रज्ञान. पण मध्ये तज्ञ/तज्ञांची कमतरता आहेविकसनशील देश जे अप्रभावी संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनाकडे नेतात.

संशोधन डेटा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर (RDI): RDI बौद्धिक मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करतेमालमत्ता समस्या , डेटाचा परवाना आणि संशोधन डेटावर जागरूकता वाढवणे (विल्मा , Magchiel आणि Joeri, 2013). RDI संशोधकांना RDM साधनांवर निर्णय घेण्यास मदत करतेआणि प्रक्रिया आणि तसेच साधने आणि चांगल्या पद्धतींबद्दल माहिती देतातराष्ट्रीय आणि

आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर उपलब्ध. विकसनशील राष्ट्रांमध्ये, तृतीयकसंस्था संशोधन डेटा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेट करत नाहीत आणि जसे संशोधक करतातत्यांचा डेटा जमा करत नाही. परिणामी , कोणतेही डेटा प्रकाशन आणि संग्रहण वर्कफ्लो नाहीअस्तित्वात आहे. ही तृतीयक संस्थेची विसंगती आहे. तथापि , RDI देखील अंतर भरून काढतेसंशोधकांना डेटाशी दुवा साधण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहित करून डेटा आणि प्रकाशनांमध्येप्रकाशने आणि अभिप्राय.

डेटा व्यवस्थापन धोरणे: व्यवस्थापन धोरणे संशोधनास समर्थन देतात आणिडेटा व्यवस्थापन. तृतीयक संस्थांनी अशी धोरणे आणायची आहेत. दडेटा व्यवस्थापन धोरणांच्या वकिलीने सामग्रीसह पुनरुच्चार केला पाहिजेसंबोधित करण्यासाठी धोरणाचे घटक: त्यात गुंतलेल्या जबाबदाऱ्या आणि भूमिकासंशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन, प्रशिक्षण आणि समर्थन, प्रवेश आणि पुनर्वापर, सुरक्षा आणिइतर घटकांमध्ये दीर्घकालीन संरक्षण.

संशोधन आणि डेटा सांख्यिकी: संशोधन आणि डेटा (R&D) आकडेवारी आणि त्यांचेसंकेतक हे पुराव्यावर आधारित RDM धोरणासाठी संबंधित साधने आहेत परंतु ते दुर्मिळ आहेतनायजेरिया सारख्या विकसनशील देशांमध्ये. Gaillard, (2008), गरज समर्थनपॉलिसी दस्तऐवजांमध्ये व्यापकपणे मान्यताप्राप्त R&D आकडेवारी कारण अशी आकडेवारीधोरण तयार करणे आणि निर्णय घेणे , मूल्यांकन यासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण माहिती प्रदान करणेकार्यप्रदर्शन , देखरेख आणि प्रगतीचे मूल्यमापन, अंदाज बांधणेभविष्यातील ट्रेंड आणि प्राधान्यांची ओळख ; समजून घेण्यात मदत करणेसामर्थ्य , कमकुवतपणा आणि संशोधन विकासासाठी संभाव्य संधी.म्हणून , विकसनशील देशांच्या संदर्भात , संशोधन आणि विकास आकडेवारी आवश्यक आहेदर्जेदार संशोधन डेटा , संशोधक, च्या संशोधन क्षेत्रांचे स्त्रोत ओळखास्वारस्य , संस्थांचे संशोधन क्षेत्र विशेषीकरण, उच्च कुशल कर्मचारीइतर फायद्यांमध्ये.

डेटा प्लॅन टेम्प्लेट: मध्ये RMD टेम्पलेटची तरतूद खूप महत्त्वाची आहेतृतीयक संस्था , ज्याशिवाय कोणत्याही कार्यान्वित करणे अत्यंत अशक्य होतेयशस्वी संशोधन विकास व्यवस्थापन योजना. म्हणून , साचायशस्वी डेटा व्यवस्थापन योजनांचे नमुने अधोरेखित केले पाहिजेतसंशोधकांना समर्थन द्या.

संशोधन डेटाच्या व्यवस्थापनासाठी इतर अडथळे जे प्रगतीमध्ये अडथळा आणतातृतीयक संस्थांमधील RDM प्रक्रियेमध्ये निधीची कमतरता समाविष्ट आहे ; अभावसंस्थात्मक संरचना ; व्यावसायिक तयारीचा अभाव ; प्राधान्याचा अभावसंशोधकांमध्ये आणि संस्थात्मक आदेशांचा अभाव.

6. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या प्रभावी अवलंबासाठी धोरणे:

उपरोक्त मर्यादा असूनही , संशोधन डेटा स्वीकारण्यासाठी संभाव्य धोरणे आहेततृतीयक संस्थेत व्यवस्थापन. केलेल्या धोरणांची काळजी घेतली पाहिजे:

- धोरणांचा अवलंब करून;
- लायब्ररी कर्मचाऱ्यांचे वापरकर्ता प्रशिक्षण;
- भागधारकांसाठी प्रशिक्षण;
- भागधारकांकडून समर्थन, जसे की तांत्रिक कौशल्य आणि शैक्षणिक बंधुत्व;
- रेपॉजिटरीजमध्ये प्रकाशनांचे ऐच्छिक सबमिशन;
- डेटा क्युरेशन;
- डेटाबेस तयार करणे;
- निधी संस्थांसह धोरणांचे पालन;

- वैशिष्ट्ये आणि सॉफ्टवेअरचे अपग्रेड;
- संस्कृती बदल;
- व्यवस्थापन बदला.

7. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्या प्रक्रियेदरम्यान शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका:

संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन (RIM) मध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात **:** शैक्षणिक संशोधन प्रकल्पांमधील डेटा जागतिक संशोधनाचा अविभाज्य भाग दर्शवतोज्ञानाचा आधार , आणि त्यामुळे डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे हा तृतीयकांचा नैसर्गिक विस्तार असावाज्ञान आधाराच्या प्रकाशित भागामध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करण्यात संस्थेच्या ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका.संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाच्याप्रक्रियेदरम्यान शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये खाली सूचीबद्ध भूमिका पार पाडतात:

- **डेटा व्यवस्थापित करणे :** शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधन प्रकल्पांमधून डेटा व्यवस्थापित करतात , जो जागतिक संशोधन ज्ञान बेसचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग आहे.
- **माहितीमध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करणे:** ग्रंथालये अभ्यासपूर्ण पुस्तके, जर्नल्स, वर्तमानपत्रे, विश्वकोश आणि इतर मुद्रित संदर्भ स्त्रोतांमध्ये प्रवेश प्रदान करतात.
- **संशोधन अनुदान आणि करारांना समर्थन :** ग्रंथालये संशोधन निधी अर्जांची गुणवत्ता सुधारून संशोधकांना संशोधन अनुदान आणि करार जिंकण्यास मदत करतात.
- **जतन आणि आयोजन :** ग्रंथालये कलाकृती आणि कल्पनांचे जतन आणि आयोजन करतात , जी महत्त्वपूर्ण सांस्कृतिक भूमिका बजावते.
- **सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करणे:** ग्रंथालये सल्ला आणि प्रशिक्षण सेवा प्रदान करतात.
- **संशोधन माहिती जीवनचक्र समर्थन :** ग्रंथालयांनी संशोधन डेटा जीवनचक्राला कार्यक्षमतेने समर्थन देणाऱ्या पायाभूत सुविधा आणि सेवा ठेवल्या पाहिजेत
- **माहिती समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण** : शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये मुख्य पारंपारिक भूमिका बजावतात विविध तरतूदीद्वारे शैक्षणिक समुदायासह प्रतिबद्धतेची भूमिका माहिती समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण. धोरणात्मक प्रभावी समर्थन आणि प्रशिक्षण कार्यान्वित केले जाईल.
- **डेटा प्रोव्हिजनिंग:** शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये संशोधकांना डेटा स्थानासह मदत करतात , ज्यामध्ये दस्तऐवजीकरण , स्वरूपांमध्ये पुनर्प्राप्ती ज्यामध्ये थेट लोड केले जाऊ शकते. विश्लेषणात्मक सॉफ्टवेअरच्या डेटा प्रोव्हिजनिंग हे कॉन्फिगरेशन आहे , जे अनेक प्रकारच्या डेटा सिस्टम संसाधनांचे उपयोजन आणि व्यवस्थापन प्रदान करते कर्मचारी आणि वापरकर्त्यांसाठी उपकरणे, सॉफ्टवेअर किंवा सेवा प्रदान करते.

8. संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापन सेवा प्रदाता (RDMSP):

त्यापैकी एक ग्रंथालयांच्या ओळखल्या गेलेल्या भूमिकेत पुढील गोष्टींचा समावेश होतो: परिसरात RDM सेवा आणि समर्थन देणे डेटा व्यवस्थापन, नियोजन, तयारी, संरक्षण, संस्था, सुरक्षा, दस्तऐवजीकरण आणि सामायिकरण, ठेव आणि दीर्घ मुदतीसाठी डेटासेट तयार करणे संरक्षण तसेच कॉपीराइट, परवाना आणि बौद्धिक संबंधित समस्या मालमत्ता .

आर एम डी धोरणाचा प्रचार: ग्रंथालये RDM धोरणांसाठी समर्थन पुरवते, योग्य स्थानिक डेटा विकसित करण्यासाठी IT समर्थन युनिटसह सल्ला आणि कार्य करते संशोधक आणि विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी साठवण क्षमता , प्रशिक्षण आणि क्युरेशन.

माहिती ठेवते

9. शैक्षणिक समुदायामध्ये डेटा व्यवस्थापन जागरूकता निर्माण करणे तृतीयक संस्था

ग्रंथालय सक्रियतेणे अंतर्निहित फायदे हायलाइट करते संशोधन डेटाचे व्यवस्थापन आणि त्याद्वारे त्याचे जतन करते संशोधक संशोधन डेटा तयार करतात , स्वरूपित करतात, वापरतात, प्रकाशित करतात आणि प्रसारित करतात. या संभाव्य भूमिकांमध्ये डेटा जागरूकता वाढवणे/निर्माण करणे देखील समाविष्ट आहे डेटासाठी संग्रहण आणि संरक्षण सेवा प्रदान करणे संस्थात्मक भांडार आणि नवीन व्यावसायिकांच्या विकासाद्वारे संस्था डेटाच्या अनेक पैलूंसह डेटा ग्रंथालयामध्ये समाविष्ट असते.

समन्वय आणि सहयोग: शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालय ही महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावते आरएमडी प्रक्रियेतील समन्वयक आणि सहयोग दर्शविते. . ग्रंथालये , संशोधक कर्मचारी आणि प्रशासकांना संपूर्ण कॅम्पसमध्ये वाढवण्यासाठी समन्वय प्रस्तापित करते.

10. निष्कर्ष

ग्रंथालये ही चार भिंतींची खोली राहिलेली नाही ज्यात ग्रंथसंग्रहाचा मुद्रित संग्रह आहे साहित्य परंतु सध्या ग्रंथालयामध्ये ग्रंथालयाची ची नवीन प्रतिमा आहे ज्यामध्ये स्रोत , संसाधने संग्रह. अशी नवीन संस्थात्मक धोरणे आणि सेवा विकसित करण्याच्या दिशेने वाटचाल करत आहेत त्यांच्या भावी भूमिकेचा एक महत्त्वाचा भाग मानून. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन आहे. संस्थात्मक धोरण माहिती व्यवस्थापनावर समन्वित कारवाईचा आधार म्हणून विकास आवश्यक आहे. संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनाची उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालये महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावतात. तृतीयक संस्था आणि शैक्षणिक संस्था विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शैक्षणिक, बौद्धिक आणि इतर स्वारस्य आणि माहितीच्या गरजा चांगल्या ग्रंथालयांच्या सेवा. शोधनिबंधात तृतीयक संस्थांमधील संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापनामध्ये शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयांची भूमिका मांडली आहे कारण अडथळे, धोरणे फायदे संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापित करून मिळवणे.

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सारांश : *IRINS ही माहितीआणिग्रंथालयनेटवर्क)INFLIBNET) केंद्रानेविकसितकेलेलीवेबआधारित-संशोधनमाहितीव्यवस्थापन)RIM) सेवा आहे .IRINS चेपोर्टलशैक्षणिकसंस्था, संशोधन आणि विकाससंस्था ,प्राध्यापकआणि शास्त्रज्ञ यांचेविद्वत्तापूर्णसंशोधन लेख प्रोजेक्ट आणि इतर ,पेटेंट , शेक्षणिक माहितीगोळाकरून त्यांचे रिसर्च प्रोफाईल तयार करते .INFLIBNET हे IRINS द्वारेसंशोधकांनाआणि विद्वानांना त्यांचे संशोधन प्रदर्शितकरण्यासाठीसंधीप्रदानकरतेतसेच विद्वाननेटवर्कतयारकरण्याचीसुविधादेते. प्रस्तुत लेखात लेखकाने . बद्दल माहिती सादर केलेली आहे SNIRI ,ची उपयुक्तता SNIRI तसेच विविध घटकांनावैशिष्टे दिलेली आहेत आणि मध्ये सहभागी होण्यासाठी SNIRIआवश्यक बाबी सविस्तर पणे सांगितले आहे पोर्टल तयार करण्यासाठी SNIRI तसेच प्रस्तुत लेखात लेखकाने महाविद्यालयाचे .आवश्यक असलेली माहितीचा नमुना फॉर्म देखील दिलेला आहे विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्य ,डब्ल्यू कला .के .एस .के , मराठा विद्या प्रसारक समाज .महाविद्यालय पोर्टलची सद्यस्थिती SNIRIनाशिक चे ,सिडको , ची सद्यस्थिती देखील छायाचित् SNIRI सविस्तर पणे दिलेली असून राष्ट्रीय पातळीवररांच्या आधारे दिलेली .*

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1. प्रस्तावना

भारतातील शैक्षणिक संस्था राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय बेंचमार्किंग आणि रँकिंग फ्रेमवर्कमध्ये विविध प्रमुख पॅरामीटर्सच्या संदर्भात त्यांचे संशोधन अस्तित्व प्रदर्शित करून त्यांचे महत्त्व दाखवण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत आहेतसर्व स्तरांवर त्यांना . प्रकाशने . त्यांच्या संबंधित विषयातील तज्ञतेमध्ये त्यांच्या चालू संशोधनाबद्दल नियमितपणे अद्यतनित करणे आवश्यक आहे, उद्धरण आणि इतर बौद्धिक उत्पादनांच्या बाबतीत प्राध्यापकांच्या संशोधन आवडी आणि संशोधन उत्पादनाची माहिती खूप विखुरलेली आहेशिवाय ., संशोधन समुदाय, शैक्षणिक संस्था आणि संशोधन आणि विकास)R&D) संस्था देशभरात आणि जगभरात भौगोलिकदृष्ट्या विखुरलेल्या आहेत, म्हणूनच, व्यक्ती, विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संघटनांच्या संशोधन क्षमतांबद्दल माहिती प्रवाहित ठेवणे कठीण आहे.

एक सुव्यवस्थित संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन संशोधकांना त्यांच्या संबंधित विषयातील तसेच जवळच्या क्षेत्रातील नवीनतम विषय विषय , संस्था सहयोग आणि विविध ट्रेंडबद्दल नेहमीच माहिती ठेवते संशोधन .क्रियाकलापांच्या चांगल्या शोधासाठी आणि मोजमापासाठी अशी संशोधन माहिती आवश्यक आहे.

इंडियन रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन नेटवर्क सिस्टीम)IRINS) संशोधनाविषयी माहितीचा प्रवाह सुलभ आणि सुलभ करते आणि विविध बिब्लिओमेट्रिक्स पॅरामीटर्सवर वैयक्तिक प्राध्यापक , विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संस्थेची कामगिरी प्रोजेक्ट करण्यासाठी एक सामान्य व्यासपीठ म्हणून काम करते .IRINS विविध संशोधन प्रकल्पांसाठी नेटवर्किंग, सहयोग आणि चांगल्या निधी संधीचा मार्ग मोकळा करतेशिवाय ., धोरणकर्ते आणि भारत सरकारसाठी उपलब्ध कौशल्य , संशोधनाचे महत्त्व क्षेत्र आणि संशोधनातील अंतर ओळखण्यासाठी आणि त्यानुसार संशोधन निधीवरील त्यांची धोरणे परिभाषित करण्यासाठी एक चांगले

साधन म्हणून याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाचे . कार्यक्षमतेने मोजमाप आणि बेंचमार ्किंग करण्यासाठी IRINS चा प्रभावीपणे वापर केला जाऊ शकतो.

IRINS हीमाहितीआणिग्रंथालयनेटवर्क)INFLIBNET) केंद्रानेविकसितकेलेलीवेब-आधारितसंशोधनमाहितीव्यवस्थापन)RIM) सेवाआहे .IRINS चेपोर्टलशैक्षणिकसंस्था, संशोधनआणि विकाससंस्थाप्राध्यापक,आणिशास्त्रज्ञ यांचेविद्वत्तापूर्णसंशोधन लेखप्रोजेक्ट ,पेटेंट ,आणि इतर शेक्षणिक माहितीगोळाकरून त्यांचे रिसर्च प्रोफाईल तयार करते .INFLIBNET हे IRINS द्वारेसंशोधकांनाआणि विद्वानांना त्यांचे संशोधन प्रदर्शितकरण्यासाठीसंधीप्रदानकरते तसेच विद्वाननेटवर्कतयारकरण्याचीसुविधादेते .IRINS हेभारतातीलशैक्षणिकआणि R&D संस्थांसाठीमोफतसॉफ्टवेअरसेवा-म्हणूनउपलब्धआहे.

IRINS विद्यमानसंशोधनव्यवस्थापनप्रणालीजसेकी HR प्रणाली, अभ्यासक्रमव्यवस्थापन, अनुदानव्यवस्थापनप्रणाली, संस्थात्मकभांडार, खुलेआणिव्यावसायिक Citation Database, विद्वानप्रकाशकइत्यादींचेएकत्रीकरणकरण्यासपुढाकार घेते SNIRI .द्वारे ORCID ID, ScopusID,Google Scholar, Research ID यांसारख्याशैक्षणिकओळखींचा समावेश देखील विद्वानानंच्या प्रोफाइल मध्ये केलेलाआहे .IRINS मध्ये वेब ऑफ सायन्स ने ठरवून दिलेल्या प्रमुख Subject Category च्या विद्वानांना त्यांचे प्रोफाइल तयार करण्यास संधी देते जसे कि Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences,Chemical Sciences,Engineering & Technology ,Medical & Health Sciences ,Physical Sciences ,Social Sciences.इत्यादी**.**

2. उदिष्टे

1. IRINS बद्दल सविस्तरपणे माहिती जाणून घेणे
2. IRINS ची प्रत्येक घटकाला होणारी उपयुक्तता जाणून घेणे
3. संस्थांचे IRINS पोर्टल तयार करण्यासाठी आवश्यक पायऱ्या समजून घेणे
4. मराठा विद्या प्रसारक समाज, के. एस. के. डब्ल्यू कला, विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्यमहाविद्यालय, सिडको, नाशिक चेIRINS पोर्टलची सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेणे
5. राष्ट्रीय पातळीवर IRINS पोर्टलची सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेणे

3. संशोधन पद्धती आणि मर्यादा

1. प्रस्तुत लेख लिहिण्यासाठी लेखकाने वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धती वापरली आहे. IRINS पोर्टल बद्दल ची माहिती सर्वेक्षण पद्धतीने गोळा केली आहे.लेखकाने . IRINS पोर्टल ला भेट देवून माहिती संकलित केली आहे. तसेच मराठा विद्या प्रसारक समाज, के. एस. के. डब्ल्यू कला, विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्यमहाविद्यालय, सिडको, नाशिक चेIRINS पोर्टलला भेट देवून त्याची सद्यस्थिती जाणून घेतली आहे.

4. पूर्व साहित्याचा आढावा

Dr Chaman Sab M यांनी त्यांच्या ,Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS): An Overview या शोध निबंधात असे नमूद केले की SNIRI ,हि संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली आहे ज्याद्वारे प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांच्या संशोधन हे एकत्रित जतन केले जाते आणि ते इतर संशोधकांसाठी प्रदर्शित देखील करता येते .CSV आणि

Bibtex फॉरमॅटद्वारे आंतरराष्ट्रीय शेक्षणिक ओळखींमधून स्वतः चे प्रकाशने आयात करता येतात S जसे कि ,COPUS ID, संशोधक ID, ORCID ID, Google , तसेच संस्थाचे .ई DI hcareseR lanoitacudE tfosorciM ,DI ralohcS संशोधकांचे आणि विभागांचे प्रकाशने, उद्धरण आणि H-निर्देशांकाच्या बाबतीत माहिती प्रदान करते लेखकांसाठी-सह , योगदानकर्त्यांवर आधारित नेटवर्क, उत्पादकता आलेख; SCOPUS, Crossref आणि Altmetrics कडून उद्धरणाचे स्वयंचलित अंतर्ग्रहण; google scholar कडून मेट्रिक्सचे स्वयंचलित अंतर्ग्रहणआणि प्रकाशनांचे त्यांच्या प्रकाशन स्थळानुसार वर्गीकरण, OPEN Access, Closed Access, Green Access, Gold Access इमाहिती प्रदान करते ..

Pablo de Castro यांनी त्यांच्या Research Information Management Systems: covering the whole research lifecycle या संशोधन लेखात असे नमूद केले की मध्ये संयुक्त २०१६ ,EUNIS/euroCRIS CRIS/IR सर्वेक्षण अहवाल प्रकाशित झाल्यापासून, करंट रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन सिस्टीम्स)CRISs) जगभरातील संस्थांमध्ये आणि देशांमध्ये अधिक व्यापकपणे अंमलात आणल्या गेल्या आहेत संस्थाना त्यांच्या संशोधन : हे प्लॅटफॉर्म पारंपारिकपणे दुहेरी उद्देश पूर्ण करतात . क्रियाकलापांचे प्रदर्शन करण्यासाठी साधने म्हणून आणि पुराव्यावर आधारित निर्णय घेण्याच्या प्रक्रिया सक्षम करण्यासाठी अंतर्गत डेटाबेस म्हणूनवाढत्या प्रमाणात ., ते बाह्य प्रणाली आणि सेवांसाठी एक विश्वासार्ह आणि व्यापक माहिती स्रोत म्हणून देखील काम करतात हा मजकूर सध्याच्या .CRIS लँडस्केपचा स्नॅपशॉट प्रदान करतो आणि - युरोपवर भर देऊन -CRISs सध्या वापरल्या जाणाऱ्या विविध मार्गांचा सारांश देतो तसेच नवीन उदयोन्मुख वापर आणि परिस्थितींचा परिचय देतो राष्ट्रीय आणि . प्रादेशिकCRIS प्लॅटफॉर्मच्या वाढत्या संख्येवर विशेष लक्ष दिले जाते , जे विशिष्ट भौगोलिक क्षेत्रांमध्ये संशोधनाच्या ताकद आणि कमकुवतपणाच्या विश्लेषणासाठी मौल्यवान संशोधन माहिती संकलन प्रणाली म्हणून वाढत्या प्रमाणात पाहिले जात आहेत.

Jyoti Sharma यांनी Research Outcome of Faculty Members of Library and Information Science in North Indian Universities: A Studyया त्यांच्या संशोधन लेखाचा उद्देश सहभागी निर्देशांक)PAI), प्रति प्राध्यापक सरासरी प्रकाशने)APPFM) आणि एकत्रित अंकगणित सरासरी)CAM) या आधारे १० विद्यापीठांचे रँकिंग निश्चित करणे आहेतथापि .या अभ्यासासाठी वापरलेला डेटा ऑनलाइन प्रश्नावलीद्वारे मिळवण्यात आला ., त्यांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाबाबतची सविस्तर माहिती त्यांच्याकडून थेट गोळा करण्यात आली .LIS प्राध्यापकांनी ३१ डिसेंबर २०१४ पर्यंत एकूण ९७१ प्रकाशने प्रकाशित केलीनिकालांमध्ये असे आढळून आले की वेगवेगळ्या पॅरामीटर्सवर मूल्यांकन केल्यावर काही विद्यापीठांचे स्थान वर . . जाते आणि काही विद्यापीठांचे स्थान खाली येतेPAI नुसार PU दुसऱ्या क्रमांकावर आहे परंतु इतर दोन पॅरामीटर्सच्या आधारावर म्हणजे), APPFM आणि CAM च्या आधारावर, त्याचा पहिला क्रमांक आहे तर BHU चा PAI नुसार पहिला क्रमांक आहे, परंतु APPFM च्या आधारावर त्याचा चौथा क्रमांक आहे आणि CAM च्या आधारावर त्याचा तिसरा क्रमांक आहे(

Manu T. R., आणिMinaxi Parmar, यांनी त्यांच्या Research Information Management Systems: A Comparative Study या लेखात असे नमूद केले की , शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन ग्रंथालयांमध्ये संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली (RIMS) ही नवीन सेवा आहे. RIMS विद्यापीठे आणि ग्रंथालयांना त्यांच्या संस्था , प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांची माहिती एकाच इंटरफेसद्वारे व्यवस्थापित करण्यास मदत करते. ते संशोधकाला त्यांचे संशोधनलोकांसोबत जमा करण्यास आणि सामायिक करण्यास आणि त्या संशोधनाचा पुनर्वापर करण्यास सक्षम करण्यास देखील अनुमती देतात. विद्यापीठे किंवा ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RIMS ची अंमलबजावणी भविष्यातील वापरासाठी संशोधन माहितीचे योग्य व्यवस्थापन सुनिश्चित करते.

RIMS संशोधन माहिती आणि प्रकाशने प्रसारित करते आणि प्राध्यापक आणि संशोधकांद्वारे डेटा , शैक्षणिक आणि प्रशासकीय कार्यास समर्थन देते. पारंपारिकपणे , संस्थात्मक भांडाराचा भाग म्हणून संशोधन माहिती व्यवस्थापित करण्यासाठी संस्थात्मक भांडार, डिजिटल लायब्ररी आणि संशोधन डेटा व्यवस्थापनसॉफ्टवेअरचा वापर केला जात होता , परंतु हे अनुप्रयोग अधिक विशेषज्ञ संशोधक माहिती आणि अधिक तपशीलवार प्राध्यापक प्रोफाइल इत्यादी व्यवस्थापित करण्यात अयशस्वीठरले आहेत. परिणामी, विविध विशेषज्ञ सॉफ्टवेअर कंपन्यांनी संशोधन माहितीच्या व्यवस्थापनात वैयक्तिक संशोधक , ग्रंथालये आणि विद्यापीठांच्या आवश्यकता पूर्ण करणारे अनुप्रयोग आणि उत्पादने RIMS बाजारात आणली आहेत. हा प्रकरण RIMS (म्हणजे, PURE-Elsevier, Converis-Thomson Routers आणि Symplectic Elements) चे तुलनात्मक मूल्यांकन प्रदान करतो. हा अभ्यास RIMS ची समज वाढविण्यास मदत करतो आणि विद्यापीठे आणि ग्रंथालयांमध्ये RIMS प्रणालीच्या अंमलबजावणीसाठी योग्य सॉफ्टवेअर अनुप्रयोग निवडण्यास मदत करतो.

5. IRINS ची उपयुक्तता

1. **रिसर्चस्कॉलर**

   IRINS द्वारे संशोधकत्यांच्यासंशोधनासाठीमार्गदर्शककिंवासल्लागारसहज शोधू शकतात आणि त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेऊ शकतात. तसेच विविध विषयातील विद्वान देखील त्यांच्याविषया संबधित इतर विद्वान आणिसंशोधनकेंद्र शोधू शकतात. IRINS हे संशोधकांना, प्राध्यापकांच्या संशोधनसंबंधितअभ्यासपूर्णमेटाडेटा आणि संशोधनकेंद्राची माहिती देते.

2. **प्राध्यापक**

   IRINSमध्ये सहभागी प्राध्यापक हे आपले संशोधन योगदान इतर राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय समुदायास प्रदर्शित करू शकतात आणि संशोधनासाठी राष्ट्रीय आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय एजन्सीकडून निधीच्या संधी उपलब्ध करून घेऊ शकतात. IRINSमुळे संशोधकांना त्यांच्या संशोधनाची आणि मेटाडेटाची गुणवत्ता सुधारण्यास मदत होते आणि विविध मूल्यांकन प्रणालीसाठी संशोधन सादर करणे सोपे होते.

3. **संशोधन प्रशासक**

   IRINSमुळे हे प्रशासकाला संशोधन अहवाल , संशोधकाचे संशोधन मूल्यांकन आणि संशोधन प्रभावाचे विश्लेषण तयार करण्यास मदत करते. फंडिंग एजन्सीज,फॅकल्टी असेसमेंट मंडळ यांना रिसोर्स ॲलोकेशन यावर चांगले निर्णय घेण्यासाठीवसंशोधकाच्या संशोधन प्रगतीचेधोरणात्मक विश्लेषण करण्यास मदत करते. इंटर्नल क्वालिटी ॲश्युरन्स सेल (IQSC) आणि नॅशनल इन्स्टिट्यूशनल रँकिंग फ्रेमवर्क कोऑर्डिनेटरला विविध संशोधन मूल्यांकनासाठी अहवाल तयार करण्यासाठी मदत करते

6- प्रमुख वैशिष्टे:

IRINS भारतातील शैक्षणिक आणि संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांना संशोधनाशी संबंधित सर्व माहिती एकत्रित करण्यासाठी आणि प्राध्यापक, विभाग आणि संस्थेच्या संशोधन प्रगतीचे विद्वत्तापूर्ण समुदायासमोर प्रदर्शित करण्यास मदत करते

१. IRINS मध्ये Microsoft Academic Search ID, Google Scholar ID, Researcher ID, Scopus IDयासारख्या संशोधकांच्याRESEARCHpROFILE वरून प्रकाशने Import करता येतात तसेचसंशोधकाच्या ORCIDप्रोफाइल मधूनप्रकाशनासह इतरमाहिती Import करता येते .

२. IRINS सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदर्शित करते आणि प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल माहिती सादर करते.

३. सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदान करते आणि त्या कालावधीसाठी प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान करते. सिस्टम एक सह-लेखक नेटवर्क प्रदान करते आणि त्या कालावधीसाठी प्राध्यापकांच्या सहकार्याचा नमुना दर्शवते. ते प्रकाशनाच्या संख्येसह सहयोगी लेखकाचे ग्राफिकल प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान करते..

४. प्राध्यापकांचेआणि विभागांचे प्रकाशन उत्पादकता आलेखासह सादर करते.

५. फेसबुक, ट्विटर आणि मेंडेली सारख्या सोशल मीडियावरून संशोधनाचेऑल्टमेट्रिकशोधते आणि . Scopus, Google Scholar याद्वारे ओपन ऍक्सेस लेखांचेCrossRef, Citationशोधते.

६. IRINS Federated Search सुविधा पुरविते ज्याद्वारे विद्यार्थी, प्राध्यापक,विद्वान आणि फंडींग एजन्सीज त्यांना हवे असलेले profile प्रभावीपणे शोधू शकतात आणि इच्छित निकाल मिळवू शकतात. तसेच विविध फिल्टर्स द्वारेमाहिती लवकर शोधू शकतात जसे की विषयतज्ञ, पदनाम, संस्था आणि भौगोलिक स्थान.

7. IRINS मध्ये सहभागी कसे व्हावे

IRINS हे "सेवा सॉफ्टवेअर" म्हणूनउपलब्धआहेजेभारतातीलसर्वउच्चशिक्षणआणि R&D संस्थांसाठीखुलेआहे. **IRINS मध्ये**सामीलहोण्यासाठीआणितुमच्यासंस्था/संस्थेसाठी IRINS चे पोर्टल तयारकरण्यासाठीखालील पायऱ्या वापरल्या जातात.

पायरी-१:IRINS च्या पोर्टल उपलब्ध असलेला "online instance request form"भरा आणिसबमिटकरा.

पायरी-2:IRINS च्या पोर्टल वरील"डाटाकलेक्शनफॉरमॅट" डाउनलोड करून घ्या आणि त्यामध्ये महाविद्यालयातीलविद्वानाची आवश्यक माहिती भरूनसंस्थेच्यानोडलऑफिसरद्वारेडेटासबमिशन करा.

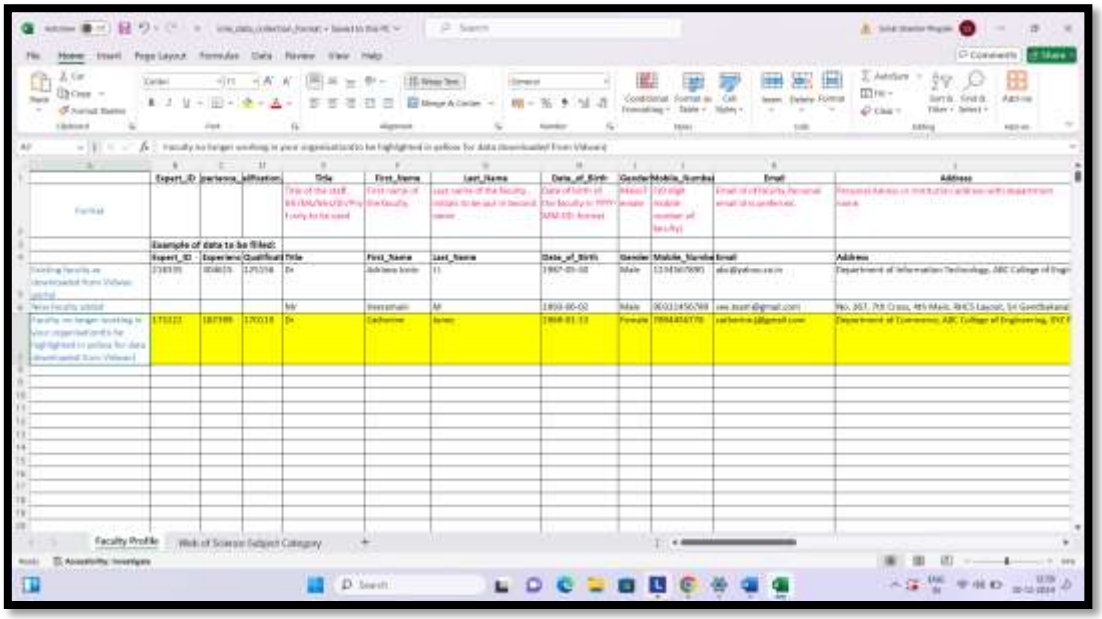
पायरी-3:IRINS टीमद्वारे महाविद्यालयाने सबमिट केलेल्या माहितीचे डेटाक्युरेशन केले जाते.

पायरी-४:क्यरेट केलेला डाटासह संस्थेचे IRINS पोर्टल तयार केले जाते आणि इन्स्टिट्यूटच्यानोडलऑफिसरलाकळविले जाते.

पायरी -५:संस्थेच्यानोडलऑफिसरकडूनफॅकल्टीसदस्य/शास्त्रज्ञांना, IRINS मधील त्यांचे प्रोफाइल अपडेट करण्यासाठी आवाहन केले जाते.

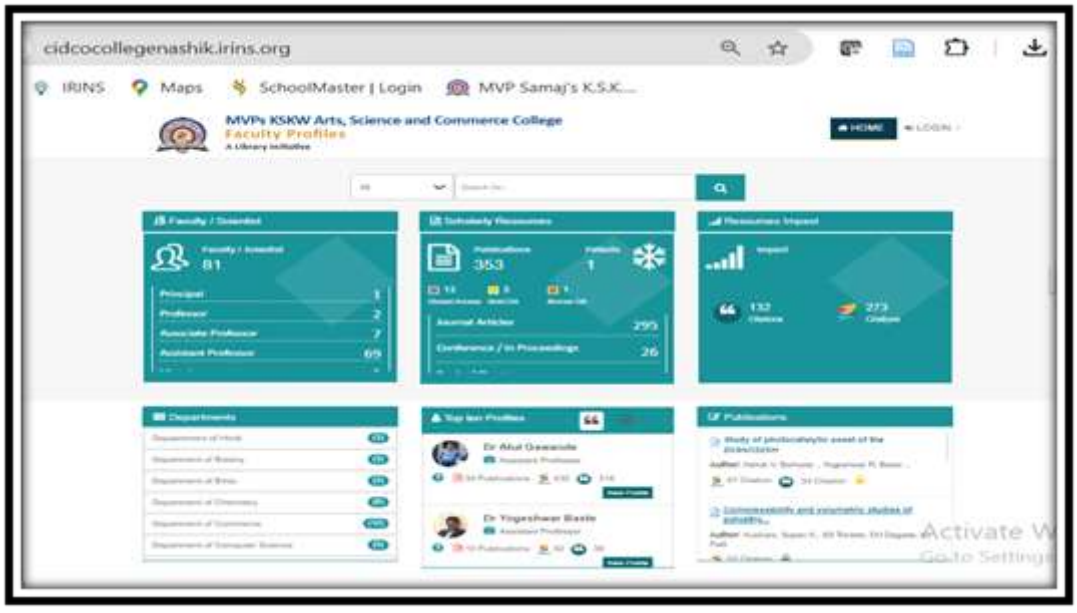
छायाचित्र नं :१ .IRINS पोर्टलचेमुख्यपान

छायाचित्र नं :2 .Data Collection Format



छायाचित्र**नं2 .** हे ,SNIRIसंस्थानंकडून विद्वानाची माहिती भरून घेत असलेल्या त्याप्रमाणे . चा नमुना आहे teehs lecxE SOW,पत्ता , liam- e ,जन्म तारीख ,शिक्षण ,पदनाम ,विद्वानांचे नावsubject category, संस्थेचे नाव माहिती .विभाग इ , .मागविली जाते

छायाचित्र नं मराठा विद्या :३ .प्रसारक समाज विज्ञान आणि वाणिज्य ,डब्ल्यू कला .के .एस .के ,महाविद्यालय , पोर्टल SNIRIनाशिक चे ,सिडको



ला SNIRIData Collection Formatभरून पाठविल्या नंतर सर्व माहितीचे एकत्रीकरण केले जाते आणि छायाचित्र नं ३ . . प्रमाणे संस्थांचे एक पोर्टल केले जातेत्याद्वारे इतर संस्थाना आणि विद्वानांना संबंधित संस्थेतील विद्वानांची माहिती कळते तसेचत्यांच्या संशोधनाबद्दल xednI-H ,scirtemlA ,secnerfeR ssorC ,noitatic ,पेटेंटबद्दल ,याबद्दल देखील माहिती मिळतेसंस्थेतील पहिले दहा व esiw noitacilbup आणि esiwnoitaticत्याचबरोबर .िद्वान देखील कळतात .

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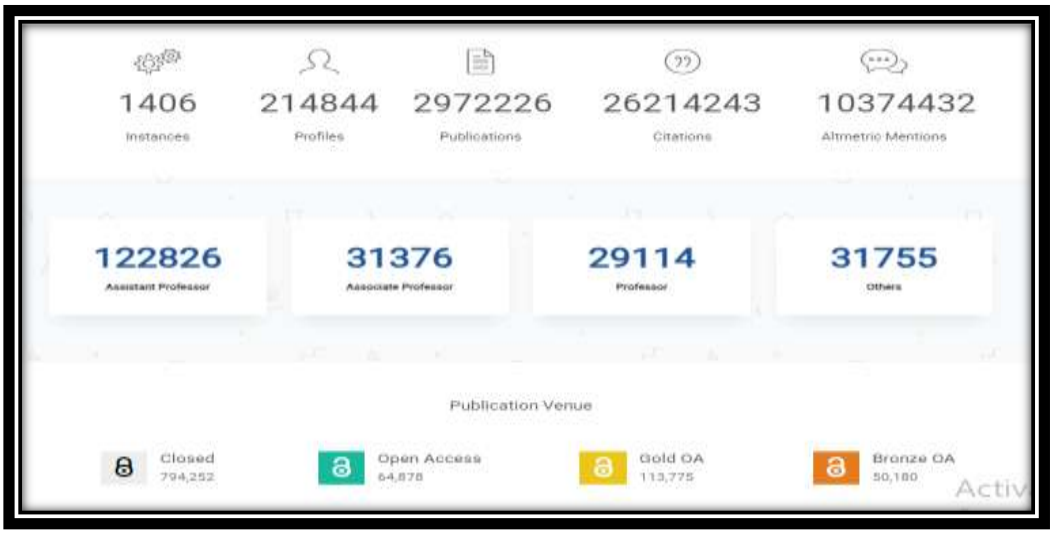

छायाचित्र नं ४ .IRINSचीसद्यस्थिती दर्शविते महाविद्यालयांनी आपले ,विद्यापीठ , संस्था १४०७ वरील छायाचित्र नुसार . इतके विद्वानांनचे प्रोफा ८४४,१४,२ .द्वारे तयार करून घेतेले आहेत TENBILFNI पोर्टल SNIRIइल तयार केलेलेआहेत आणि त्यांचे २९ noititatic इतके प्रकाशने आहेत आणि त्या सर्व प्रकाशाचे एकत्रित २२६,७२,२६२१४२४३ आहेत व अलमेट्रिक्स १ . आहेत ४३२,७४,०३,यामध्ये७ ,sseccA desolC२५२,९४,६४ ,sseccA nepO ८७८,१ nepO dloG ७७५,१३, ,५०आणिsseccA१८० आहे sseccA nepO eznorBत. IRINS मध्येप्रोफाइल असलेले विद्वानानंमध्ये १ हे ८२६.२२. rosseforP tnatsissAआहेत तर ३१ ,rosseforP etaicossA ३७६,२९,३१आणि rosseforP ११४,७५५ इतर पदांवर कार्यरत आहेत .

8. MIR-SNIRIअंमलात आणण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयाची भूमिका

ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिक संशोधकांना आणि विद्वान समुदायाला त्यांच्या,संशोधन उत्पादनाचे आयोजन करण्यात महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिक हे केवळ वाचन साहित्याचे संरक्षक नसतात तर ते संशोधन . उत्पादनाचे संग्रहण करण्यासाठी, अभ्यासक्रम संग्रह विकसित करण्यासाठी आणि या संसाधनांचा वापर करण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शक म्हणून काम करतात ग्रंथपालांना .मेटाडेटामानके ,, उद्धरणमेट्रिक्स ,, अलीकडील ट्रेंड आणि विद्वान संप्रेषण क्रियाकलापांशी संबंधित तंत्रज्ञानाची चांगली माहिती असते प्राचा , चे फायदे संस्थाचालक SNIRI त्यामुळे ग्रंथालयांनी .र्य प्राध्यापक यांच्या , SNIRI . ग्रंथालयांनी कार्यशाळा घेऊन जागरुकता निर्माण केली गेली हवीत .निदर्शनास आणले पाहिजेपोर्टल वरील ATAD SNIRI .ला पाठवावी SNIRI विद्वान आणि संशोधकांकडून भरून घेवून ती माहिती ,प्राध्यापक tamrof noitcelloCही संशोधनाशी संबंधित माहिती आयोजित करण्यासाठी एकात्मिक माहिती प्रणाली असल्याने , ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथालय व्यावसायिकांनी संस्था स्तरावर अंमलबजावणी करण्यासाठी आघाडीची भूमिका घ्याला हवी SNIRI .नेग्रंथालय

व्यावसायिकांना संशोधनाशी संबंधित मेटाडेटा गोळा करण्याची आणि बाहेरील जगाला दाखविण्याची एक नवीन संधी प्रदान केली आहे संस्था आणि संस्थेची जबाबदारी आहे की ती संशोधनाची उत्पादकता जनतेला ., निधी देणाऱ्यांना आणि समवयस्क गटांना दाखवावी प्राध्यापकांनी तयार केलेल्या विद्वत्तापूर्ण कार्याला अधिक दृश्यमानता ,पोर्टल SNIRI संस्था स्तरावरील . आणण्यासाठ ी आणि संपूर्ण संस्थेची प्रतिष्ठा वाढविण्यासाठी संस्थेला मदत करेल.

इंडियन रिसर्च इन्फॉर्मेशन नेटवर्क सिस्टीम)IRINS) संशोधनाविषयी माहितीचा प्रवाह सुलभ करते आणि विविध बिब्लिओमेट्रिक्स पॅरामीटर्सवर वैयक्तिक प्राध्यापक , विभाग, शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संस्थेची कामगिरी अधिक दृश्यमान करण्यासाठी एक सामान्य व्यासपीठ म्हणून काम करते .IRINS विविध संशोधन प्रकल्पांसाठी नेटवर्किंग, सहयोग आणि चांगल्या निधी संधीचा मार्ग मोकळा करते शिवाय ., धोरणकर्ते आणि भारत सरकारसाठी उपलब्ध कौशल्य , संशोधनाचे महत्त्व क्षेत्र आणि संशोधनातील अंतर ओळखण्यासाठी आणि त्यानुसार संशोधन निधीवरील त्यांची धोरणे परिभाषित करण्यासाठी एक चांगले साधन म्हणून याचा वापर केला जाऊ शकतो शैक्षणिक संस्था किंवा संशोधन आणि विकास संस्थांच्या संशोधन उत्पादनाचे . कार्यक्षमतेने मोजमाप आणि बेंचमार्किंग करण्यासाठीIRINS चा प्रभावीपणे वापर केला जाऊ शकतो .संशोधनाशी संबंधित मेटाडेटा एकाच ठिकाणी आणण्याची आणि प्राध्यापक सदस्यांचे आणि संस्थेच्या संशोधन योगदानाचे मोजमाप करण्यासाठी अधिक विश्लेषण आणि मेट्रिक्स प्रदान करण्याची मोठी संधी आहे SNIRI .प्रणाली मजबूत करण्यासाठी अधिक संस्था एकत्र जोडल्या गेल्या आहेत.

तसेच, वार्षिक अहवालआणि इतर मूल्यांकन अहवाल तयार करताना संशोधन प्रशासकाचा कामाचा भार कमी होतो हे . अधिकाधिक . आंतरविद्याशाखीय संशोधनासाठी संभाव्यसहकार्यासाठी संस्थेची शोधक्षमता आणि दृश्यमानता वाढवते आंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रेक्षकांपर्यंत पोहोचण्यासाठी सोर्स सीआरआयएस म्हणून त्याच्या प्रकाशनासाठी काम करत-टीम ओपन SNIRI .आहे

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2- विशय विवेचन

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प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीत ज्ञान, परंपरा आणि प्रथा या मानवतेला पोषक होत्या- Hkkjrkrhy r{k'kyk] ukynk] foØe"khyk] oYyHkh] mTttuh] dk"kh bR;knh fBdk.kh f'k{k.k vkf.k l"kk/kukph txifl) dn gkrh- vud n'kkru fo|kFkh Kku liknu rlp Lorkpk lokxh.k fodkl dj.;klkBh rFk ;r vlr- ofnd dkGkr f"k{k.k] ikphu Hkkjrkrhy thou rÙoKku vkf.k f'k{k.k0;oLFkp eG L=kr on gkr- _Xon] ;ton] vFkoon] lkeon g ikphu Hkkjrkrhy ykdkP;k lLdrh] lH;rk] thou vkf.k rÙoKkukcÌy Kkukp L=kr vkgr- R;ke/; thoukp rRoKku vkg- _Xon gk egku Hkkjrh; fopkjor f"k{kd _fk vkf.k euh ;kP;k eyHkr f"kdo.khpk lkjk"k vkg- ofnd dkGkr f"k{k.k _XonkP;k etdjkoj vk/kkfjr gkr- ofnd f"k{k.kkr onkP;k f"kdo.khpk leko'k gkrk- ofnd dkGkr f"k{k.kkp vfre mfíV g 0;ähyk lR; letu ?k.;kl vkf.k ek{k ikIr dj.;kl l{ke dj.k g gkr- ek{k Eg.kt eäh vkf.k eäh Eg.ku vkG[ky tk.kj r lLdr 'kCn ^eä* iklu vkyy vkg T;kpk vFk thou&eR;P;k pØkru eä gk.k vlk gkrk- gk vfre Vlik vkg T;ke/; /ke] de vkf.k vFk vkikvki lirkr- /ke Eg.kt tx.k ,d vkHkkklh vkf.k ufrd thou] vFk Eg.kt liÙkh] ljf{krrk vkf.k le/nhp lk/ku feGfo.k] dke Eg.kt bfn;l[k ie vkf.k miHkkx ;kph i'klk dj.k-

ofnd f"k{k.kkph brj egÙokph mfíV vkf.k 0;fäeÙokpk fodkl] ioÙkhp mnkÙkhdj.k] lLdrhp tru] pkfj«; fuek.k vkf.k श्kjhfjd dk;{kerk ok<fo.k L=h f"k{k.kkP;k {k=kr Hkkjrkph dkefxjh mYy[kuh; v"kh gkrh- e=;h]_rHkjk] xkxh ykikenk bR;knh fL=;kph uko R;kP;k d"kkxcf)eÙkeG txifl) >kyh gkrh- Hkkjrh; rÙoKku Eg.kr ^^,dksg cgL;ke** ,dk cãrRokph nku rÙo fuek.k >kyh- ,d L=h o ,d i#k R;keG nk?kgh R;k ,dkp ijcãkp Lo:i vkgr- dk.kh ekBk ukgh dk.kh ygku o ncy ukgh L=h rj lk{kkr thou fuferhphdkjd vkg- ftp LFkku lokPp ekuy xy- eukr iFke LFkku ^^ekr nok Hko** urj ^^fir nok Hko** ex ^^vkpk; nok Hko'' आणि शेवटी ''सर्व देवो भव'' असा समानक्रम देण्यात आला- वैदिक काळ हा स्त्रियांच्या सर्वांगीण प्रगतीच्या दृष्टीने सुवर्णाक्षरांनी लिहिण्यासारखा होता, यात संशय नाही-

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vFkkr tFk fL=;kcha आदर होतो व त्यांना योग्य तो मान दिला जातो तेथे देवही संतोष पावतात- tFk स्त्रियांची पूजा होत नाही योग्य तो मान–सन्मान दिल्या जात नाही तिथे केले गेलेले सगळे काम निष्फळ ठरतात- ofnd dkGkiek.k ikjkf.kd dkGkrnf[ky fL=;kuk f"k{k.kkp leku vf/kdkj ikIr gkr- fofo/k fo"k;ke/; R;k ikjxr gkR;k- ज्यात वेद, ब्राह्मण, उपनिषदे, वेदांग, कल्प, निरूक्त, व्याकरण, गणित परमार्थविद्या, rd'kkL=] U;k;'kkL=] jkT;"kkL=] /ke'kkL=] lj{k.k"kkL= bR;kfn vud fo"k; vlr-

ck/kk;u] dkR;k;u] vk;Hkĺ] ojkgfefgj] pjd] d.kkn] ukxkrtu] vxLr] 'kdjkpk;] Lokeh foodkun इत्यादि अनेक महापुरुषांनी भारत भूमीवर जन्म घेतला- R;kidh vk;Hkĺ g ikphu Hkkjrkrhy ,d ie[k xf.krK&[kxky'kkL=K gkr] T;kuh xf.kr vkf.k [kxky"kkL=kr egRoi.k ;kxnku fny- R;kP;k ^vk;HkVh;e* ;k xFkku xf.krkP;k x.kur Økrh ?kMo.kkÚ;k 'kU; ldYiulg vud egÙokP;k ldYiuk ekMY;k- vk;Hkíku l[;klkBh LFkku eY;i.kkyh n[khy fodflr dyh T;keG vdxf.kr fØ;k dj.k lki >ky-

ojkgfeghj ;kuh fyfgyY;k ^ipfl)kfUrdk* gk xFk ifl) vkg- g fl)kr ikfy"k] jked] of"ाष्ठ, lkj vkf.k firkeg vkgr- ;kplkcr cgRlfgrk cgTtkrd] cgn;k=k xFkgh ifl) vkgr-

cãxlr g frlj ifl) xf.krK gkr- T;kuh chtxf.kr vkf.k vd xf.krkr egÙoi.k ;kxnku fny- R;kpk ^cãLQVfl)kr*] ^[kM[kk|d*] ^mÙkjk[kM[kk|d* ;k xFkk0nkj vdxf.krh; fØ;kp fu;e lknj dy- T;ku vk/kfud chtxf.kr i)rhpk lkk;k ?kkryk- cãxlrku prHkt lehdj.kp fujkdj.k nf[ky dy vkf.k Hkfer%h; ie;k e/; ;kxnku fny-

गुरुकुल पद्धतीचा गणिताकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टीकोन विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण शैक्षणिक चौकटीत खोलवर #tyyk gkrk- xf.kr gk brj fo"k;klkcr f"kdoyk tk.kÚ;k e[; fo"k;kidh ,d vlY;ku ;k pkdVhr R;kyk vR;r egÙokp LFkku vkg- ;k ikphu Hkkjrh; xf.krKkuh fnyY;k ;kxnkuku xf.krkP;k bfrgklkoj vfeV Nki lkMyh vkg- T;ku txHkjkrhy fofo/k xf.krh ldYiuk vkf.k i)rhoj iHkko Vkdyk vkg-

भारताची ज्ञानपरंपरा समृद्ध करण्यात या महापुरुषांनीekykph dkefxjh ctkoyh- uerk] f"kLr] lR;rk] Lokoycu lokpk vknj ;k eY;kp vf/k"Bku Hkkjrh; Kkuijijr vkg- ekuo ik.kh vkf.k fulx ;kP;krhy lerky dlk jk[kk;yk ikfgt gk i;Ru dj.kkjh Hkkjrh; ijijk vkt fo|kF;kuk f"kdfoyh tk.k vko';d vkgr- on vkf.k mifu"knke/; ekM.;kr vkyY;k rRokp v/;kiu dY;kl 0;ähLor%lkcrp Lor%p dVc vkf.k lektkirh dr0; ikj ikM ?kdy v"kh ;ktuk vk[k.;kr vkyh vkg-

l/;kP;k f"k{k.ki)rhrHkkjrh;Rokpk ?kVd ok<fo.k vkiY;klkBh vR;ko"; d >ky vkg- l/;kph f"k{k.ki/nrh gh Hkkjrh;RokP;k fojk/kkr vkg- R;kr l/kkj.kk dj.k] R;klkBh vkn'k f"k{k.k i.kkyh fodflr dj.k xjtp vkg- Hkkjrkrhy ikjikfjd x#dy i.kkyhvrxr fo|kFkh R;kP;k x#lkcr vkJekr jkgr vlr- o;fäd xjtk vkf.k ifrHkkoj y{k dfnr d:u f"k{k.k o;fädr dy xy- fo|kFkh doG 'k{kf.kd fo"k;kr u0g rj thou dk'kY;] ufrdrk] eY; vkf.k 0;kogkfjd Kkugh vuHkokru f"kdy- x#dy i.kkyhpk o;fäd ekxn'ku ofo/;i.k vH;klØe] 0;kogkfjd f"k{k.k vkf.k eY;koj vk/kkfjr

f"k{k.kkoj Hkj thoukP;k fofo/k iy e/; mRdV dk; dj.;kl l{ke vlyY;k 0;ähyk ikRlkgu fny xy- v/;;ukpk gk lex nfoVdk.k doG l/nkfUrd f"k{k.kkijrk e;kfnr u0grk ;kr 0;kogkfjd mi;kx vkf.k vuHkokRed f"k{k.kkoj Hkj n.;kr vkyk- l/nkfUrd Kkukcjkcjp 0;kogkfjd dk"kY;gh fnyh xyh] R;keG fo|kF;kuk R;kp f'k{k.k okLrfod thoukr mi;ä Bjy-

Hkkjrh; fo|kF;kp Hkkjrh; f"k{k.kk0nkj Hkkjrkr miyC/k vl.kkÚ;k ;k lokRdV lk/kukuh lk/kyy lokRre f"k{k.k r Hkkjrh; f"k{k.k g Hkkjr dfnr vly ikfgt- f"k{k.kkP;k lo Lrjkpk fo"koskr mPp f"k{k.kkpk ntk ok<o.k vkf.k lektkP;k lo ?kVdkuk r f"k{k.k ;kX; iek.kkr miyC/k d:u n.k ;klkBhgh i;Ru >kyk ikfgt-

lR;kpk pgjk rtLoh lkujh vkoj.kku >kdyyk vkg- g rtke; l; ! lR;kpk ikIrhlkBh] iR;{k n'kuklkBh rEgh r vkoj.k dk<u Vkdk- Hkkjrh; f"k{k.k 0;oLFkyk ykxyy edkyi.khr xg.k vkrk jkoVh; f"k{kk uhrhP;k ykx gk.;ku lV.;kP;k nfoViFkkr vkg- Hkkjrh; Kku] ijijk Kku vkf.k iKk ;kpk lnj vkg- T;kr Kku] foKku] de] /ke Hkkx vkf.k R;kx ;kpk leUo; fnlrk-

Kku ijxã e ;n foKkulefUore A
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;koukg ;FkkHkko ;nix.dedh A
rFko rRofoKkueLr r enuxgkr AA

Hkkjrh; Kkuijijk vk/kkfjr f"k{kkuhrhp fØ;kUo;u dj.;klkBh] Kku&foKku&r=Kkuklg ikphu Hkkjrh; lLdrhpk olk vkf.k okjlk ti.;klkBh lex f"k{k.k 0;oLFkk dfVc/n >kyh vkg- dn ljdkjP;k f"k{k.k e=ky;kp g ikÅy uoHkkjrkP;k ÷k{kf.kd mToy Hkfo"k;klkBh ykHkdkjd Bjk ghp lfnPNk-

3- निश्कर्श

Hkkjrh; Kkuijijk vud o"kkiklu pkyr vkyyh vkg vkf.k rh mnkÙk vkg vl EgVY;kl okox Bj.kkj ukgh- प्राचीन ऋषी मुनीं हे कोणतेही काम फार विचारपूर्वक व दूरदृष्टीने करीत असत व आपले सर्व सण mRlo g R;k vu"kxkup lk;koj.kijd vlk;p ;klkj[k f"k{k.k x#dye/; lgtru f"kdfoY;k tkr gkr- R;kp l'kk/ku dk; g mRrep vlk;p ex r dk.krgh {k= vlk vk;on vlk ok foKku vlk] ijr dkykrjku thou i)rhr Qkj cny gkr xy] f"k{k.k i)rhr cny gkr xy vkf.k Hkkjrh; ykdkph v/kkxrh 0gk;yk ykxyh- Hkkjrkr vk/kfud f"k{k.kpk ik;k ;jkfi;u fe"kujh o 0;kikjkP;k gkru ?kkryk xyk- R;kuh i< vud ÷kkGk LFkkiu dY;k- fcfV"k ljdkjyk Hkkjrkpk 0;kolkf;d f"k{k.kpk fodkl gkÅ |k;pk u0grk- dkjdukph फौज निर्माण करून भारतीयांना गुलाम बनवणे हेच त्यांचे एकमात्र उद्दिष्ट होते- 1850 i;r Hkkjrkr x#dy i)rh gkrh] ijr ykM edky ;kuh Hkkjrh; ikjikfjd f"k{k.kkr d.kk ekM.;kpk i;Ru dyk- R;keG x#dy i)rh cn gkÅu vud fBdk.kh dkU0gV vkf.k lkotfud ÷kkGk m?kMY;k tkÅ ykxY;k vkf.k f"k{k.kkdM Qä mithfodp lk/ku ;k nfoVdkukru ikfgY;k tkÅ ykxy- x#dyk 0;frjä r{k"khyk] ukynk] foØef"kyk vkf.k bR;knh lkj[kh ifl) f"k{k.k dn gkrh T;kuh txkP;k fofo/k Hkkxkrhy fonoku vkf.k fo|kF;kuk vkdfokr dy- ikjHkh ikphu Hkkjrkr f"k{k.k rkMh ilkfjr dy tk;p- fi<;kufi<;k ikBoyy etdj ,du iujkoÙkh d:u vkf.k y{kkr Bou fo|kFkh f"k{k.k ?kr vl-

x#dykP;k vH;klØekr on] mifuॡkn] onk³x] lLdr 0;kdj.k] rRoKku] [kxky"kkL=] xf.kr] o|d"kkL=] lxhr uR;] /kuon bR;knhlkj[;k foLrr fo"k;kpk leko'k gkrk-

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lgkuHkrh] brjkcÌy vknj] lktU;] ykd'kkgh Hkkouk] loph Hkkouk] lkotfud ekyeÙkpk vknj] oKkfud fopkj] Lokr«;] tckcnkjh] lekurk vkf.k U;k; ;k ufrd] ekuoh vkf.k lo/kkfud eY;koj vk/kkfjr x.k fo|kF;ke/; #toY;k xy ikfgt- fo‌द्यार्थ्यांचे सतत मूल्यमापन करण्यावर तसेच शक्य असेल frFk r=Kkukpk okij dj.;koj Hkj fnyk tkby- v"kk fofo/k ;ktuk jkcoY;k xY;k ikfgtr-

4- lnHk%

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गोषवारा :

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 हे भारतातील f'k{k.k 0;oLFke/; ekB ifjoru vlu 21 0;k 'krdkrhy vf/kd leid vf.k lo leko"kd cufo.;kP;k fn"ku Vkdyy ,d vfr"k; lnj vl ikÅy vkg] ;k ldYiuvrxr n"kkyk tkxfrd Lrjkoj egkRrk cu.;klkBh Qkj ekBh enr gk.kkj vkg- ikphu Hkkjrh; Kkui.kkyh] ikphu Hkkrkk ;kuk ;ke/; egkRokp LFkku n.;kr vkyy vkg] ;k vrxr fonF;kPkk dk"kY; fodkl] ekrHkkdkoj Hkj] vkrj"kk[kh; vH;kl] rk=hd ckchpk mi;kx ¼vkfVfQkf"k;r bfVfyt U;½] l tu"kh yrk] lkekftd] Hkkokfud] vfFkd] ufrd {kerk fodfl r dj.;kpk i;Ru dj.;kr ;.kkj vkg ;k e/; ikjifjd xFkky;k cjkcj vk/kfud r=Kkukph tkM nou fMftVy xFkky;kph ldYiuk R;ke/; xFkikykph vl.kkjh Hkfedk vkf.k tokcnkjh ;k y[kkP;k ek/;ekru ekMU;kpk i;Ru dyk xyyk vkg-

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1- iLrkouk

राष्ट्रीय f"k{k.k /kj.kk 2020 g 21 0;k 'krdkrhy ifgy 'k{kf.kd /kj.k vkg T;ke/; ikphu vkf.k lukru Hkkjrh; Kku vf.k le/n v"kh ijijk fopkjkr ?kou r;kj dj.;kr vkyy vkg- ikphu Hkkjrkr f"k{k.kkp y{; doG thoukph r;kjh Eg.ku Kku feGo.k ,o<p u0gr rj i.k vkRe&Kku gkr- ikphu Hkkjrkr r{k"kh;k] ukynk] foØe"kh;k] oYyHkh v"kh fo|kihB vLrhRkokr gkrh] R;kp cjkcj Kku lkghR;ku le/n v"kh xFkky; l/nk gkrh- uohu f"k{k.k /kj.kke?; lo fo/kkF;kuk x.koRrki.k f"k{k.k] rkfdd fopkj] drh dj.;klkBh l{ke] /k;] fpdkVh] ufrd ckf/kydh vkf.k eY; vlyyk pkxyk 0;Drh fodlhr dj.k vlk vkg- ;k /kj.kkr Hkkjrkyk ,d tागतिक ज्ञान – महासत्ता, समाजामध्ये शा"or ifjoru dj.kkjh f"k{k.k0;oLFkk fuek.k dj.k t.kd:u r jo&;k vFkku ,d ukxjhd curhy- tuh 10+2 ;k ljpur cny d:u R;k,oth uohu 5+3+3+4 v"kh iujpuk dj.;kr vkyh T;kpk mÌ"k vf/kd pkxy lokxhu f"k{k.k] fodkl ;kuk pkyuk n.k gk vkg-

;k /kj.kkP;k ek/;ekru Þ tkxfrd f"k{k.k fodkl drh dk;de ß g mfnष्V 2031 lk;r Þlokl kBh leko"kd vkf.k leku x.korp f"k{k.k lfuf"Pkr dj.k vkf.k lokl kBh fujrj v/;iukP;k f"k{k.kkP;k l/khuk ikRlkg.k n.kß fcx MVk] e"khu ykfux] xf.kr] lx.kd] foKku] Hkkrkk] lkfgR;] lLdrh] pkfj= fue.k] jkष्Vªh; vfHkeku] vkRefoKku] vkRefo"okl ok<fo.;klkBh ntnkj f"k{k.k0;oLFkk vl.k xjtp vkg- mPp f"k{k.kkP;k ek/;ekru Lokr«;] lekurk c/kHkko] lokuk U;k;kpk vkf/kdkj n.;kpk i;Ru ;k ek/;ekru gk.kkj vkg- R;keG n"kkP;k fodkl kl kBh jkष्Vªh; 'k{kf.kd /kj.k 2020 mi;Dr Bj.kkj vkg-

2- राष्ट्रीय **भौक्षणिक धोरण 2020 वैशिश्टेः—**

1) उच्च शिक्षणासाठी नवीन अणि भविश्योमुख दुश्टिकोण :— lkekt kP;k dY;kuk lkBh mPp f"k{k.kkp y{k.kh; ;kxnku vlr- ,dfolkU;k 'krdkP;k xjkt kpk fopkj djrk vष्Viy vf.k dYid 0;Drh fodfl r

dj.k] lkekftd Lrjkoj ,d Kkuh] lkekftd nsV;k tkxr] d"ky jksV fuek.k dj.;kph {kerk] g ntnkj mPp f"k{kk.kkp mfnsV vly ikfgt dh T;k ek/;kekru jktxkjkP;k vf/kd pkxY;k l/kh r;kj dj.k एवढयापूरतेच मर्यादीत न राहता त्यामाध्यमातुन चैतन्यपूर्ण, सामाजिकदुष्टया सहभागी, आधिक आनंदी, सुसंस्कुत, पुरोगामी आणि समुध्द राष्ट्र तयार करण्यची क्षमता उच्च f"k{k.kke/; vlyh ikfgt ;k djhrk mPPk f"k{k.k 0;oLFkp uruhdj.k d:u R;k}kj lerk vkf.k loleko"kd vl mPp& x.korp mp f"k{k.k inku dj.k-

2½ lLFkkiph iujpiuk vf.k cGdiVh dj.k %& ekB;k cg"kk[kh; fo/kkihBe/;] egkfo/kky;ke/; 3000 fdok R;ki{kk tkLr fon;kFkh vlyY;k mPp f"k{k.k lLFkkp HEI DyLVl gce/; :ikrj dj.k- R;kek/;ekru fo|kFkh dykRed] ltu"khy vf.k fo"ysd fosk;klg [kGke/; n[khy vsViy gkrhy th nktnkj f"k{k.k l"kk/ku] lkenkf;d lgHkkx vlyy inohio vf.k inoh f"k{k.k inku djy v/;kiu vkf.k l"kk/kukyk leku egRo n.kk-;k lLFkk R;kek/;ekru l"kk/ku dnhr fo/kkihB r;kj dj.k]

3) अधिक सर्वांगीन आणि बहुशाखीय शिक्षण :— Hkkjrkyk lokxhu vkf.k cg"kk[kh; f"k{k.kkph inh?k ijijk ykHkyh vkg- ikphu Hkkjrh; lkghR;ke/; pkxY;k f"k{k.kkp o.ku Eg.kt 64 dykp Kku vl.k vl dy vkg- R;ke/; xk;u] fp=dyk] jlk;u"kL=] xkf.kr] lrkjdke] oL=kfuferh o/kdh; vkf.k vfHk;kf=dh lkj[kh 0;kolkfrd {k=] lokn] ppk ;k lkj[kh Þ0;ogkj dk"kY;ß fosk; gkr] ckf/nd] lkn; fosk;d] lkekftd] ख्kkjhjhd] Hkkofud] ufrd ;k lo ekuoh {kerk ,df=ri.k fodflr dj.k g lokxhu cg"kk[;h; f"k{k.kkp mfnष्ट असेल, कल्पक आणि लवचिक अभ्यासक्रमामुळे अभ्यासासाठी विविध शाखाचे कल्पक संयोग करणे शव्य होईल- v/;kiu"kkL=kr lokn] okn&fookn] l"kk/ku vf.k nlU;k ख्kk[krhy vkf.k vkrj"kk[kh; fopkj dj.;klkBh l/kkoj Hkj fnY;k tkby] vl lokxhu vkf.k cg"kkf[k; f"k{k.k lk/; dj.;klkBh lo HEI च्या लवचिक आणि नाविण्यपूर्ण अभ्यासक्रमामध्ये क्रेडीटवर आधारीत कोर्सस समाविष्ट असतील-

4) शिक्षणासाठी अनुकुल वातावरण अणि विधार्थ्यांचा सहयोगः— iHkkoh v/;iuklkBh ;kX; vH;klde] v/;kiu"kkL= lkrR;i.k jpukRed eY;kdu vkf.k fo/;kF;kpk ijlk ikBhck ;kph xjt vlr- v/;kiu"kkL=h; i/nrh eykuk fnY;k tk.kkP;k v/;ukpk vuHko fuf"pr djrkr o R;kpk FkV ifj.kke v/;ku fusirhoj gkrk- l;kX; lk/ku] ntnkj xFkky;] i;kx ख्kkGk r=Kku] [kG eukjtukP;k tkxk] fon;kF;kdjhrk ppk djk;yk tkxk] Hkktuky; ;klkj[;k ik;kHkr lfo/kk miyC/k d:u n.kkj v/;;ukp okrkoj.k miyC/k d:.k n.k- iR;d LkLFku vH;klde l/kkj.kk iklu oxkrhy 0;ogkjkP;k ntki;rP;k आपल्या सर्व शैक्षणिक योजनाचे एका मोठया इंन्टिटयु"kuy Moyie V lyue/; ,dkRehdj.k djko oxkr o oxkckgj gk.kk-या शैक्षानिक देवाघेवाणीसाठी एक मजबुत अंतर्गत व्यवस्था तयार करेल, ग्रंथालयाच्या माध्यमातुन वाचनाचे व्लब, विज्ञान, गणित, कविता, भाषा साहित्य, वादविवाद संगीत संबधित कार्यक्रम आयोजित करणे सामाजिक, अर्थिकष्ट;k okfpr ik"oHkeh vlyY;k fon;kF;kuk mPp f"k{kuki;r ikgp.;klkBh ikRlkgu vkf.k ikBhck n.k vkf.k ntnkj mPp f"k{k.k lgti.k miyC/k gk.;klkBh] ODL vkf.k vkuykbu f"k{k.k ulfxd ekxu miyC/k dj.k-

5½ fon;kF;kuk vkfFkd lgk;.;%&

fofo/k mik;;ktuk}kj SC, ST, OBC vkf.k SEDG e/khy fon;kF;kP;k x.korl vkfFkd ikRlkgu n.;klkBh fon;kF;kuk vFklgk;.; miyC/k d:u fon;kF;kuk enr dj.k] R;kP;k ixrhoj y{k n.;klkBh राष्ट्रीय f"kq;oRrh ikVypk foLrkj d:u [kktxh mPPk f"k{k.k lLFkkuh fon;kF;kuk ekB;k iek.kkr ख्kYdekQh vkf.k f"kq;oRrh n;koh-

6) उच्च शिक्षनात समता आणि समावेशकताः—

pkxY;k ntkP;k mPPk f”k{k.kkP;k l/kh lo 0;Drhuk miyC/k d:.k n.k] g lokPp ik/kkU;kidh ,d vly ikght] mPp f”k{k.kkr lekurk vkf.k leko”kdrph mfnष्V lk/; dj.;klkBh vko”;d vlyyh /kkj.k okijyh ikghtr-

;k grlkBh lo ljdkj vkf.k HEIP;k ek/;ekru [kkyhy ikoy mpyk;ph vkgr-

1½ SEDGP;k f”k{k.kklkBh ;kX; ljdkjh fu/kh cktyk dk<.k-
2½ HEIP;k io”kke/; fyx vk/kkjhr lryu vk.k.k-
3) भारतीय भाषामध्ये किंवा दोन भाषामध्ये f”kdo.k&;k HEIyk vfFkd enr miyC/k d:.k n.k-
4½ mPPk f”k{kk.kkrhy l/kh fonk;h vkf.k SEDG lkBhP;k f”k”o;oR;kfonk;h ilkj dk;de r;kj dj.k-
5) अधिक सहभागासाठी अणि अध्यपन निष्पतीसाठी तंत्रज्ञान साधने विकसित करणे आणि त्यांना सgk,; dj.k-
6½ io”k ifd;k vf/kd lolekonkd dj.k-
7) अभ्यासक्रम अधिक सर्वसमावेषक करणे-
8½ mPp f”k{k.k dk;dekph jktxkj {kerk ok<o.k-
9) भारतीय भाषांमध्ये अणि दोन भाषामध्ये f”kdoy tk.kkj vf/kd inoh vH;klde fodflr dj.k-

7½ r=Kkukpk okij %&

f”ाक्षणाच्या विविघ पेलूमध्ये सुधारणा करण्यासाठी तंत्रज्ञाणचा वापर करून शाळा अणि उच्च f”k{k.k ;k nkUghrhy v/;;u] eY;kdu] fu;ktu vf.k i”kklu bR;knhph x.koRrk ok<o.;kP;k nष्Vhu vfVfQ”k;y bVfytUl] e”khu ykfux cykd pUl] LekV ckMl] gLrpfyr dl;fVx fMok;ll brj Lo:ikrhy lk¶Vovj vf.k gkMovj] b etdjkp v/;kiu & v/;;u lo iknf”kd Hkkष्kke/; fodflr dj.k DIKSHA/SWAYAM सारखे तंत्रज्ञान आधारीत शैक्षणिक प्लेटफार्म, शाळा, कृत्रिम बुध्दिमत्ता ¼AI½3D/7D vkHkkl h okLrfodrk g ,d dfrdkjh r=Kku Eg.ku mn;kl vky vkg-

3- शिक्षण व्यवस्थेला मार्गदर्शन करणारे मुलभुत सिध्दातः

- iR;d fon;kF;kP;k of”kष्Vi.k {kerk vkG[ku R;k fodflr dj.;klkBh i;Ru dj.k-
- iR;d fon;kF;kP;k eyHkr lk{kjrk ;kuk ik/kkU; n.k-
- vH;kldekr yoofpdrk vlkoh] T;keG r vkलली प्रतिभा अणि आवड जोपासू शकतील-
- cgvk;keh vlk f”k{k.kde r;kj d:u R;ke/ku cg”kkf[k; vlk leXk f”k{k.kkpk fodkl-
- ijh{klkBh f”kd.;k ,oth ldYiuk letu ?k.;koj Hkj n.k-
- ufrdrk vf.k ?kVukRed eY;koj Hkj n.k-
- अध्यापनात अणि अध्ययनात बहु भाषिकल्तवkyk ik/kkU; n.k-
- अध्यापनात अणि अध्यपनात तत्रंज्ञानाचा परीपूर्ण असा वापर करून भाषेचे अडथळे काढून टाकणे-
- दिव्यांग विदर्थ्यासाठी शैक्षणिक नियोजन करून f”k{k.k lyHk cufo.k-
- dkfpx lLdrh ,oth f”kd.;klkBh lkrR;i.k eY;kdukoj Hkj n.k-
- सर्व शैक्षाणिक निर्ण;e/; i.k lekurk vf.k lolkeo”kdrk vlkoh-
- ckY;kojFkrhy f”ाक्षणापासून ते शालेय f”k{k.k u mPp f”k{k.kki;r lo ikrG;kojhy f”k{k.kkP;k vH;kldekr ll=rk vlkoh-
- f”k{kd g f”k{k.k ifd;p dn ekuko-
- x.korki.k vkf.k fodklkRed f”k{k.kklkBh mRdष्V ntkp l”kk/ku-
- f”k{k.k rKknokj ixrhpk lkrR;i.k vk<kok ?k.k-
- Hkkjrh; eGkpk vkf.k HkkjRkkP;k le/n] ikphu vkf.k vk/kfud lLdrh] ijijk ;kpk] vfHkeku vl.k-

- ❖ x.kork i.k f"k{k.k miyC/k d:.k iR;d ckydkpk eyHkr gDd lekt;k ikght-
- ❖ [kkt;h vkf.k lkenf;d LkLFkkP;k Hkkxhnkjhyk lkotfud f"k{k.k 0;oLFkr ikRlkgu n.k-

4- ग्रंथपाल :— एक मार्गदर्शक

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरणात ग्रंथपाल हा सुध्दा एक चागंली मार्गद"kdkph Hkfedk ikj ikM ‰kdrk- vkt ;k ekghrh r=Kku vf.k lk"ky feMh;kP;k ;xkr vkiY;k gkrkP;k ckVkP;k ,d fDydoj ve;knhr vlk ekghrkpk lkBk] okpdk lekj miyC/k gkrk- ijr lekj vlYkY;k ve;knhr ekghrh lxgke/ku vko";d rh ekghrh feGou n.;klkBh xFkky;krhy xFkikykP;k ekxn"kukp vko";drk vlr xFkikyku vkiY;k lokP;k ek/;ekru ,ll] vkuykbu iLrd] b cDl] fMkftVly xFklkexh l"kk/kuklkBh mi;kxh lkghR;kpk] r=Kkukpk okij o egRo letu okpdkuk miyC/k d:u n.;kph tokcnkjh xFkikykph vlr-

xFky;kr ;.kkjk iR;d okpd gk Lor= vlrk R;kph ekghrhph xjt o {kerk fHkUu vlr rh vkG[ku R;kp lek/kku dj.;kph xjt vlr u0;k ;xkrhy xFkikykuh doG r=Kkukp tkudkj u curk fdok doG ekghrh n.kkj u jkgrk ,d ekXkn"kd Eg.ku R;kph Hkfedk letu ?k.k vR;kvko";d >kyy vkg- cnyR;k dkGk u:lk ;.kU;k f"k{k.k iokgkrhy cnyk cjkcj dkGkP;k i< ,d ikÅy fopkj d:u Hkfo"kr okpdkP;k dk; vi{kk vkgr- यावर चिंतन व मनन करूण त्यादुष्टीने स्वतःची व्यावसायकि कौ"kY; o Lrj mpko.;klkBh lrr i;Ru"khy jkg.k jk"Vh; ‰k{kf.kd /kkjukr xFkikykdMu vif{kr vkg-

5- xFkky;kph Hkfedk vkf.k tckcnkjh%&

स्वातंत्र्यप्रातीनतंरच्या 75 वर्षाच्या कालखंडात दे"k ,d fodflr o egklRrk Eg.ku mn;kl ;r vkg- Hkkjrh; xFkky; fofo/k lkghR;ku Qyyh vkgr- xFkky;kP;k ek/;ekru mPpf"k{k.kkP;k {k=kr vHkrio v"kh dkrh mn;kl vkyyh vkg o th lop fon;k"kk[kkP;k ek/;ekru igk.;kl feGr vkg- jk"Vh; f"k{k.k vkjk[kMk 2020 pk fopkj djhr vlrkuk xFky;ke/; ipM iek.kkr cny gkr vkg- Hkkjrkp ekth राष्ट्रपती स्वर्गीय डॉ- ,-ih-जे अब्दुल कलाम यानी "मायकोसोफ्ट" समिट 2005 च्या उद्घाटनाच्या भाषणात f"k{k.kifd;fo"k;h vkiyh [kr 0;Dr dyh gkrh- vkiY;k mnck/kuij Hkk"k.kkr r Egk.kky gkr dh ßCan we make an education sytem whish will retain smiles on the face of the students through – out the period of educationÞli.k f"k{k.k dkGkr fon;kF;kP;k pgU;kojhy gkL; dk;e Bo ‰kdy v"kh ,[kknh f"k{k.k i.kkyh vki.k fue.k d: ‰kdrk dk \ T;kek/;ekru df=e cf/neRrk] o|dh;] vfHk;f=dh f"k{k.k] l"kk/ku] dk"kY; fodklkyk xrh n.;klkBh ‰kkGkuk ckMcUM duf0V0ghVh] Hkkjrh; Hkk"kk iLrd ;ktur ‰kkGk egkfon;ky;hu f"k{kk.kklkBh lo Hkkjrh; Hkk"kkkrhy MhthVly iLrd उपलब्ध करण्याची योजना ज्यामुळे विद्यार्थी मात्रुभाषेसह इतर भारतीय भाषा अवगत करतील- lyHkjhR;k gtkjk iLrd xFkky;kP;k ek/;ekru fMftVly i/nrhu loklkBh miyC/k gkrhy-

xFkky;kr r=KkUkPkk okij d:u vkHkkl h okLRkfodrk AI 30/ 70 P;k ek/;ekru dfrdjh r=Kku Eg.ku mn;kl vkyy vkg- शाळा, महविदयालये, सार्वजनिक ग्रंथालये, उच्च f"k{k.k n.k-;k lLFkk] 0;kolf;d f"k{k.k n.k-;k lLFkk v";k lokP;k ek/;ekru fon;kF;ke/; okpukph lo; :tkfo.;klkBh iLdkph miyc/krk] iLrd loki;r ikgpk.;kph fLFkrh l/kkj.k] fn0;kx o oxG;k {kerk vlyY;k 0;Drh सहीत सर्व विद्यार्थ्याच्या गरजा भागविण्यासाठी अणि आवडी पूर्ण करण्यासाठी पुरतकाचा पुरेसा पूरवठा उपलब्ध dj.;klkBh vk/kfudh dj.k dj.;kph f"kQjl ;k /kkj.kke/; dyyh vkg- li.k n"k Hkjkrhy lkekftd] vkfFkdn"Vî;k okfpr Hkkxkl g] xkeh.k vf.k nxe Hkkxkr jkg.kU;kuk l/nk iLrd miyC/k dY;k tkrhy- xFkky;krhy ijrdkph vkuykbu miyC/krk] fmftVly xFky;kpk foLrkj] xFky;ke/; ijlk depkjh ox R;kp fu;ktu dj.k v";k fofo/k ckchpk ;ke/; leko"k dyyk vkg-

6- fu"dk"kZ

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 मध्ये f"k{k.k e=ky; Hkkjr ljdkj }kj n"kkP;k lokxkr fodkl kpk ik;k r;kj djk.;kr vkyk R;k ek/;ekru jkcoh; fodkl kyk pkyuk n.;kl kBh f"k{k.k gk eyHkr ik;k vkg- n"kkph jkcoh; ,dkRerk] lLdrhp tru] le/n] Hkkjr vkf.k ltu"khy ukxjhd r;kj dj.k gk vkg- ;e/; fofo/k l/kj.kk lkcrp ikjikjhd xFkky;e/; vk/kfud r=Kkukpk okij d:u fon;kF;kpk lokxhu fodkl kBh vk/kfud xFkky; mHk djko-

7- lanHk

1½ n"ikpkaMs , स्नेहा (मार्च2022) राष्ट्रीय f"k्षण धोरणाच्या संदर्भात स्थानिक विधापीठ आणि शैक्षिण संसथाची Hkfedk] vFkl okn] [kM 45 vd- 4 i-254- 259

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नविन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० आणि ग्रंथालयामध्ये चॅट जीपीटी तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर

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सारांश : *प्रस्तुत लेखात नवीन राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० रूपरेषा, दूरदृष्टी, तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर, डिजिटल ग्रंथालय, ग्रंथालयात तंत्रज्ञानाची आवश्यकता, ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप, चॅट जीपीटीचा इतिहास, चॅट जीपीटीचे क्षेत्र, ग्रंथालयात चॅट जीपीटी तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर इत्यादीची माहिती प्रस्तूत लेखात दिलेली आहे.*

संज्ञा: *चॅट जीपीटी, कृत्रिम बुध्दिमत्ता,डिजिटल ग्रंथालय, नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२०*

१. प्रस्तावना:

भारताला ज्ञान महासत्ता बनविण्यासाठी, विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये आवश्यक कौशल्य व ज्ञानप्राप्ती आणि विज्ञान, तंत्रज्ञान, शिक्षण आणि औद्योगिक क्षेत्रामधील मनुष्यबळाची कमतरता दूर करण्यासाठी, भारतातील लोकसंख्येला गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षण, नाविन्यपूर्ण शिक्षण व संशोधनाच्या सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देण्यासाठी भारत सरकारने नवीन राष्टीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० लागू केलेले आहे. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरणामध्ये सर्वागीण आणि बहुविद्याशाखीय शिक्षण प्रणालीचा अंतर्भाव करण्यात आला असून ज्याच्या उद्दश मानवाच्या सर्व क्षमतांचा नैतिक एकात्मिक पध्दतीने विकास करणे आहे.

शिक्षण व्यवस्थेतील मूलभूत सुधारणांच्या केंद्रस्थानी शिक्षक असला पाहिजे. नवीन शिक्षण धोरणाने शिक्षकाला सर्व पातळयांवर आपल्या समाजातील सर्वांत आदरणीय आणि आवश्यक सदस्य म्हणून पुनर्स्थापित करण्यासाठी मदत करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे. कारण तो खरोखर आपल्या नागरिकांच्या पुढील पिढीला आकार देतो. शिक्षकांना सक्षम करण्यासाठी आणि त्यांनी आपले काम शक्य तितक्या प्रभावीपणे करावे म्हणून या धोरणाने शक्य त्या सर्व गोष्टी केल्या पाहिजे. तसेच सर्वोत्तम आणि बुध्दिमान व्यक्तींना सर्व पातळीवर शिक्षकी पेशांत सामावून घेण्यासाठी नवीन शिक्षण धोरणाने मदत केली पाहिजे.

२. नवीन राष्टीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० रूपरेषा:

भारताला जागतिक ज्ञान महासत्ता बनविणे हे नवीन राष्टीय शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० चे अंतिम उद्दिष्ट आहे. म्हणूनच मनुष्यबळ विकास मंत्रालयाचे नाव बदलून शिक्षण मंत्रालय ठेवण्यात आलेले आहे. भाततारा स्वातंत्र्य मिळाल्यापासून शिक्षण क्षेत्रात झालेला हा तिसरा मोठा बदल आहे. भारताच्या प्रगतीच्या दृष्टीने आर्थिक विकास, सामाजिक न्याय, राष्टीय एकात्मता आणि संस्कृतीचे जतन इत्यादी क्षेत्रामध्ये जागतिक पातळीवर नेतृत्व करण्यासाठी समाजातील सर्व घटकांना दर्जेदार शिक्षण उपलब्ध करून देणे आवश्यक आहे. ज्ञानाच्या बाबतीत जगामध्ये वेगाने बदल होत आहे. हा बदल लक्षात घेऊन शैक्षणिक अभ्यासक्रमाची आखणी करणे आवश्यक आहे.

३. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० दूरदृष्टी:

भारतीय मूल्यांपासून विकसित केलेली, सर्वांना उच्च गुणवत्तेचे शिक्षण उपलब्ध करून देऊन, त्याव्दारे भारताला एक जागतिक ज्ञान महासत्ता बनवून भारताचे एका न्याय्य आणि चैतन्यमय ज्ञान समाजात शाश्वतपणे परिवर्तन करण्यात प्रत्यक्षपणे योगदान देणारी अशी शिक्षणव्यवस्था निर्माण करणे हे आहे. धोरणात असे संकल्पित आहे की, आपल्या शिक्षणसंस्थांचा अभ्यासक्रम आणि शिक्षणपध्दत विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये मूलभूत कर्तव्ये आणि घटनात्मक मूल्यांविषयी तीव्र आदर, स्वत:च्या देशाशी दृढ नाते आणि बदलत्या जगातील स्वत:च्या भूमिका आणि जबाबदाऱ्याविषयी जाणीवपूवे जागरूकता निर्माण करणारे असायला हवेत.

या धोरणाची दूरदृष्टी अशी आहे की, भारतीय असल्याचा सखोल अभिमान विद्यार्थ्यांच्या केवळ विचारांमध्येच नव्हे तर त्यांच्या व्यवहारात, बुध्दीमध्ये आणि कृतीमध्ये देखील रूजवणे, तसेच मानवी हक्क, शाश्वत विकास आणि जीवनमान यांच्याशी जबाबदारीपूर्ण बांधिलकीचे समर्थन करणारे ज्ञान, कौशल्ये, मूल्ये आणि स्वभाव विकसित करणे, जेणेकरून ते खऱ्या अर्थाने एक वैश्विक नागरिक बनतील.

४. नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२०: तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर

तांत्रिक विकासाच्या तीव्र वेगाला, तंत्रज्ञानाचे जाणकार शिक्षक आणि उद्योजकांसहित विद्यार्थी उद्योजकांच्या कल्पकतेची जोड मिळाल्यावर, तंत्रज्ञानाचा शिक्षणावर अनेक प्रकारे परिणाम होईल हे निश्चित. सध्या यातील फक्त काही परिणामांचा अंदाज लावता येईल. आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजन्स, मशीन लर्निंग, ब्लॉक चेन्स, स्मार्ट बोर्ड्स, हस्तचलित, कंप्युटिंग डिवायसेस, विद्यार्थ्यांच्या विकासासाठी अडॅप्टीव कंप्युटर टेस्टिंग आणि इतर स्वरूपातील सॉफटवेअर आणि हार्डवेअर यासारख्या नवीन तंत्रज्ञानांमुळे विद्यार्थी वर्गात काय शिकतात फक्त यामध्ये बदल होणार नाही तर ते कसे शिकतात यातदेखील बदल होईल.

५.नविन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० मध्ये डिजिटल ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप:

आजच्या डिजिटल युगात ज्ञान हि एक शक्ती आहे. ज्ञानशक्ती ही सत्ता व संपत्ती मिळवण्याचे एक साधन आहे. त्यामुळेच असा ज्ञानसंग्रह व त्याचा उपयोग करण्यासाठी ग्रंथालयाची निर्मिती झाली. ग्रंथ ग्रंथालये ही मानवी जीवन समृध्द करणारी ज्ञानभांडारे आहेत. सुरूवातीच्या काळापासून ग्रंथालयात विविध सेवा देण्यासाठी वेगवेगळया तंत्राचा वापर केला जात आहे. त्या सर्वाना काही प्रमाणात मर्यादा पडतात. संगणकामध्ये माहितीवर प्रक्रिया करण्याची असलेली क्षमता, अद्ययावतता, माहितीची साठवण व उपलब्धता यासाठी लागणारा अत्यल्प वेळ, विविध प्रकारे नेमक्या माहितीचा शोध, माहितीच्या आदान प्रदानाला कमालिचा वेग, वापरकर्त्यास सुलभ अशा विविध कारणामुळे ग्रंथालयात संगणकाचा उपयोग सुरू झाला. यामुळे ग्रंथालये चार भिंतीत आणि कपाटामध्ये बंदिस्त न राहता ती सरळ वाचकाला हव्या त्या स्वरूपात, हव्या त्या ठिकाणी उपलब्ध होऊ लागली आहे.

पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयामध्ये पुर्णत: माहिती आणि संप्रेषण तंत्रज्ञानाचा अभाव होता. त्यानंतर हायब्रीड स्वरूपाच्या ग्रंथालयामध्ये इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यमावर चालणाऱ्या साधनाचा संग्रह करण्यात येऊ लागला. म्हणजेच हायब्रीड ग्रंथालयांमध्ये माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव थोडयाप्रमाणात दिसू लागला आणि यापुढे जावून विसाव्या शतकात उत्तरार्धामध्ये पुर्णत: माहिती तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव ग्रंथालयावर होवून त्या आधारीत डिजिटल ग्रंथालये अस्तित्वात येवू लागली आहे.

६. ग्रंथालयात तंत्रज्ञानाची आवश्यकता :—

ग्रंथालयातील ग्रंथ, वाचन साहित्य यांचे केवळ जतन करुन चालत नाही. तर उपलब्ध वाचन—साहित्य जास्तीत—जास्त वाचकांपर्यत कसे पोहोचविले जाईल हे महत्वाचे आहे. नवनविन व आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा ग्रंथालयात वापर करुन कमी वेळात, वेगाने व योजनाबद्ध रीतीने ग्रंथालयातील उपलब्ध माहिती वाचकांपर्यत पोहोचविणे शक्य झाले आहे. माहिती तंत्रज्ञान हे समाज परिवर्तनाचे आणि व्यक्ति विकासाचे प्रभावी साधन आहे. आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा विचार केल्याशिवाय समाज परिवर्तन घडणार नाही याची सर्वाना जाणीव आहे. म्हणूनच आजच्या आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करणे आवश्यक झाले आहे. शैक्षणिक ग्रंथालयातून विद्यार्थी व शिक्षक यांना विविध प्रकारची माहिती पाहिजे असते. अश्यावेळी यांनासुद्धा ग्रंथालयातील तंत्रज्ञानाची माहिती असणे अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे.

७. ग्रंथालयाचे बदलते स्वरूप:—

पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयापासून ते आधुनिक काळातील ग्रंथालये यांचा आढावा घेतला असता, ग्रंथालयाचे पुढीलपैकी वर्गीकरण करण्यात येते.

- पारंपारिक ग्रंथालय
- इलेक्ट्रॉनिक ग्रंथालय
- स्वयंचलित ग्रंथालय
- हायब्रीड ग्रंथालय

- डिजिटल ग्रंथालय
- वर्च्युअल ग्रंथालय

8-चॅट जीपीटीचा (ChatGPT) इतिहास:

चॅट जीपीटी हे OpenAI या आस्थापनाने विकसित केलेले कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित भाषिक मॉडेल आहे. हे मॉडेल नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (Natural Language Processing - NLP) वापरून मानवी भाषेतील संवाद समजते आणि उत्तर देते. याचा विकास GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) मालिकेच्या संशोधनातून झाला आहे.

1. GPT-1 (2018):पहिले भाषिक मॉडेल OpenAI ने सादर केले.हे मॉडेल मोठ्या प्रमाणावर मजकूर प्रक्रिया करू शकत होते , पण संवादक्षम नव्हते.यामध्ये सुधारित भाषिक समज आणि वाक्यरचना शिकण्यावर भर होता.

2. GPT-2 (2019): 1.5 अब्ज (billion) पेक्षा जास्त न्यूरॉन्स असलेले मॉडेल . अधिक सुसंगत मजकूर निर्माण करण्यास सक्षम.सुरुवातीला OpenAI ने हे सार्वजनिक केले नाही , कारण या तंत्रज्ञानाचा गैरवापर होण्याची शक्यता होती.नंतर याचे संशोधन व वापरासाठी खुले (open-source) करण्यात आले.

3. GPT-3 (2020): 175 अब्ज (billion) न्यूरॉन्स असलेले मॉडेल, जे अत्यंत प्रभावी आणि संवादक्षम आहे.मजकूर निर्माण , अनुवाद, प्रश्नोत्तरे, कोड लेखन, साहित्यनिर्मिती, आणि संवाद या गोष्टींमध्ये उत्कृष्ट. GPT-3 च्या माध्यमातून चाट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) ची सुरुवात झाली.हे मॉडेल मानवी संवादासारखी नैसर्गिक भाषा निर्माण करू लागले.

4. ChatGPT (नोव्हेंबर 2022): GPT-3.5 वर आधारित चॅट जीपीटी हे प्रथमच सार्वजनिकरित्या उपलब्ध करण्यात आले.यामुळे AI आधारित संवादाचा मोठ्या प्रमाणावर प्रसार झाला.अनेक व्यवसाय, शिक्षणसंस्था, आणि संशोधकांनी याचा उपयोग सुरू केला.

5. GPT-4 (मार्च 2023): GPT-4 हे अधिक प्रगत, अचूक आणि बुद्धिमान बनले.यामध्ये चांगले तर्कशक्तीपूर्ण विचार, कल्पकता, आणि जटिल समस्यांचे उत्तर देण्याची क्षमता विकसित झाली.मल्टीमॉडेल सपोर्ट: हे मॉडेल मजकूरासोबत प्रतिमा आणि कोडही समजून घेऊ शकते.चॅट जीपीटी प्लस (ChatGPT Plus) नावाची प्रीमियम सेवा उपलब्ध झाली.

9- चॅट जीपीटीच्या उपयोगाचे क्षेत्र

1. शिक्षण: विद्यार्थी आणि शिक्षकांसाठी संशोधन मदत, लेखन सहाय्य, आणि प्रश्नोत्तरे.

2. व्यवसाय: ग्राहक समर्थन, ईमेल लेखन, मार्केटिंग मजकूर निर्माण.

3. संशोधन: विविध विषयांवरील माहिती संकलन आणि विश्लेषण.

4. तांत्रिक क्षेत्र: प्रोग्रामिंग कोड लेखन आणि डीबगिंग.

5. साहित्यनिर्मिती: कथा, कविता, लेख इत्यादी साहित्य लेखन.

10- ग्रंथालयामध्येचॅट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर:

ग्रंथालयामध्येचॅट जीपीटी (ChatGPT) तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर केल्याने माहितीचा शोध , व्यवस्थापन, आणि सेवा देण्याच्या पद्धतीत क्रांतिकारक बदल घडू शकतो. हे तंत्रज्ञान कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आणि नैसर्गिक भाषा प्रक्रिया (NLP) वापरून ग्रंथालयातील विविध कार्ये अधिक प्रभावी आणि सोयीस्कर बनवू शकते.

1. वाचन आणि संदर्भ सेवा सुधारणा

- वाचकांना तत्काळ माहिती देण्यासाठी AI सहाय्यक म्हणून वापर
- ग्रंथालयातील कुठले ग्रंथ, संशोधन नोंदी, किंवा दस्तऐवज उपलब्ध आहेत? याबद्दल झटपट माहिती पुरवणे
- ग्रंथालयातील संदर्भ विभागामध्ये पुस्तकांशी संबंधित संक्षिप्त सारांश , लेखकाची माहिती , आणि पुस्तकांची तुलना करण्यास मदत

2. वाचनसूची आणि शिफारसी देणे

- वाचकाच्या रुची, अभ्यासक्रम किंवा संशोधन विषयानुसार पुस्तकांची यादी सुचवणे
- AI च्या मदतीने सर्वोत्तम शैक्षणिक, मनोरंजक, किंवा संशोधनपर साहित्याची शिफारस

3. डिजिटल शोध आणि कॅटॅलॉगिंग सुधारणा

- ग्रंथालयातील ऑनलाइन कॅटॅलॉग किंवा डेटाबेसमधून अधिक अचूक आणि जलद शोध सेवा देणे
- संग्रहीत मजकूर, पीडीएफ, किंवा स्कॅन केलेल्या दस्तऐवजांचे स्वयंचलित संक्षेप आणि अनुक्रमण

4. अभ्यासक आणि संशोधकांसाठी मदत

- संशोधकांसाठी माहितीचे संकलन आणि विश्लेषण करण्यास मदत
- ग्रंथालयातील डिजिटल स्त्रोतांचा योग्य वापर करण्यासाठी मार्गदर्शन
- संशोधन पेपरसाठी संदर्भ ग्रंथांची यादी तयार करणे (Bibliography Generation)

5. भाषांतर आणि बहुभाषिक सहाय्य

- विविध भाषांमध्ये पुस्तकांची किंवा दस्तऐवजांची माहिती उपलब्ध करणे
- वाचकांना त्यांच्या भाषेतून तपशील समजून घेण्यास मदत करणे

6. चैटबॉट सेवा (24x7 मदत)

- वाचकांना चौकशीसाठी स्वयंचलित चॅटबॉट सुविधा उपलब्ध करणे
- ग्रंथालयाच्या कार्य वेळा, सदस्यता प्रक्रिया, पुस्तक आरक्षण इत्यादींबाबत त्वरित मदत

11- चॅट जीपीटी वापरण्याचे फायदे

- वेळ वाचवतो: ग्रंथपाल व वाचकांना झटपट माहिती मिळते.
- अचूकता सुधारतो: शोध परिणाम अधिक अचूक आणि उपयुक्त असतात.
- वापरकर्ता अनुभव सुधारतो: वाचकांना अधिक वैयक्तिक सेवा मिळते.
- स्मार्ट व्यवस्थापन: डिजिटल ग्रंथालये अधिक प्रभावीपणे व्यवस्थापित करता येतात.

१२. समारोप

नवीन शैक्षणिक धोरण २०२० हे सर्वसमावेशक असे धोरण आहे जे भारताच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत परिवर्तन घडवून आणण्यास साहाय्यभूत होणार आहे. वाचकांच्या माहिती विषयक वेगवेगळया गरजा व वेगवेगळे दृष्टिकोन लक्षात घेता पारंपारिक ग्रंथालयांनाही आजच्या प्रगत तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून घेवून ग्रंथालयाचा विकास करणे गरजेचे झालेले आहे. त्यामुळे प्रत्येक ग्रंथालयाचे डिजिटाझेशन करणे आवश्यक आहे. आजच्या गतिमान युगात वाचकांना हवी असणारी माहिती वेळेत देण्यासाठी व तिची उपलब्धता आपल्या ग्रंथालयात करण्यासाठी डिजिटाझेशन गरजेचे आहे. आज माहितीचा विस्फोट, वाचकांच्या बदलत्या गरजा, तंत्रज्ञानातील बदलते स्वरूप इत्यादी करिता ग्रंथालयाचे डिजिटाझेशन करणे आवश्यक आहे. आणि त्यासोबत आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून ग्रंथालयामार्फत वाचकांना तत्पर सेवा दिल्या पाहिजे.

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THE WEEDING OUT POLICY FOR LIBRARIES: ESSENTIAL FOR MODERN COLLECTIONS

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Abstract : *The role of libraries is not only to preserve and disseminate information, but also to ensure the long-term preservation of the materials in the collection. Weeding is used in library collections for various reasons, such as increasing efficiency, ensuring spatial management and usability. The weeding policy in modern collections does not only focus on getting rid of old or obsolete materials, but also helps in keeping the collection up to date with the services of the libraries, environmental factors and current educational needs.*

Weeding policy, collection review, and quality control of materials are the ongoing tasks of libraries. In this process, the collection and use of materials in the collection are evaluated, thus making it possible to respond to the changing needs of the customers.

This policy is implemented using thoughtful, computational and technological tools, which not only saves the library space, but also opens up avenues for the best management of the library's performance and its growth in the future.

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INTRODUCTION

Libraries are known as important centres of traditional knowledge storage and dissemination. These institutions have adopted modern technologies and policies to meet the current and future reading and information needs. Weeding is an important and planned process used in library collection management. A weeding policy is essential to ensure a balanced and efficient collection management in libraries, as it frees the collection from unnecessary, obsolete or damaged materials.

The task of modern libraries is to manage the flow of more and more information and keep it up to date in a consistent manner. This includes books, journals, reference books and digital resources. In such a situation, old, obsolete or disorganized materials can affect the quality of the collection. For this, the use of a weeding policy helps libraries to control the quality of the collection, make efficient use of space and respond appropriately to the needs of readers.

A weeding policy for libraries is not just a managerial activity, but it is an important step in creating a sustainable and deep collection structure. This ensures a process of reviewing and updating the collection, which in turn improves the efficiency and services of libraries. Therefore, a weeding policy is an essential part of modern collection management, and the importance of implementing this policy will be discussed in more detail in this article.

OBJECTIVE :

.1To find out improving the quality of collections by eliminating obsolete, disorganized or damaged materials through the use of a weeding strategy.

.2To find out weeding is essential to ensure efficient use of the available space in libraries, which will make the collection structure more consistent and manageable.

.3To find out updating the collection by identifying changing educational and reading needs, so that the library becomes more effective in providing the information needed by the readers.

.4To find out with the weeding strategy, the library collection will be enriched with new information and resources, as well as ensuring its long-term sustainability.

.5To find out increasing the efficiency of the collection weeding process and facilitating its management by using computer and technological tools.

.6To find out incorporating more efficient and useful resources into the library content, which will provide better service to the users.

WEEDING POLICY IS NECESSARY FOR MODERN COLLECTIONS

A weeding out policy for libraries is the process of removing old, obsolete, or unused material from a library. The purpose of this policy is to permanently improve the quality and relevance of the collection. The following reasons explain why a weeding policy is necessary for modern collections:

1. **Collection freshness and relevance**

Library materials can become obsolete over time. A weeding policy reduces the use of these materials, allowing new, fresh, and relevant materials to be added to the collection. This provides library users with more informative and up-to-date materials.

2. **Space and management**

Libraries often operate in limited spaces. Removing obsolete or unused materials allows for more efficient use of the collection space. Weeding helps in better management of the space, making room for new books and resources.

3. **User experience improvement**

Weeding is important for providing a more attractive and convenient experience for library members. By removing materials that users do not want or will never use from the library collection, it is easier for them to access more valuable and useful materials.

4. **Collection Maintenance and Care**

It is necessary to remove old, damaged or in poor condition materials. Such materials can destroy the infrastructure of the library. Weeding makes the collection easier to maintain and reduces the chances of damage.

5. **Use of Technology and Digital Tools**

Libraries are creating digital collections with the help of modern technology. In such a situation, the need for traditional paper books has decreased. Weeding helps to adapt to the increasing need for resources in digital format and the changing reading habits accordingly.

6. **More effective for research and educational purposes**

Weeding provides students and researchers with more specific and useful resources. By removing old and obsolete materials, new and revolutionary materials can be made available more effectively in the field of research.

7. **Social and Cultural Changes**

Changes in society and culture have an impact on library collections. With changing reading topics and historical perspectives, it is not necessary to devote much space to

cultivating old material. It is important to weed out and instead collect books on new ideologies and topics.

LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

Library collection management is the process of selecting, organizing, maintaining and supervising the materials in a library. It includes everything from the selection of books to how they are used. Collection management is very important for the efficiency of a library because it ensures that the users get the information, they need at the right time and in the right format.

1. Improving the quality of the collection: Maintaining the quality of the collection by removing damaged and obsolete materials.
2. Efficient use of space: Making more efficient use of space, which can accommodate new and useful materials.
3. Condition and maintenance of materials: Disposing of damaged books and maintaining them.
4. Enhancing usability for users: Making more useful and up-to-date materials available.
5. Improving the efficiency of service: Serving users more effectively, especially in the case of digital and educational materials.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

A library catalogue is a detailed list of all the materials in a library. This list contains information such as the title of the book, author, publisher, ISBN number, type of material, and its status (available or borrowed). The catalogue makes all the information about the library's collection consistent and easily accessible. This makes it easier for users to find the required materials. Maintaining a catalogue is important in the weeding process, as it helps to identify obsolete and old materials.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Library acquisition is the process of acquiring, expanding, and improving the quality of a library's collection. It involves adding new books, journals, online databases, and other resources to the library's collection. The purpose of acquisition is to meet the information needs of users and keep them up-to-date.

In the acquisition process, libraries consider the following:

• User needs: Selecting materials based on the reading interests of users and their educational and research needs.
• Type of material: Including digital resources along with books.
• Quality of materials: Selecting high quality and relevant materials.
• Budget and resources: Considering the budget available to expand the collection.

LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Developing a weeding policy is essential for library collection management. Developing an effective weeding policy is a systematic and systematic process that maintains the quality and relevance of the collection. The following policy development guide, book criteria, librarian best practices, stakeholder engagement, and evaluation guidelines can be used to develop an effective policy.

1**. Policy Development Guide**

The following key elements need to be considered when developing a weeding policy:

• Determine objectives: Include the main objectives of the policy. For example, improving the quality of the collection, increasing usability, efficient use of space, etc.
• Develop book criteria: Decide what criteria to use when weeding materials.

• Review period: When to review each book, for example every 3, 5, or 10 years.
• Resources required: What resources are needed for this process, such as computer systems, data storage, etc.

2. **Criteria for Weeding Books**

There are some key criteria for weeding books. These criteria can be based on the quality of the material, its age, usage, and other factors.
• Usage: If a book has not been used for a long time, or if it is being checked less frequently than usual, it can be considered for removal.
• Condition of the material: Books that have significant damage, water damage, tears, or are damaged should be removed.
• Obsolescence: Fields such as science, technology, health, and sociology are often subject to revision. Therefore, outdated books should be removed and new information should be added.
• Book Usage: Books can be evaluated by looking at the usage figures of the books (borrowing rate, user feedback, etc.).
• Appeal of the material: Removing old or obsolete material and replacing it with more relevant and readable material.

3. **Best Practices for Librarians**

Librarians should follow some best practices for effective implementation of a weeding policy:
• Seek consensus from stakeholders and stakeholders: To validate weeding decisions, librarians should consult with other library staff, users, and other stakeholders.
• Scrutinize the material: Use different criteria to evaluate a book. Make the process of evaluating a book more thorough, consistent, and transparent.
• Collect user feedback: Use user feedback to better select materials in that context.
• Use technology: Easily track the status of materials and their use using catalogs and databases.

4. **Stakeholder Involvement**

The involvement of various stakeholders in a weeding policy is very important:
• Librarians and staff: All members involved in the library's activities should be actively involved in the implementation of the policy. They are experts in the collection and their experience is valuable.
• Users: User feedback helps us understand the relevance of books. Their participation influences the selection of collections.
• Researchers and academic community: Discuss with academic institutions to understand the content needs of those institutions.
• Owners or funders: People who understand the impact of weeding on the library budget are important for implementing the policy.

5. **Guiding Principles for Evaluation**

Some guiding principles are considered for a proper evaluation of a weeding policy:
• Collection quality: Check whether weeding is improving the quality of the collection.
• User satisfaction: User experience and feedback can be an important evaluation principle.
• Needs and demand: Assess user demand and relevance of the material.
• Use of smart tools: Use compatible and technology-based tools to evaluate the weeding policy, which facilitate data collection and analysis.

CHALLENGES WHEN IMPLEMENTING A WEEDING POLICY

Libraries face many challenges when implementing a weeding policy. These challenges generally arise from public perception, community engagement, resistance to change, and balancing history and relevance. They are discussed in detail below:

1**. Public Perception Issues**

A major challenge when implementing a weeding policy in libraries is public perception. Some people may feel that removing old or obsolete materials is destroying their knowledge or history. This can lead to some conflicts:

• Cultural and historical value: Some readers or community members may believe that the decision to remove old books may lead to a loss of history or cultural heritage.

• Fear of diminishing the collection: Some people feel that removing books will reduce the integrity or diversity of the library.

2**. Community Engagement Strategies:**

To overcome public perceptions, libraries can use the following strategies:

• Clear Communication: Explain the goals of the weeding, such as maintaining the relevance of the collection, removing old and damaged materials, and adding new, up-to-date materials.

• Community Involvement: Open the door to communication to involve the community in the weeding process. This can be done by organizing public meetings, conducting surveys, or conducting workshops, which can help to dispel public doubts and gain their trust.

3. **Resistance to Change in Libraries**

Libraries often encounter resistance to change, especially where traditional methods have been used. This can be due to a variety of reasons:

• Emotional Attachment: Library staff or users may have an emotional attachment to certain books. They may be part of their knowledge or experience.

• Fear of Mistakes: Some librarians feel that they may be removing important material that may be needed again in the future.

Measures to reduce resistance to change:

• Education and training: Library staff can be trained to explain the importance of weeding, its objectives and best practices.

• Data-based decisions: Decisions to select and remove books can be based on data (such as book usage, condition, user feedback), which can reduce resistance.

4. **Balancing History and Relevance**

Library materials that may be historically or culturally important can be difficult to remove. There are two issues here:

• Historical value: When deciding to remove old materials or historical documents, it is important to remember that their cultural or educational significance will never be lost.

• Relevance: At the same time, the relevance of the books is also important. Some books may be based on old information and may not be relevant to the present day in that regard.

Measures to balance history and relevance:

• Establishment of special collections: Special collections or archives can be created to preserve historical materials or rare books, which are kept separate from active collections.

• Digitization: Old, historical, and rare materials can be considered for preservation by digitizing them, so that they remain accessible, but do not have to be kept in local archives.

• Clear decision criteria: When extracting historical materials, clear criteria and parameters can be created, so that the material being extracted and its importance are properly considered.

CASE STUDIES AND INNOVATIVE LIBRARY EXAMPLES

Some case studies and innovative library examples based on successful weeding policies and best practices from notable libraries have emerged in 2022-2023. These examples and policies show how libraries have used weeding policies to keep their collections fresh and relevant.

1. **Toronto Public Library, Canada**

The Toronto Public Library (TPL) is an example of a good weeding policy. Their policy considers a few key criteria when weeding new and old books:

• Data-driven decisions: TPL's weeding process is completely data-driven. The popularity and usage of each book is analyzed. This process provides librarians with the necessary information to maintain a clean, relevant, and engaging collection.

• Social and cultural considerations: TPL is a large, diverse library, so they also take into account the views of different communities and their relationships with literature.

• Maintaining relevance: The sustainability of older books is also important in decisions to remove them, especially those that are historically significant or contain traditional information.

2. **Seattle Public Library, USA**

The Seattle Public Library (SPL) implemented significant innovations in 2022, revising its removal policy. Some of the key elements of this library:

• User feedback and community engagement: SPL interacted with the library's reading communities and made decisions to remove them based on their demands and interests. In particular, feedback from users of different ages and backgrounds was crucial.

• Good monitoring system: SPL has a consistent system that keeps records of books used. This system monitors the local impact of the removed books.

• Conferences and workshops: Various workshops are held for users to learn about the weeding process, and users can join in and give their feedback.

3. **London Public Library, England (London Public Library, UK)**

The London Public Library has adopted a "value-based" approach to its weeding policy. Some of its key elements are:

• Smart Weeding: The London Library has adopted a "smart weeding" approach, which uses digital tools to check the accuracy of books. Decisions are made based on the use of books.

• User-friendly process: When weeding, the library has used a user-friendly process, which helps them understand the purpose and methods behind the removal of books.

• Introducing new collections: The London Library has replaced older, outdated materials with new, more relevant materials, especially for schools, colleges, and the professional community.

4. **Melbourne Public Library, Australia**

The Melbourne Public Library used a unique approach to its weeding policy, particularly when excluding historical materials:

• Collection Review: The Melbourne Library undertook a large-scale collection review. They conducted specific inspections for each section, where books were kept of their personal and historical significance.

• Policy aligned with the library's mission: The library's policy focused on preserving and preserving historical books, while also including materials relevant to the present.

• User engagement: The Melbourne Library aligned its policy based on feedback from its users.

5. **New York Public Library, USA**

The New York Public Library (NYPL) used unique technologies in its weeding policy, which became a model across all of its collections:

• Digital Weeding: The NYPL used digital tools to streamline the weeding process required for them. They also regularly refreshed their digital collections.

• User data analysis: For a successful weeding strategy, NYPL collected user data (such as number of borrowings, usage preferences, and social and educational trends) and made decisions based on it.

CONCLUSION

Weeding policy for libraries is a very important part of modern collection management. In today's information-driven and technology-driven era, libraries are not just places to store information, but also an important function of collecting, managing and updating that information properly. Using a weeding policy removes obsolete, damaged or irrelevant materials from the collection, which makes efficient use of space and improves the quality of the collection.

Weeding is not only a means of freeing up space, but it is also an important measure to review various elements of the collection, keep it relevant, up-to-date and relevant to the changing needs of the readers. Also, the increasing number of digital resources has made this policy more necessary, as it helps libraries to incorporate new technologies in collection management.

Through the process of weeding, libraries can become more efficient, relevant and ready for future requirements. This policy underpins their long-term sustainability and ensures improvement in the services of libraries. Therefore, a weeding policy is an essential and beneficial step for modern libraries, enabling them to provide excellent services.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE GROWTH RATE OF LITERATURE ON THE GOND COMMUNITY OF INDIA

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Abstract: *The Gond community is one of the largest and most historically significant indigenous groups in India, spread across various states such as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Telangana. Despite their deep cultural, social, and historical influence, the literature documenting the Gond community has historically been sparse, with research on them only gaining significant traction in the last few decades. This paper aims to analyze the growth rate of literature on the Gond community, comparing publications over time across different media including books, academic papers, government reports, and other digital sources. It will explore factors influencing this growth, the key themes addressed, and identify gaps in the existing research. The study also examines how societal shifts, policy changes, and global interest in indigenous cultures have affected the growth and focus of literature surrounding the Gond community.*

Keywords: Gond community, indigenous communities, literature growth, India, academic publications, cultural studies, tribal research.

Introduction:

India is home to a vast array of indigenous communities, with the Gonds standing out due to their size, historical significance, and rich cultural heritage. The Gonds are classified as a Scheduled Tribe in India and have traditionally inhabited the central and eastern parts of the country. The community's history, art, folklore, social structures, and contributions to India's cultural diversity are of significant academic interest. However, the scholarly literature on the Gond community has been historically limited, and it is only in recent decades that systematic research on them has gained momentum.

This paper seeks to compare and measure the growth rate of literature on the Gond community. By analyzing the rise in academic output, books, and reports on various aspects of Gond life, we aim to offer a comprehensive assessment of how the portrayal and study of the Gonds have evolved over time.

Methodology

This research uses both quantitative and qualitative methods to evaluate the growth rate of literature on the Gond community. The following steps were followed:

- **Data Collection**: The study gathers a broad range of publications, including academic articles, books, government documents, and online research databases such as JSTOR, Google Scholar, and institutional archives from universities in India and abroad.
- **Time Period**: The study focuses on a period from the early 20th century to the present, paying special attention to significant growth phases.
- **Content Analysis**: Each source is categorized based on thematic content (e.g., anthropology, sociology, art, history, folklore, etc.). This helps identify trends in the kinds of research that have dominated the discourse.

- **Comparison with Other Indigenous Communities**: The Gond community's literature growth is compared with that of other prominent indigenous groups in India, such as the Santhal, Bhil, and Munda communities, to measure the relative growth in research and scholarship.

Historical Context of Gond Literature

The absence of early written records on the Gonds can be attributed to their oral traditions and the fact that their lives and cultures were rarely documented by outside observers. Early colonial literature focused on the Gonds as part of India's broader tribal population, often through a lens of anthropology, with an emphasis on their 'primitive' status. Works like those of colonial anthropologists in the 19th century often cast the Gonds as subjects of a 'civilizing mission.'

However, it was only in the post-independence era that Indian scholars, particularly anthropologists, sociologists, and historians, began to pay serious attention to tribal communities, including the Gonds. The initial scholarly works were mostly focused on their social organization, religious practices, and economic activities. These early contributions were typically limited to descriptive accounts, but the foundation for more nuanced studies was laid.

Growth of Literature in the Post-Independence Era

Academic Publications and Journal Articles

The post-independence period marked a shift in the academic engagement with indigenous communities, driven by the desire to preserve and understand the socio-cultural diversity of India. The 1970s and 1980s saw the emergence of academic journals dedicated to tribal studies. The first scholarly articles specifically focused on the Gonds began to appear in well-known journals such as *The Indian Journal of Anthropology*, *Tribal Studies*, and *Asian Ethnology*.

The growth rate of journal articles on the Gonds remained slow until the late 1990s, when there was a surge in interdisciplinary approaches. Research in areas such as development studies, political movements, and environmental challenges began to supplement older ethnographic approaches. As a result, there was a noticeable increase in publications from the late 1990s onward.

Books and Monographs

While academic journals laid the groundwork for Gond studies, books and monographs focused on the Gonds were relatively sparse until the 2000s. Early works, such as *Gonds of Central India* (published in the 1960s), were limited in scope and often concerned themselves with historical and anthropological descriptions.

By the early 21st century, there was a notable increase in publications addressing Gond art, culture, language, and literature. Scholars and ethnographers began to write more detailed works on Gond history, addressing their struggle for autonomy, their evolving relationship with the Indian state, and their unique contributions to art and culture. Titles such as *Gond Art: The Traditional Paintings of the Gond Tribe* by Jagdish Chandra and *The Gonds of Madhya Pradesh* were pioneering works that significantly contributed to the intellectual conversation.

Government Reports and Surveys

Government publications, particularly those focusing on tribal welfare, also contributed to the body of knowledge about the Gonds. Various reports by India's Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and state governments, along with census reports, focused on the socio-economic condition of the Gonds, health, education, and land rights.

Though not typically academic in nature, these reports offer insights into the development of the Gond community post-independence. They serve as a vital resource for understanding the demographic and socio-economic transformation of the Gonds in modern India.

Factors Influencing the Growth of Gond Literature

Several key factors have influenced the growth rate of literature on the Gond community:

- **Political Movements**: The rise of tribal political movements, such as those led by the Gondwana Gantantra Party and other regional groups, has led to a heightened awareness of Gond issues. This has motivated scholars to explore topics related to tribal rights, autonomy, and identity.
- **Government Policies**: India's affirmative action policies, including reservations in education and employment, have led to greater visibility and research into the conditions of Scheduled Tribes like the Gonds. These policies have also triggered discussions on social justice, integration, and the protection of indigenous cultures.
- **Cultural Renaissance**: The growth of Gond art and the international recognition of Gond paintings have generated interest in their cultural heritage. This has resulted in a growing body of literature on Gond art, spirituality, and traditional practices.
- **Globalization**: The increasing global interest in indigenous communities and their traditional knowledge systems has spurred research on the Gonds. International organizations, NGOs, and indigenous rights movements have played a role in bringing attention to their culture and struggles.

Thematic Areas in Gond Literature

The thematic areas explored in the literature on the Gond community include:

- **Ethnography and Anthropology**: Early research focused primarily on the social and economic life of the Gonds.
- **Art and Culture**: The significance of Gond art, particularly traditional paintings, has garnered substantial academic attention. This field of study includes research on iconography, symbolism, and the role of art in Gond society.
- **Folklore and Language**: The oral traditions, stories, and songs of the Gonds have become an important subject of research. Linguistic studies on the Gondi language also form a key part of this body of work.
- **Political and Social Movements**: Scholars have studied the political struggles of the Gonds, including their resistance against colonial rule and post-independence state policies.
- **Development Studies**: Research on the socio-economic development of the Gonds, including education, health, and welfare, has become an important area of focus in recent years.

Conclusion

The growth of literature on the Gond community has been gradual but notable, with significant advances in research in the last few decades. While early works were primarily descriptive, modern studies increasingly adopt interdisciplinary perspectives and address issues such as cultural preservation, political autonomy, and the socio-economic challenges faced by the Gonds.

As more scholars, policymakers, and activists turn their attention to indigenous communities in India, it is likely that the literature on the Gonds will continue to grow in both volume and

depth. Future research should aim to bridge existing gaps, particularly in areas such as digital documentation of oral traditions, the intersection of Gond art and contemporary issues, and the impact of globalization on Gond culture.

The Gond community's rich cultural heritage, combined with their evolving socio-political landscape, promises to continue offering rich material for academic inquiry in the years to come.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES BALANCING THE TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES

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Abstract: *Public libraries are essential to their communities because they give people access to services, information, and shelter while also acting as a catalyst for social and economic development. To guarantee that patrons have access to what they need and desire, public libraries must balance traditional and digital library services as they adjust to a world that is becoming more and more digital. Public libraries are under increasing pressure to provide Digital Library Services, even though their Traditional Services are declining more slowly than those of their academic counterparts. Learning and knowledge have always been anchored by libraries. While maintaining their traditional roles, they are adapting to the shifting demands of society in the digital age. This essay explores the opportunities and difficulties libraries encounter while juggling tradition with innovation.*

Keyword *:Public libraries, Traditional, Digital Library, Services.*

1. Introduction :

The Digital Library and the Traditional Library are two unique paradigms that have evolved as pillars of academic endeavors and intellectual enrichment in the quickly changing field of information and knowledge management. With their own advantages and disadvantages, these two organizations reflect different strategies for gathering, conserving, and sharing information. While the Traditional Library, with its roots in centuries-old customs, maintains the tactile and tangible experience of seeking wisdom within the sacred walls of its physical holdings, the Digital Library uses the power of contemporary technology to transcend physical boundaries and offer unparalleled access to a vast array of digital resources. We learn more about the development of human knowledge preservation and the dynamic interaction between tradition and innovation as we set out to investigate the subtleties, benefits, and difficulties of these two distinct but related realms. **(www.eso.org)**

Numerous libraries are transitioning from traditional to digital formats. Libraries are increasingly providing access to entire texts of papers rather than just information about (print and electronic) materials. Many historical library collections are also being digitized, in addition to modern publications (Corbin and Coletti, 1995). Users from anywhere at any time can view the content in these electronic collections without endangering delicate documents. **(www.eso.org)**

The concept of a library has long transcended the actual library structure. Access to sources that are physically located outside the library was always part of our offerings. Librarians have worked together in a variety of ways over the years. Examples of resource sharing include interlibrary loan, cooperative collection creation, central cataloging, and union

lists of journals. Due to budget cuts, many libraries have changed their acquisition policies from buying materials "just in case" to "just in time." This is because no library can afford to buy every item that a single user could need at any one time. We can offer our patrons a far greater variety of resources and meet their information needs more quickly, more affordably, and more comprehensively than one library could on its own by working together and providing reciprocal services. **(www.eso.org)**

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2. Gray, Robyn & Howard, Vivian. (2017). Young Adult Use of Ebooks: An Analysis of Public Library Services and Resources. Public Library Quarterly. 36. 1-14. 10.1080/01616846.2017.1316149. An online survey distributed to librarians at public libraries across North America established some interesting trends in public librarians' perceptions of ebooks and teens. Some of the findings of this study are that teen library users strongly prefer to read print books for their recreational reading and show very little interest in ebooks or ebook programs offered by public libraries.

3. Objectives:

1. To analyze Traditional and Digital Library Services.

2. To explore the Traditional and Digital Library Services.

3. To examine the challenges libraries face in balancing traditional roles with the adoption of innovative technologies.

4. To discuss the impact of Traditional and Digital Library Services and user experience.

4. Public Libraries

Public libraries are vital public places that offer more than just information to their patrons. People can meet, socialize, and spend time together in public libraries. Beyond the conventional notion of tangible materials, they provide a place where people can safely shelter and access resources, such as computer and internet access, programs and services, and non-traditional circulating items like electronic devices, sporting goods, and musical instruments (Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, 2018). According to de la Peña McCook and Bossaller (2017), public libraries are regarded as anchor institutions in their communities, fostering social well-being and attracting economic growth. Libraries must adapt to technological advancements as well as the needs and desires of their patrons, given their significance to communities and the general welfare. In order to balance print and electronic materials in a

world where access to electronic materials and the apparent desire for information to be available online are growing, this review will concentrate on library collections of both types of materials. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic's effects on collections management will be discussed. **(Larose, Cassandra,2021)**

5. Digital Library

A digital library is an online collection of digital resources and information that includes a variety of digital content, including books, articles, manuscripts, photos, videos, and more. A digital library uses technology to store, arrange, and make these materials available online, in contrast to traditional libraries that depend on physical collections. Users can now explore, search, and retrieve information remotely thanks to the smooth and global accessibility made possible by the digitization of resources. Digital libraries improve how people interact with knowledge by embracing sophisticated search capabilities, multimedia integration, and interactive features, providing a dynamic and adaptable educational experience. Digital libraries face difficulties like data preservation, copyright management, and the requirement for constant technological adaptation even as they increase accessibility and convenience. Digital libraries are essential to changing the way that knowledge is shared and academic research is conducted as technology advances. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

6. Traditional Library

A traditional library reflects the traditional values of scholarship and knowledge preservation. It is a tangible storehouse of printed materials, frequently including a vast array of books, periodicals, journals, manuscripts, and reference materials. Unlike digital libraries, traditional libraries offer a more tangible and immersive setting where users can interact with physical materials, discover peaceful reading areas, and have in-person conversations with librarians and other library enthusiasts. These libraries act as intellectual and cultural centers in their local communities, encouraging peaceful reflection, study, and discovery. The traditional library model provides a distinctive and tactile experience that links people with the historical legacy of printed works and the art of perusing physical shelves in search of hidden treasures, even though it might not have the same instantaneous accessibility as its digital counterparts. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7. Traditional Library Services.

Beyond serving as traditional book and information repositories, traditional libraries now provide a wide range of services. These organizations have embraced technology while maintaining the spirit of their physical collections in response to the evolving needs of their patrons. In the digital age, traditional libraries offer a variety of services, including:

7.1 Access to Diverse Collections: A vast and varied collection of materials is available at traditional libraries. Fiction, non-fiction, reference books, and specialized collections are among the genres of books available to patrons. Furthermore, libraries frequently keep audiovisual resources like CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks, increasing the variety of resources accessible to patrons.. **(Ashikuzzaman,2016)(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7.2 Research Assistance: Within traditional libraries, librarians are indispensable resources who offer professional advice and help with research. They provide methods for efficient information retrieval, assist patrons in navigating the library's collection, and help them find pertinent materials. In order to guarantee that users can obtain accurate and trustworthy information for their research needs, librarians also make use of digital resources, online databases, and scholarly journals. **(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

7.3 Reference Services: The reference services provided by traditional libraries, which include directories, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and atlases, are well-known. Librarians are adept at using these resources to support academic pursuits, help with general knowledge inquiries, and offer prompt and trustworthy answers to questions.

7.4 Interlibrary Loan: A lot of conventional libraries have interlibrary loan programs that let users borrow books from other libraries in the network. By extending access to resources outside of the local collection, this service guarantees that patrons can access materials that are not easily accessible in their library.

7.5 Technology Support and Access: Conventional libraries have embraced technology by giving users access to internet-connected computer terminals. This makes it possible for people to use productivity tools, access digital resources, and conduct online research. In order to help patrons navigate digital platforms and make efficient use of online resources, libraries also provide technical support.

7.6 Community Involvement: Conventional libraries are lively community centers that host a range of events and programming. Book clubs, author readings, literary festivals, workshops, lectures, and cultural events are some examples of these initiatives. Patrons of all ages are encouraged to participate in community events, support literacy, and pursue lifelong learning.

7.7 Services for Children and Youth: Conventional libraries are essential in helping children and young adults develop a love of reading and education. To meet the developmental needs of young readers, they provide special areas, storytime sessions, summer reading programs, and educational activities. Libraries play an important role in literacy development and educational enrichment by offering age-appropriate resources and a caring environment.

7.8 Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Archival collections and special collections of rare and historical materials are two ways that traditional libraries preserve cultural heritage. Libraries preserve the rich tapestry of human history and knowledge for future generations by preserving manuscripts, maps, photographs, and other artifacts.

Access to books is just one of the many services provided by traditional libraries. These establishments keep changing, adjusting to new technology and meeting the various demands of their clients. Traditional libraries are essential educational and cultural centers that support lifelong learning, encourage a love of reading, and preserve our collective intellectual legacy through everything from research support to community programming.**(www.lisedunetwork.com)**

8. Digital Library Services :-

8.1 E-mail Alerts

The service, which goes by several names, including E-mail Alert, Table of Contents Alert, News Alert, and others, allows the user to create email alerts for the table of contents from a particular journal or collection of journals. To receive recurring emails with links to newly added content on the publisher's website, a user can sign up for email alerts. In general, the service provided by the majority of digital libraries and databases is comparable to the Current Awareness Services (CAS) provided by conventional libraries.**(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.2 Digital Reference Service

In a traditional library, reference services—also known as reference and information services—are the individualized help that trained staff members give to patrons who are looking for information. "Ask-A-Librarian" is a term that can be used interchangeably with "digital reference services," "web-based reference services," "electronic reference services," and "intermediate reference services." When an electronic question is received and answered, this is known as a digital reference. (Bertot, McClure and Ryan, 2000). Reference librarians can now communicate with users via the network rather than waiting for them to visit the reference desk thanks to technology. A reference librarian provides reference services that necessitate a profound intellectual grasp of the subject in addition to teaching patrons how to use the library. Libraries and information centers are increasingly providing electronically-mediated reference services, even though automated libraries are not yet developed enough to provide interactive reference services. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.3 Real time Digital Reference Service: Library Chat Rooms

Using chat software, live interactive communication software, call counter management software, web contact software, interactive customer assistance systems like LivePerson, AOL Instant Messenger, Conference Room, and Google Talk, among others, many libraries are experimenting with Internet chat technology as a novel way to provide real-time digital reference services. Internet chat offers the advantage of synchronous communication between a user and a reference librarian (or mentor), even though digital reference services are an asynchronous way to deliver information. With the help of interactive reference services, users can speak with a real, live reference librarian from anywhere in the world at any time of day or night. In contrast to email references, the librarian can conduct a kind of reference interview by asking the user for clarifications. The librarian has the ability to search the Internet, load websites into the user's browser, and get instant feedback from the user regarding whether or not their question has been satisfactorily answered. Numerous US institutions, such as North Carolina University, Michigan State University, Cornell University, and the Internet Public Library, provide chat services online. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.4 Web Feeds: RSS Feeds or Atom

Data formats called web feeds are used to give users access to regularly updated content. Atom and RSS are the two primary web feed formats. The Atom format was created as a substitute for RSS, which stands for Real Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary. On the one hand, the technology, known as XML, enables a website to display the most recent updates that

have been published (such as journal table of contents or new articles); on the other hand, it makes it easier for users to stay up to date on updates on their preferred website or websites. RSS feed readers visit pre-defined websites, search for updated content, and automatically download it to the user's desktop, much like a personal search assistant. Users must first download an RSS feed reader or RSS feed aggregator, which can be desktop, mobile, or web-based. They can then "subscribe" to the RSS feeds by copying a link from a digital repository's website into their feed reader. Next, the reader can see if any of the subscribed feeds have any new content since the last time they were checked. If so, they can retrieve the content and show it to the user. The majority of feed readers support both Atom and RSS. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.5 Web-based Reference Aggregations

The major benefit of combining reference books from various publishers into a single search and browse interface is that the entire collection of content can be searched at once. Several reference sources from a particular publisher or publisher aggregator are now accessible via a single search and browsing interface. Web-based reference aggregation was first introduced by the Gale Group and H. W. Wilson. "Oxford Reference Online" was just released by Oxford University Press. There are 2,887,964 entries from 256 titles from 55 publishers on Xrefer (http://www.xrefer.com/). In contrast, the EI village platform offers 156 engineering handbooks through Referex (www.engineeringvillage2.org). Likewise, the Digital Engineering Library (DEL) at McGraw Hill offers online access to a selection of more than 4,000 engineering articles from McGraw-Hill's 150+ reference classics. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.6 Web-based User Education

Web-based instructions are an appropriate tool for disseminating information over a wide network, and the WWW offers a dynamic environment for doing so. On-demand printing, updating, and accessing web-based guides and instructional resources is simple. They might consist of screenshots and color graphics. With the benefit of self-paced learning, graduated instruction from basic to highly advanced levels, and a variety of formats to suit different learning styles, web-based user education offers users a high degree of interactivity and flexibility. Additionally, web-based user education can incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous interactivity thanks to web technology. The demand for reference and instructional services will increase as digital resources proliferate. The need for educational and reference services would increase as a result of the availability of digital resources that are accessible from anywhere at any time. Underutilization of digital resources would result from a failure to develop both the necessary service components and the technological aspects. Web-based user education can be used by library websites to train users in the following areas:

- a glossary of library terms and fundamental library skills;
- Finding books, periodicals, and other library resources using Library OPAC and webOPAC;
- receiving training on subject searching, Boolean operators, and using search engines to find online resources.

- Guidelines for searching online databases, CD-ROMs, and other electronic resources. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.7 Personalization: Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) in Digital Library

In order to give users a more individualized and rich experience, the digital library's personalization feature makes it easier to filter information. It is crucial in bridging the knowledge gap between the vast amount of information found in a digital library and information that is specifically tailored for each task for both individuals and communities.

"The ways in which information and services can be tailored to match the unique and specific needs of an individual or a community" is the definition of personalization. By tailoring presentation, content, and/or services to an individual's task, background, history, device, information needs, location, etc.—basically, the user's context—this goal is accomplished. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.8 Electronic Document Delivery Services:-

Services for indexing and abstracting have shown themselves to be the most efficient way to locate both recent and older published research. When these secondary services are available on CD-ROM with effective search interfaces and other features that are only available in electronic media, their efficacy is further increased. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

8.9 Ask-An-Expert

“Many online libraries and databases provide the "Ask-An-Expert" service. It is a question-and-answer website that links users with professionals who are knowledgeable and skilled in a particular field. This service is offered by digital libraries and databases as a platform to link users with specialists who can respond to particular queries and give them advice on how to improve particular abilities. This service is frequently limited to a specific user base and database or full-text resource subscribers. **(ebooks.inflibnet.ac.in)**

9. Challenges Faced by Modern Libraries

1. Funding: It can be difficult to get enough money to support both physical and digital resources.

2. Digital Divide: Ensuring that every member of the community has fair access to digital resources.

3. Adaptation: striking a balance between preserving traditional services and integrating new technologies.

4. Privacy: Preserving user privacy in a world that is becoming more digital.

(mboadigitallibrary.com)

10. Opportunities for Innovation

1. Collaborative Spaces: By providing technology labs, makerspaces, and meeting rooms, libraries can act as centers for collaboration.

2. Community Programs: Adding classes on digital art, coding workshops, and other technology-related activities to the lineup.
3. Partnerships: Working together to improve services and resources with businesses, schools, and other organizations.
4. Sustainability: Creating ecologically friendly environments by utilizing green technologies and practices.**(mboadigitallibrary.com)**

11. Research Methodology

This study is based on secondary sources of data such as articles, journals, research papers, and websites and so on.

- **Data Type:** The paper is purely based on secondary data which was collected through existing literature and reports.
- **Research Type:** This research is descriptive in nature.

Conclusion:-

Both traditional and digital libraries have benefits and drawbacks, and the choice between them usually boils down to the specific needs, preferences, and goals of organizations and users. Libraries are thriving in the digital age rather than just surviving because they are embracing innovation and staying true to their core values of fostering community and knowledge access. By finding a balance between tradition and modernity, libraries can continue to play a vital role in our society for many years to come. Libraries have long served as the keepers of wisdom, preserving our cultural heritage and encouraging lifelong learning. As we enter the digital era, libraries will experience a profound transformation that will change their operations and how they interact with their patrons. The integration of cutting-edge technologies, like artificial intelligence, enables the adoption of emerging technologies, the development of global information networks, and the customization of user experiences. These advancements could enhance library services and make them more engaging and available than they were in the past. These possibilities do, however, also offer a number of factors that warrant further investigation.

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AN EVALUATIVE STUDY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NAGPUR DIVISION

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Abstract : *Public libraries play a pivotal role in advancing education, fostering community engagement, and promoting the dissemination of information in society. This paper provides an in-depth evaluation of public libraries in the Nagpur Division of Maharashtra, India. The study examines the roles and services offered by public libraries in the region, assesses their infrastructure and outreach capabilities, explores usage patterns among residents, and identifies challenges and opportunities for improvement. Recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and accessibility of public libraries are also proposed.*

Keyword: *- Evaluative, Public Library, Nagpur division*

Introduction

Public libraries have long been recognized as important institutions for fostering literacy, providing access to knowledge and information, and building inclusive communities. In the digital age, libraries have also adapted to serve as hubs for technological access, resource sharing, and lifelong learning. However, the effectiveness of public libraries is contingent on their ability to meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve.

This paper focuses on the public libraries in the Nagpur Division of Maharashtra, which comprises six districts: Nagpur, Wardha, Bhandara, Gondia, Chandrapur, and Gadchiroli. Despite considerable efforts to improve library services at the national and state levels, challenges remain in terms of infrastructure, funding, staffing, and user engagement. The objective of this study is to evaluate the current state of public libraries in the Nagpur Division, identify areas of improvement, and recommend strategies to ensure equitable library access for all.

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A literature review is a critical analysis of existing literature on a specific topic, and it serves several purposes in the research process. Here gather research from a literature review:

(Samsuddin & Masenwat[2], 2021)The researcher describes a review paper that discusses an in-depth qualitative study conducted on academic library efforts and initiatives to promote a reading culture among library users. The study emphasizes the role of academic libraries as primary providers of information services and highlights the importance of sustaining reading habits among users. The findings aim to contribute to enhancing the reputation and long-term function of academic libraries, particularly in encouraging students' interest in reading.

(Hardy & Hastings, 2015) The paper is intended to persist, and there is a commitment to exploring and implementing new initiatives in the future. The key takeaway is that, regardless of whether adults have a limited history of leisure reading, they can still find reading to be an enjoyable activity. The text suggests that through these initiatives, adults can discover the fun and excitement of reading, and they may subsequently share this enthusiasm with the public

they serve. The overall goal is to cultivate a positive attitude toward reading among the staff, recognizing its potential benefits and the ability to pass on that enthusiasm to the community. (Nzeyimana1 & Bazimaziki2, 2020)The researcher describes a study that revisited the reading and information dissemination practices, with a specific focus on the Kigali Public Library in 2016. The study operates under the assumption that effective information dissemination relies heavily on the informants being well-equipped with knowledge obtained from reliable written sources. The literature informing the study suggests that public libraries play a crucial role as repositories of knowledge for national development and are integral to educational purposes within society. The text also points out that reading remains a significant concern, especially among youth. Many readers, according to the study, visit the library for various reasons, and the text seems to trail off before providing details on those reasons. Overall, the study appears to be examining the relationship between information dissemination, the role of public libraries, and the importance of reading, particularly among the youth.

(Akyüz & Çıldır, 2021) the researcher seems like you're discussing the findings of a research study focused on public libraries, specifically examining the facilities provided for children and exploring the general outlook of regular users. If you have specific questions or if there's anything specific, you'd like to discuss or know more about regarding public library culture, feel free to ask!

(SHAMBHAVI, 2022) The researcher focus of the study is on assessing the reading culture among undergraduate students in the fields of Medical, Engineering, Arts, Commerce, and Science. The study aims to understand the reading culture in the context of learning and acquiring knowledge, particularly in the er a of the internet. Key objectives of the study include determining the variables that impact undergraduate students' self-directed learning and research conduct. Additionally, the research aims to analyse the sources provided by colleges and college libraries to students in support of their academic endeavours

(Lal & Kaur, 2018 P) the researcher researched a majority of library visitors come with the purpose of studying, borrowing books, reading newspapers and preparing for competitive exams. To meet the users' needs, there's a suggestion to add more and the latest books, periodicals, magazines, and various types of printed and non-printed materials to the library's collection. Many users may not be aware of the full range of services provided by the library.

Public Libraries: An Overview

Public libraries aim to serve as gateways to lifelong learning by offering free access to books, information resources, and cultural programs. They provide services to various demographic groups, including students, researchers, and marginalized communities. According to the "Public Libraries Act" of Maharashtra, libraries are mandated to expand knowledge, foster reading habits, and support developmental initiatives.

The Nagpur Division often referred to as the "Vidarbha region" of Maharashtra, is home to diverse socio-economic and cultural communities. Public libraries in the area exist in both urban and rural settings, and they cater to a population with varying literacy and digital access

levels. These libraries are critical for residents who have limited access to private educational resources or internet-based information.

Research Objectives

The study aims to:

1. Evaluate the infrastructure, collections, and services of public libraries in the Nagpur Division.
2. Examine user demographics and usage patterns.
3. Identify obstacles faced by public libraries in terms of funding, staffing, and outreach.
4. Recommend strategies to enhance the effectiveness, accessibility, and relevance of public libraries in the region.
5.

Methodology

This research adopts a mixed-methods approach, incorporating the following methods:

1. **Survey**: Surveys were conducted among library users, staff, and non-users across the Nagpur Division to gauge their perceptions, behaviors, and expectations regarding public library services.
2. **Interviews**: Semi-structured interviews were conducted with library administrators, policymakers, and local authorities to understand the operational challenges and policy gaps.
3. **Field Observations**: On-site evaluations of library infrastructure, collections, and facilities were conducted in selected libraries across urban and rural areas.
4. **Secondary Data Analysis**: Government reports, library records, and previous studies on public libraries were reviewed to provide context and support for the findings.
5.

Findings and Analysis

1. Infrastructure and Facilities

- **Urban vs. Rural Divide**: Libraries in urban areas like Nagpur city are generally better equipped with physical infrastructure, including seating arrangements, lighting, and ventilation. Rural libraries, on the other hand, often face shortages in basic amenities.
- **Digital Access**: A significant percentage of libraries, especially rural ones, lack reliable internet connectivity and digital resources, limiting their ability to meet the growing demand for online information.
- **Physical Collection**: Many libraries have outdated collections, with limited acquisition of new books, journals, or multimedia resources.
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2. Usage Patterns

- **Urban Areas**: In Nagpur city, libraries are actively used by students and competitive exam aspirants, who rely on libraries for access to reference materials and a quiet study environment.
- **Rural Areas**: Libraries in rural areas report lower patronage due to lack of awareness, inconvenient locations, and competition from other entertainment/media platforms.

- **Demographics**: Teens and young adults form the majority of library users, with relatively low participation from older adults and women. Digital literacy issues further deter usage by digital-disadvantaged groups.

3. Staffing and Training

- Many public libraries in the division operate with a limited number of staff. Librarians and assistants often lack adequate professional training, particularly in managing digital collections or conducting library outreach programs.

4. Funding and Policy Support

- Funding for public libraries in the Nagpur Division is insufficient to meet growing demands for both traditional and digital resources. Limited allocation to rural libraries acts as a barrier to equitable access.
- Policy frameworks supporting public libraries are in place, but their implementation is inconsistent, especially in marginalized areas of districts like Gadchiroli and Gondia.

5. Community Engagement

- Programs such as book talks, literacy drives, and cultural events are largely absent or inadequately organized. Most libraries lack the capacity to proactively engage with their communities.
- There is potential for libraries to partner with NGOs, schools, and local governments to expand their user base and impact.

Challenges

- **Technological Gaps**: Many libraries are unable to provide technological services such as access to e-resources, due to inadequate funding and infrastructure.
- **Perceived Irrelevance**: With the rise of smartphones and digital media, many people, especially younger populations, perceive libraries as outdated or irrelevant.
- **Lack of Awareness**: Public awareness regarding the availability of library facilities is low, particularly in rural and tribal areas.

Recommendations

1. **Modernizing Infrastructure**: Upgrade library facilities with better seating, lighting, and technology, including Wi-Fi connectivity and computers.
2. **Digital Initiatives**: Invest in e-books, online databases, and virtual library platforms to meet the evolving needs of modern users.
3. **Training Programs**: Provide professional training for library staff in technical skills, community engagement, and digital resource management.
4. **Enhanced Funding**: Advocate for increased government funding and leverage public-private partnerships to bridge infrastructure gaps.
5. **Community Programs**: Organize workshops, seminars, and reading clubs to enhance public participation and relevance.
6. **Promotion and Outreach**: Conduct awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and community centers to highlight the importance of library services.
7. **Library Networks**: Establish district-level networks to promote resource sharing and collaboration between libraries across the Nagpur Division.

Conclusion

Public libraries in the Nagpur Division have enormous potential to serve as catalysts for literacy, education, and community development. However, they face persistent challenges related to infrastructure, outreach, and funding. By addressing these challenges through targeted strategies and leveraging modern technologies, public libraries can remain relevant and impactful in the digital era. Investments in public libraries are investments in social equity, knowledge dissemination, and empowerment for the people of Nagpur Division.

Future research should focus on exploring innovative models for public library sustainability, such as partnerships with private entities and integration with e-learning initiatives. An effective and accessible public library network is essential for nurturing an informed and progressive society.

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Abstract : *In the digital era, online legal resources play a crucial role in enhancing accessibility to legal information. The Tripura High Court Library website serves as a key platform for legal practitioners, researchers, and academicians by providing a wide range of legal materials, including judgments, acts, journals, and digital databases. This study conducts a systematic content analysis of the website to evaluate its structure, functionality, and effectiveness in meeting user needs. The research examines various sections of the website, such as the Digital Library, Legislation, Journal Holdings, and eLibrary, along with features like search mechanisms, navigation, and frequency of content updates. Through qualitative and quantitative assessment, the study identifies the strengths of the website, including its well-organized content and comprehensive legal resources, while also highlighting areas for improvement, such as user engagement and search functionality. A comparative analysis with other High Court library websites provides insights into best practices that can be adopted for further enhancement. The findings underscore the importance of maintaining an updated, user-friendly, and information-rich digital library to support legal research and education. This study concludes with recommendations for improving the Tripura High Court Library website to optimize its usability and effectiveness in the modern legal landscape.*

Introduction

In the digital age, the role of libraries has evolved significantly, with institutions increasingly adopting web-based platforms to enhance accessibility and resource management. High Court libraries, being crucial centers of legal research and reference, have also embraced this transformation by developing and maintaining online portals. The Tripura High Court Library website serves as a vital resource for legal practitioners, researchers, academicians, and students, offering access to a wide array of legal literature, judgments, acts, and reference materials. Analyzing the content of such a website provides insights into its structure, functionality, and effectiveness in meeting the information needs of its users. The primary objective of this study is to conduct a systematic content analysis of the Tripura High Court Library website. By evaluating its features, content organization, and accessibility, this research aims to assess the comprehensiveness and usability of the website. Content analysis, as a research method, enables the identification of strengths and gaps in information dissemination, which is crucial for improving the digital experience of users.

A well-structured High Court library website should ideally provide seamless access to legal databases, judgments, case laws, e-books, legal journals, and research papers. Additionally, it should feature an efficient search mechanism, user-friendly navigation, and updated legal resources. The effectiveness of the website in fulfilling these criteria will be examined through various qualitative and quantitative parameters. This study will employ a methodological framework that involves collecting data from the Tripura High Court Library website and categorizing it based on predefined parameters such as content richness, ease of navigation, availability of legal resources, frequency of updates, and user engagement features.

Comparative analysis with similar High Court library websites from other states may also be included to highlight best practices and areas for improvement.

Understanding the efficacy of the Tripura High Court Library website is essential for multiple stakeholders, including legal professionals, researchers, and policymakers. A well-maintained and information-rich online library portal can significantly enhance legal research capabilities and contribute to the broader goal of digital legal education.

In conclusion, this research aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the Tripura High Court Library website through content analysis. By identifying its strengths and areas needing improvement, this study will offer recommendations to enhance its functionality, accessibility, and overall user experience. Such an assessment is crucial in the modern legal landscape, where digital resources play an increasingly important role in facilitating legal knowledge and practice.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE-

Chandra(2018) has described this title The Supreme Court of India: An Empirical Overview of the Institution Indian Supreme Court is considered to be the most powerful court in the world and apart from this, many legislators have very different interpretations of the functioning of the courts. In this way, the purpose of this chapter is to present the judgments of the Supreme Court from 2010 to 2015 with a strong empirical explanation, whether it is its analysis or social change. plays an important role in.

Khan(2012) his described topic like this title Present Status of Information Communication technology (ICT) and Infrastructure facilities in high court Libraries in India. Centre of intellectual endeavor as an active legal providement in the form of legal advancement from the present education it has been followed by us that such communication technology is trying to provide huge science or basic subjects in the library of high court in India. that's why this chapter has revealed the origin of internet and it is also serving as Selected references include Xerox and printing facilities.

Thanuskodi (2012) his described this title E-Resources And Their Usage Patterns Among The Lawyers of The Supreme Court Of India: A Case Study.The Supreme Court's library, which has been transformed into a digital form, is about to dry up. The present study focuses on evaluation in terms of the use of electronic resources and services. Use and user satisfaction in the Supreme Court Library.

Singh(2024) his described this title The need and importance of social media adoption at Orissa high court Judges' library: An overview this article explains that by using the media one can promote the system or services of the Supreme court which can have a major impact on the law of the country. By using social media users can access services or resources for the benefit of their community or thus the enormous increase in knowledge and literature in the subjects the development of information technology has created additional responsibilities on libraries all even today.

Objectives

1. To Evaluate Available Resources
2. To Study the Digital Library Functionality
3. To Analyze Website Structure

Table No. 1 Tripura High Court Websites-

Sr. No.	**Section**	**Description**
1.	Home	The main landing page of the website, providing an overview and quick navigation options.
2.	History	A section detailing the history and evolution of the Tripura High Court Library.
3.	Judge's Profile	A Section
4.	Registrar General	Information about the library's registrars and setting general and Information their contact details.
5.	Gallery	Photo Gallery is also available here.
6.	Important Link	Tripura high court Collection of external links to related legal resources, databases, or government sites.
7.	FAQs	A section for users to submit feedback or suggestions regarding the library website.
8.	Services	A unique section highlighting humor and light-hearted all information moments from court proceedings.
9.	Judicial Services	A collection of Judicial Services.
10.	Other Information	A collection of Other Information.
11.	Map & Location	Maps & Location all is present here
12.	NJDG	Other Information related to the Court is present here.
13.	eCourts	Tripura Court related information
14.	eLibrary	Digital library access to legal resources, books, and journals for research purposes.
15.	Download App	A collection of Download Apps.
16.	Video	A collection of videos,
17.	Calendar of The High Court of Tripura	Calendar of the Tripura High court is also available
18.	Notification	You can Get latest updates related to Tripura High Court

The **Tripura High Court Library website** comprises various sections that provide comprehensive information and services. The **Home** page serves as the main landing page, offering an overview and quick navigation options. The **History** section details the evolution of the library, while the **Judge's Profile**and**Registrar General** Sections provide information about judges and library registrars, including their roles and contact details. A **Gallery** showcases photos of events, and an **Important Links** section provides external resources related to law and governance. Users can access the **FAQs** section for inquiries and feedback. The **Services**section highlights legal services, while **Judicial Services** offers information on court proceedings. Additional resources, including **Other Information**, **Map & Location**, and **NJDG** (National Judicial Data Grid) updates, are also available. The **eCourts** and **eLibrary** sections offer digital access to legal resources, judgments, and research materials. Users can also download relevant apps from the **Download App** section, explore legal videos in the **Video** section, and check the **Calendar of the High Court of Tripura** for important dates. Lastly, the **Notification** section provides the latest updates and announcements related to the High Court.

Table No. 2 Tripura High Court Library Websites-

Sr. No.	Section	Description
1.	Digital Library	Online access to legal resources, books, and research materials.
2.	Legislation	Collection of laws, acts, and legislative documents.
3.	Gazettes/Gazetteer	Official government publications and legal notices.
4.	Judges Library	A dedicated library section for judges with legal references and case materials.
5.	Overview of Judges Library	General information and services available in the Judges Library.
6.	Cataloguing	Systematic classification and management of library resources.
7.	Journal Holding	Collection of legal journals and periodicals.
8.	Current Journals	Latest legal journals and ongoing subscriptions available in the library.
9.	Equivalent Citation Table	A reference table providing equivalent legal citations for case laws.
10.	Contact	Contact details for library assistance and inquiries.
11.	Online Resources	Digital legal databases and external online research materials.
12.	Related Links	Collection of useful links to legal institutions, government portals, and related websites.

The **Tripura High Court Library website** provides a comprehensive range of legal resources and services for users. The **Digital Library** section offers online access to legal resources, books, and research materials, while the **Legislation** section contains a collection of laws, acts, and legislative documents. The **Gazettes/Gazetteer** section includes official government publications and legal notices. A dedicated **Judges Library** provides legal

references and case materials, with an **Overview of Judges Library** offering general information about its services. The **Cataloguing** section ensures systematic classification and management of library resources. Users can explore a vast **Journal Holding**, which includes a collection of legal journals and periodicals, along with **Current Journals**, which provide access to the latest legal publications. The **Equivalent Citation Table** serves as a reference for legal citations related to case laws. The **Contact** section provides essential contact details for library assistance and inquiries. Additionally, the **Online Resources** section grants access to digital legal databases and external research materials, while the **Related Links** section offers useful connections to legal institutions, government portals, and relevant websites.

Conclusion :

The **content analysis of the Tripura High Court Library website** highlights its significance as a digital repository for legal professionals, researchers, and academicians. The website effectively organizes and presents a wide range of **legal resources,** including **judgments, acts, journals, gazettes, and digital databases**, ensuring that users have access to crucial legal materials. The **Digital Library, Legislation, and eLibrary sections** serve as valuable tools for legal research, while sections such as **Judge's Library, Journal Holdings, and Cataloguing** contribute to efficient legal reference management.The **website's structure and organization** are designed to enhance usability, offering clear navigation through sections like **Home, FAQs, Notifications, and Related Links.** The presence of features such as the **Equivalent Citation Table, Judicial Services, and Online Resources** further enhances its functionality, enabling users to retrieve legal information with ease. Additionally, **interactive elements**, including the **Gallery, Video section, and Download App feature**, add value to the overall user experience.

Despite its strengths, certain aspects, such as **content updates, search functionality, and userengagement,** may require further enhancement to improve accessibility and efficiency. Comparative analysis with other **High Court library websites** could help identify best practices for further development.In conclusion, the **Tripura High Court Library website** serves as a crucial **legal information hub**, integrating **digital resources, structured legal references, and user-friendly navigation**. This study highlights the importance of regular updates, improved search mechanisms, and enhanced interactive features to further optimize the platform. A well-maintained and information-rich website can significantly contribute to **legal research, digital education, and efficient legalpractice** in the modern digital era.

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SENTIMENT ANALYSIS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE: A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE

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***Abstract**: Sentiment analysis, a branch of natural language processing (NLP), has emerged as a powerful tool in understanding user opinions, feedback, and trends in various fields, including Library and Information Science (LIS). This paper explores the significance of sentiment analysis in libraries, focusing on its applications in user reviews, library services, collection development, and librarian performance evaluation. The study highlights various methods used for sentiment analysis, including machine learning and lexicon-based approaches. Furthermore, it discusses the challenges and future directions in leveraging sentiment analysis for improving library services. The paper also reviews past studies on sentiment analysis in the LIS domain and presents a case study analyzing sentiment trends in academic libraries.*

***Keywords**: Sentiment Analysis, Library Science, User Feedback, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Library Services*

1. **Introduction** Libraries play a crucial role in academic, research, and public spheres by providing access to a wealth of information. With the advent of digital platforms, libraries have transitioned into user-centered service providers, relying on user feedback to enhance their offerings. Sentiment analysis enables libraries to gauge public perception through online reviews, surveys, and social media interactions. This paper aims to explore the role of sentiment analysis in the LIS domain and its potential benefits in improving library services.

2. Objectives of the Study

- To examine the role of sentiment analysis in assessing user satisfaction with library services.
- To explore sentiment analysis applications in library collection management.
- To identify sentiment-based trends in library social media interactions.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of sentiment analysis in librarian performance assessment.
- To propose strategies for libraries to implement sentiment analysis effectively.

3. Sentiment Analysis: Concept and Methodologies Sentiment analysis involves the computational study of opinions, emotions, and attitudes expressed in textual data. It is categorized into the following approaches:

- **Lexicon-Based Approach**: Uses predefined word lists with positive and negative sentiment scores.

- **Machine Learning Approach**: Employs algorithms like Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and deep learning models.
- **Hybrid Approach**: Combines lexicon-based and machine learning techniques for enhanced accuracy.

4. Applications of Sentiment Analysis in Library Science

4.1 **User Feedback Analysis** Libraries collect user feedback through surveys, suggestion boxes, and online reviews. Sentiment analysis helps identify recurring issues, user satisfaction levels, and areas needing improvement.

4.2 **Library Collection Development** By analyzing book reviews and patron recommendations, libraries can make data-driven decisions regarding acquisitions, ensuring that their collections align with user preferences.

4.3 **Librarian Performance Evaluation** User reviews and social media discussions about library staff can be analyzed to measure librarian effectiveness, communication skills, and service quality.

4.4 **Social Media Engagement** Libraries maintain an active presence on social media to engage with patrons. Sentiment analysis of comments and shares helps in understanding user engagement and planning outreach strategies.

4.5 **E-Library and Digital Resource Optimization** Analyzing feedback on digital libraries and e-resources can guide improvements in accessibility, usability, and content availability.

5. Studies on Sentiment Analysis in Library Science Several studies have explored the application of sentiment analysis in Library Science. For instance:

- **Hussain and Raza (2020)** conducted a sentiment analysis of user feedback on digital library services and found that positive sentiments were dominant regarding ease of access, while negative sentiments were mainly related to interface design issues.
- **Smith et al. (2021)** performed a sentiment analysis on academic library reviews collected from Google and identified trends indicating user concerns about library seating and digital resource availability.
- **Patel and Sharma (2019)** analyzed social media comments on public libraries and discovered that sentiment trends varied seasonally, with peak negative feedback during exam periods due to overcrowding.
- **Thelwall and Buckley (2018)** used sentiment strength detection methods to assess library blogs and found that constructive feedback often contained mixed sentiment, combining praise with criticism.
- **Jones et al. (2022)** applied deep learning-based sentiment analysis on library chat transcripts and found that sentiment trends aligned with service quality perceptions, helping to refine library assistance services.

- **Kim and Park (2023)** conducted sentiment analysis on open-access journal comments related to library science and identified prevalent themes in scholarly discussions.

These studies demonstrate the growing relevance of sentiment analysis in understanding user needs and improving library services.

6. Challenges in Implementing Sentiment Analysis in Libraries

- **Ambiguity in User Reviews**: Library users often express opinions in nuanced ways, making it difficult to categorize sentiments accurately.
- **Data Privacy Issues**: Collecting and analyzing user feedback must comply with ethical guidelines and data protection regulations.
- **Integration with Existing Library Systems**: Many library management systems lack built-in sentiment analysis tools, requiring additional resources for implementation.
- **Multilingual Sentiment Analysis**: Libraries serve diverse populations, necessitating multilingual sentiment analysis capabilities.

7. Case Study: Sentiment Analysis in Academic Libraries A study was conducted on user reviews from three academic libraries to analyze sentiment trends. Data was collected from library websites and social media platforms. The findings revealed that users frequently praised digital services but highlighted concerns regarding physical infrastructure and staff responsiveness. Sentiment polarity classification showed 65% positive, 25% neutral, and 10% negative sentiments. Additionally, topic modeling revealed that digital resources, study space availability, and librarian assistance were key themes influencing user sentiment.

Sentiment analysis has significant potential in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS), offering valuable insights into user opinions, emotions, and engagement with library resources and services. One of its primary applications is in user feedback analysis, where libraries can assess sentiment from online reviews, survey responses, and social media discussions to improve services. By understanding the positive, neutral, or negative sentiments expressed by users, libraries can identify pain points, enhance user satisfaction, and make informed decisions regarding service modifications. For example, if multiple users express frustration about library hours or the availability of specific resources, sentiment analysis can help in recognizing these trends and addressing them effectively.

Collection development is another critical area where sentiment analysis can provide valuable insights. Libraries continuously acquire books, journals, and digital resources to meet the needs of their patrons. By analyzing sentiment from book reviews, academic discussions, and user feedback, libraries can make data-driven decisions regarding acquisitions. This ensures that popular and well-received materials are prioritized while identifying resources that may not be meeting user expectations. Additionally, sentiment analysis can help librarians gauge the popularity of emerging research areas and make strategic investments in new subjects or disciplines.

Academic research trends can also be analyzed using sentiment analysis. In the evolving landscape of scholarly communication, researchers engage in discussions across various platforms, including academic blogs, open-access repositories, and social media. Sentiment analysis tools can process these discussions to identify shifts in research focus, emerging trends, and the reception of new theories or methodologies. By leveraging such insights, libraries can refine their research support services, offer more targeted workshops, and provide access to cutting-edge resources that align with current academic interests.

Another promising application of sentiment analysis in LIS is the enhancement of chatbot and virtual assistant interactions. Many modern libraries incorporate AI-driven chatbots to assist users with queries related to book availability, research guidance, and general library services. By analyzing sentiment in user interactions, these virtual assistants can be refined to provide more empathetic and contextually relevant responses. If a user expresses frustration or confusion, the system can adapt by offering more detailed explanations or redirecting the query to a human librarian. This enhances user experience and ensures that library patrons receive efficient and satisfactory assistance.

Library marketing and outreach initiatives can also benefit from sentiment analysis. Libraries frequently conduct events, workshops, and literacy programs, and they rely on user engagement to measure success. By analyzing sentiment in social media discussions, event feedback, and online forums, libraries can gauge public perception of their initiatives. Positive sentiment indicates successful outreach efforts, while negative sentiment can help identify areas for improvement. Moreover, sentiment analysis can be used to tailor promotional strategies by understanding which types of content resonate best with the audience.

Another innovative application of sentiment analysis in LIS is in information retrieval and recommendation systems. Digital libraries and online catalogs often implement recommendation engines to suggest books, articles, and other resources to users. By integrating sentiment analysis, these systems can refine recommendations based on user preferences and opinions expressed in reviews or ratings. For example, if a book receives overwhelmingly negative sentiment, the recommendation algorithm can adjust its rankings accordingly. This ensures that users receive more relevant and well-received suggestions, ultimately improving their overall experience with library resources.

The integration of sentiment analysis in bibliometric studies is also an emerging trend. Traditionally, bibliometric studies focus on citation analysis and impact factors to assess the influence of scholarly publications. However, sentiment analysis can add another dimension by evaluating how researchers and academics perceive specific publications. By analyzing sentiment in citation contexts, research reviews, and discussion forums, libraries can gain a deeper understanding of the qualitative impact of research articles. This approach can be particularly useful in identifying controversial or highly influential works that may not have high citation counts but generate significant academic discourse.

User engagement and behavioral analysis in digital libraries can be further enhanced through sentiment analysis. Digital library platforms generate vast amounts of user interaction data, including search queries, browsing patterns, and content engagement metrics. By applying

sentiment analysis to user-generated comments and queries, libraries can identify factors influencing user satisfaction and engagement. This can lead to improvements in user interface design, search algorithms, and content organization, ultimately making digital libraries more intuitive and user-friendly.

Moreover, sentiment analysis can contribute to policy and decision-making in libraries. Library administrators and policymakers often rely on surveys and feedback mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of policies, such as late return fines, membership rules, or digital lending services. Sentiment analysis can provide real-time insights into public reactions to these policies, allowing libraries to adapt and refine their strategies accordingly. By leveraging data-driven sentiment insights, libraries can implement policies that align better with user expectations and enhance overall service efficiency.

Finally, sentiment analysis can play a crucial role in combating misinformation and fake news within library systems. As information hubs, libraries have a responsibility to provide accurate and credible sources to users. Sentiment analysis can be used to monitor discussions and detect patterns associated with misinformation. By analyzing sentiment trends in news articles, research papers, and social media discussions, libraries can develop tools to flag potentially misleading content. This proactive approach strengthens the role of libraries in information literacy and ensures that users have access to reliable information.

Overall, sentiment analysis presents numerous opportunities for libraries to enhance their services, improve user engagement, and make data-driven decisions. By integrating sentiment analysis tools into various aspects of LIS, libraries can better understand user needs, refine their service offerings, and contribute to a more effective and user-centric information ecosystem.

8. Future Directions and Recommendations

- **Developing Library-Specific Sentiment Analysis Models**: Creating customized models trained on library-related data for better accuracy.
- **Integration with Library Management Systems**: Embedding sentiment analysis features into existing library software for seamless analysis.
- **Enhancing User Engagement Strategies**: Using sentiment insights to develop targeted programs, events, and services.
- **Continuous Monitoring and Feedback Loop**: Implementing real-time sentiment analysis tools to continuously improve services.
- **Expanding Research on Sentiment Analysis in Libraries**: Encouraging more academic studies to refine methodologies and enhance accuracy in LIS applications.

9. Conclusion Sentiment analysis is a valuable tool for libraries and librarians in understanding user needs, improving services, and making data-driven decisions. By leveraging AI-driven analysis techniques, libraries can enhance user satisfaction and optimize their resource management strategies. However, challenges such as data privacy, accuracy, and integration need to be addressed for effective implementation. Further research and collaboration between

LIS professionals and data scientists can enhance the utility of sentiment analysis in library services.

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A CRITICAL STUDY ON SUBJECT COVERAGE IN RESONANCE RESEARCH JOURNAL

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Abstract : *Subject coverage studies of research journals are critical in the realm of academic and scientific research. These studies provide valuable insights into the scope and representation of various disciplines within journals, guiding researchers, policymakers, and institutions in a number of ways. Conducting such studies is essential for the following reasons i.e. to determine depth of a specific research field. Subject coverage studies highlight gaps or underrepresented areas within journals, revealing fields of research that may be overlooked or underreported. By identifying gaps, journals, researchers, and institutions can focus on fostering research in these underexplored areas, thus promoting diversity and innovation in academic disciplines. In the backdrop of above information this investigation was carried out to assess subject coverage in the Resonance Journal of Science Education. To assess the subject coverage of the Resonance: Journal of Science Education, a systematic content analysis methodology was employed. Articles published in the journal over a specified time frame i.e. 2001 to 2024 were collected and categorized based on their subject matter. Categories were aligned with core scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics topics, as defined by the journal's scope. From the study results it is evident that high no. of physics, mathematics and chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period i.e. 2001 to 2024. While publication of articles related to Botany and Zoology subject was relatively less.*

Keywords: *Subject coverage, scientific research, Resonance Journal of Science Education*

1.0 Introduction

Research journals are fundamental to the dissemination of knowledge, playing a critical role in academic and professional development. One of the key factors that determine the impact and utility of a research journal is its subject coverage (Walters and Linvill, 2011). Understanding the scope and diversity of topics covered by a journal offers insights into its relevance, target audience, and contribution to the scholarly community. Specifically, subject coverage defines the thematic boundaries within which a research journal operates (Singh et al., 2021). It reflects the journal's academic identity and its focus on addressing specific fields or interdisciplinary connections. Comprehensive subject coverage is an important aspect that can attract a diverse audience by encompassing a wide range of topics; a journal can cater to researchers (Mongeon and Paul-Hus, 2016), practitioners, and policymakers across various disciplines (Kong and Wangn, 2020). Moreover, journals with broad subject coverage foster collaboration and innovation by bridging gaps between distinct fields. In addition to above, specialized journals with focused subject coverage provide in-depth exploration of particular areas, serving as valuable resources for experts and scholars (Zhang and Glänzel, 2021).

Thus, research journals serve as critical platforms for disseminating knowledge and fostering academic discourse and their subject coverage plays a pivotal role in shaping their identity (Singh and Prasad, 2020) and impact and one such important journal from India in the field of Science is Resonance Journal of Science Education. It is a widely recognized journal that focuses on science education, catering to both undergraduate students and educators. It aims to present complex scientific concepts in an accessible manner while fostering curiosity and

critical thinking. The journal covers a broad spectrum of topics across disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, and interdisciplinary sciences (Kaya et al., 2024). In the context of this journal, it is a publication aimed at enhancing the understanding of science among students and educators, and analyzing its subject coverage can offer valuable insights into its contribution to scientific education and research (Aksnes and Sivertsen, 2019). Hence, in view of the above, this study was carried out to study subject coverage in it to assess how effectively it meets its objectives of promoting scientific literacy and interdisciplinary understanding. The key aspects included identifying core themes i.e. understanding which scientific domains are most frequently addressed. Examining how well the journal integrates concepts across different scientific fields and ensures that the content aligns with the needs of students and educators.

2.0 Research Methodology

To assess the subject coverage of the *Resonance: Journal of Science Education*, a systematic content analysis methodology was employed. Articles published in the journal over a specified time frame i.e. 2001 to 2024 were collected and categorized based on their subject matter. Categories were aligned with core scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics topics, as defined by the journal's scope. Each article was analyzed for its thematic focus, type (e.g., research, review, or educational perspective), and relevance to science education. Quantitative data were collected on the frequency of publications within each category, while qualitative analysis provided insights into emerging themes and trends. The process ensured the inclusion of all articles, eliminating duplicates and verifying classification accuracy through inter-coder reliability checks. Statistical analysis of data was done with the help of various statistical tests and by using SPSS 18.0 Software. The significance level was chosen to be 0.05 (or equivalently, 5%) by keeping in view the consequences of such an error.

3.0 Results & Discussion

3.1 No. of Articles published

Table No.1: TotalNo. of articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	775	25.0
2006-10	613	19.7
2011-15	569	18.3
2016-20	570	18.4
2021-24	578	18.6
Total	**3105**	**100.0**

Above Table 1 shows information pertaining to no. of articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 775 articles were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 613 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 569, 570 and 578 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.2 Articles Related to Chemistry Subject

Table No.2: Chemistry subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	103	23.1
2006-10	76	17.1
2011-15	97	21.8
2016-20	79	17.8
2021-24	90	20.2
Total	**445**	**100.0**

Above Table 2 shows information pertaining to Chemistry subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 103 articles of chemistry subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 76 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 97, 79 and 90 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.3 Articles Related to Botany subject

Table No.3: Botany subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	9	25.0
2006-10	5	13.9
2011-15	6	16.7
2016-20	9	25.0
2021-24	7	19.4
Total	**36**	**100.0**

Above Table 3 shows information pertaining to Botany subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 9 articles of botany subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 5 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 6, 9 and 7 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.4 Articles Related to Zoology subject

Table No.4: Zoology subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	24	23.3
2006-10	19	18.4
2011-15	5	4.9
2016-20	30	29.1
2021-24	25	24.3
Total	**103**	**100.0**

Above Table 4 shows information pertaining to Zoology subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that

total 24 articles of zoology subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 19 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 5, 30 and 25 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.5 Articles Related to Mathematics subject

Table No.5: Mathematics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	146	26.2
2006-10	113	20.3
2011-15	92	16.5
2016-20	99	17.7
2021-24	108	19.4
Total	**558**	**100.0**

Above Table 5 shows information pertaining to Mathematics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 146 articles of mathematics subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 113 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 92, 99 and 108 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.6 Articles Related to Physics subject

Table No.6: Physics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Year	Nos.	Per
2001-05	150	22.9
2006-10	141	21.5
2011-15	122	18.6
2016-20	127	19.4
2021-24	115	17.6
Total	**655**	**100.0**

Above Table 6 shows information pertaining to Physics subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 150 articles of physics subject were published in this journal in the year 2001-05 while 141 articles were published in this journal in the year 2006-10. In addition to this 122, 127 and 115 articles were published in this journal in the year 2011-15, 2016-20 and 2021-24 respectively.

3.7 Total no. articles published in selected subjects (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, and Physics),

Table No.7: Total no. of various subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education

Subjects	Nos. of articles	Percent
Chemistry	445	24.8
Botany	36	2.0
Zoology	103	5.7
Mathematics	558	31.1
Physics	655	36.4
Total	**1797**	**100.0**

χ^2=49.813; **df**: 4; χ^2_{crit}= 9.49; p<0.05

Above Table 7 shows information pertaining to total no. of various subject related articles published inthe Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. It is observed that total 445 articles of chemistry subject were published in this journal while 36 articles of botany were published in this journal. In addition to this 103, 558 and 655 articles of zoology, mathematics and physics were published in this journal respectively.

4.0 Conclusions

4.1 No. of Articles published

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.2 Chemistry Subject Related Articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the Chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.3 Botany subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the botany subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05 and 2016-20.

4.4 Zoology subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the zoology subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2016-20.

4.5 Mathematics subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the mathematics subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.6 Physics subject related articles

- From the study results it is evident that most of the physics subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education in the year 2001-05.

4.7 Total no. of various subject related articles published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education

- From the study results it is evident that high no. of physics, mathematics and chemistry subject related articles were published in the Resonance Journal of Science Education during study period. While articles related to Botany and Zoology subject were less published.

4.8 Conclusion : The study results indicate that the Resonance Journal of Science Education underscores its vital role in advancing science education and fostering understanding of research in the field of science, which primarily focuses on Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry Subjects receive relatively higher attention while Biology receives relatively less attention. By maintaining a diverse and evolving thematic focus, the journal tries to serve as an essential resource for students, educators, and researchers. Ensuring alignment with educational goals and global scientific trends will further enhance its impact in the years to come.

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DESCRIPTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS PUBLISHED ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE IN INDIA DURING 2005-2007.

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Abstract: *The paper has discussed Descriptive Bibliography of Books Published on library and information Science in India During 2005-2007. No descriptive Bibliography list of such books is available. This creates the problem in bibliography control. The researcher intends to list the books published in 2005 to 2007 in India. The research paper will be defiantly helpful not only to the researchers but also students and Booksellers. This research will be helpful in getting period-wise publication date of time. This research also helpful in getting state wise list of published.*

Keyword: *Books, Bibliography, Descriptive Bibliography, Library and Information Science.*

Introduction: (Descriptive Bibliography)

Adescriptivebibliographyisasubfieldofbibliographythatdescribesthe format, pagination, typographical particulars, illustrations, price, and other physical characteristics of books, such as the type of paper used in the construction of antique books, the binding, and soon.

Therefore,whenthebibliographicdataaboutadocumenthasbeengatheredusinganalyticalbibliography,descriptivebibliography'smainobjective is to record those characteristics. This means that the function of ananalytical bibliography is to analyze ,whereas the goal of a descriptive bibliography is to describe. Adefinedformatisusedtopresentanalyticalmethodsandresultsinthedescriptivebibliography.Sincestandardized procedures are now employed in the creation of books, the need for a detailedbibliographyhaslessened.

Objectives of the Study

1. To prepare descriptive bibliography of LIS books published in India during 2004-2007.
2. To analyze the LIS books published in India by Author Wise
3. To Analyze the LIS books published in India by Publisher- wise
4. ToanalyzetheLISbookspublishedinyear-wiselist.
5. ToanalyzeLISbookspublishedbygenderofAuthor(Male/Female)

Scope of Study

Research covers LIS books published during 2004-2007. Scope is restricted to LIS books published is in Marathi, Hindi and English Language.

Methodology

This study will use a descriptive approach. Data collect via surveyswillbe a

beneficialtool.

DataCollectionTechniques

Data for this research will be collect from publisher website and catalogue.

Data will also be collected by books ships and Libraries

DataAnalysisTechniques

Methods in Mathematics and Statistics, Forms of tabulation & graphics(includingbarcharts,piecharts,andtables)andtheAPAsystemofcitation.

Bibliographical Fild:

1. Author
2. Title
3. Place of Publication
4. Publication Year
5. Subject
6. Language
7. Gender of Author

Data Collection and Analysis:

1. Survey of Language

In this chapter we are explain the quantitative relation of collected information by using chart graphs and pi-chart According to language interpretation on the following information. We realised one thing that, in the past 04 years (2004 to 2007) near about 137 (76.02%) books were written in English Language and the same way books. Hindi Language 22 (12.25%), and Marathi Language 06 (11.73%) books are written.

Table No.: 01

Sr. No.	Language	No of Books	Percentage
1	English	137	83.03%
2	Hindi	22	13.33%
3	Marathi	06	03.63%
Total		**165**	**100%**

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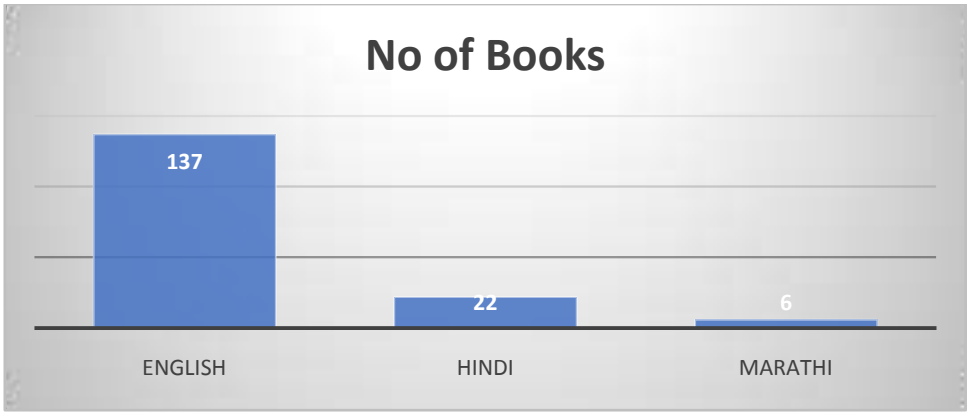
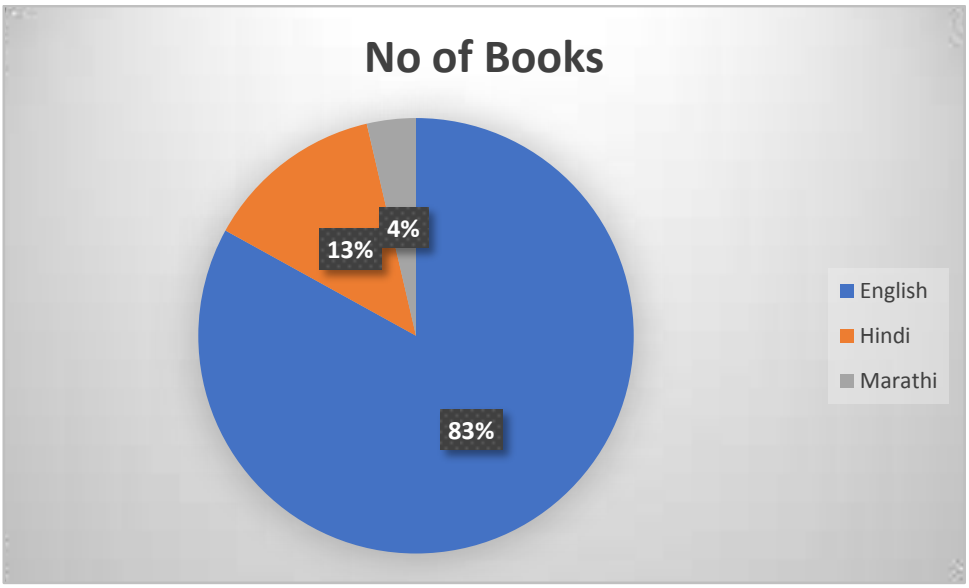


If we consider the publication of books in respect with the Language, we found that Chart number one shows that number of books published in English Language is around 137 while books published in Hindi 22, and Marathi 06. Which are the domestic language are quite less compared to that of English.

Pie Chart -1



This pie chart shows that 83% books are published in English Language. Second Comes a Hindi That is 13% and at the end the region Marathi 4%

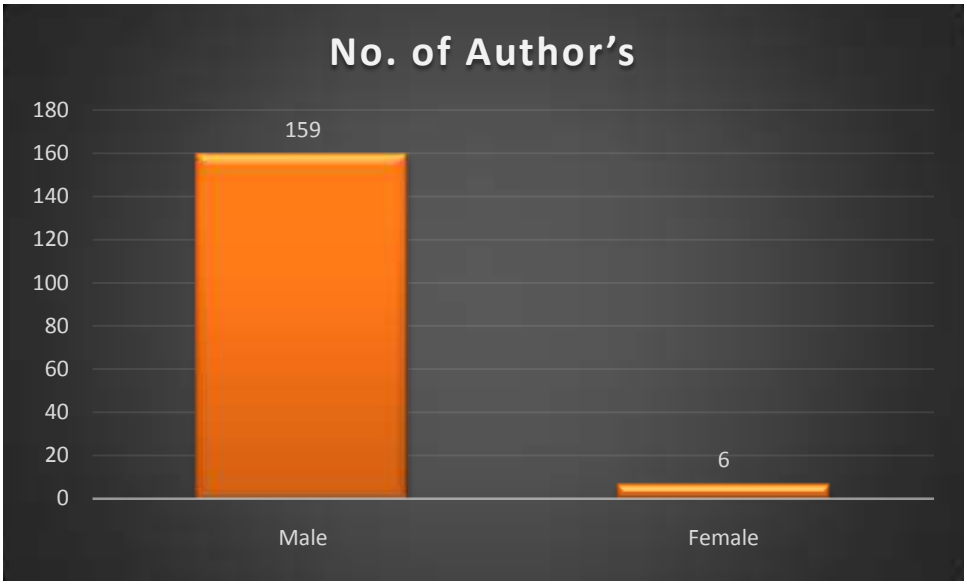
2. Classification of writer (Male and female)

In this unit authors are find out the writers where they are male of female, and study their written published quantitatively. and respect as fallows.

Table No: 02

Sr. No.	Types of Authors	No. of Author's	Percentage
1	Male	159	**96%**
2	Female	06	**04%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

Chart No. : 02



When we consider this publication by the author in correspondence with their gender, we fond that 159 that is 96% of the publishers or author are male while only 06 that is 4.% are female authors.

Pie Chart No. : 2

Here with find out that the number of female authors is comparativily very less that is compare with tha male authors.

From above presentation we concluded that, in India 159 Male writers are present and 06 Ledis (Female) writers present. The ratio of female is very less as compared to male.

3. Durational of Surve (Year Wise)

In this in unite author are tried to find out published books in Library science number of period of 2004 to 2007. In this chapter the published books were classified year-wise and presented follows.

Table No. : 03

This table shows us that number of books published from 2004 to 2007 and their percentage year wise.

We found out that in 2006, highest books are published. That is 55 and total 33.33% while the list books were published in the filed of library science

Sr. No.	Year	No of Books Published	Percentage %
1	2004	49	**29.69%**
2	2005	47	**28.49%**
3	2006	55	**33.33%**
4	2007	14	**08.49%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

On the basis of above we concluded that in 2006, 55 books were written 2004 49 books, 2007 14 books and 47 books written 2005.

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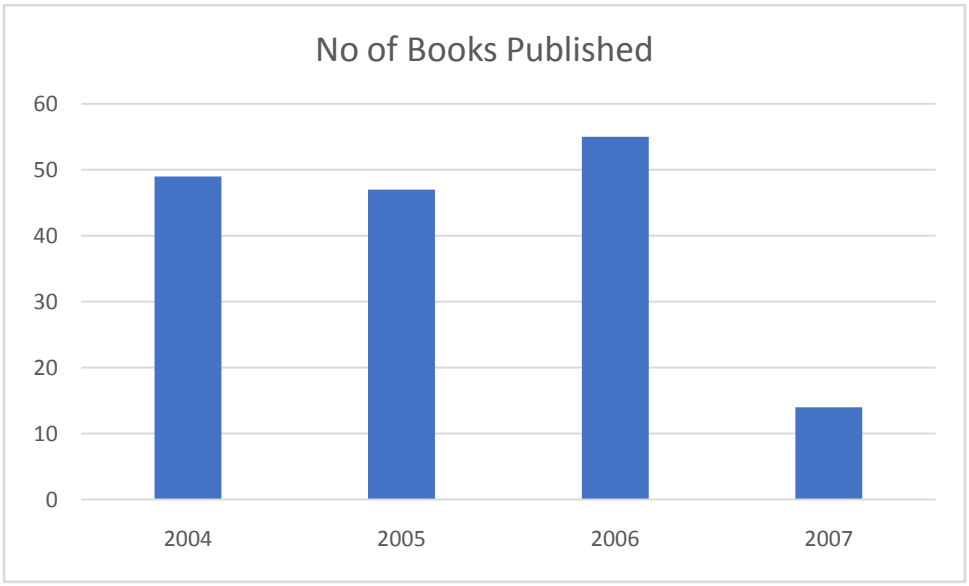


Discharge shoes, how the number of books publised every year is been on consistent increasing side

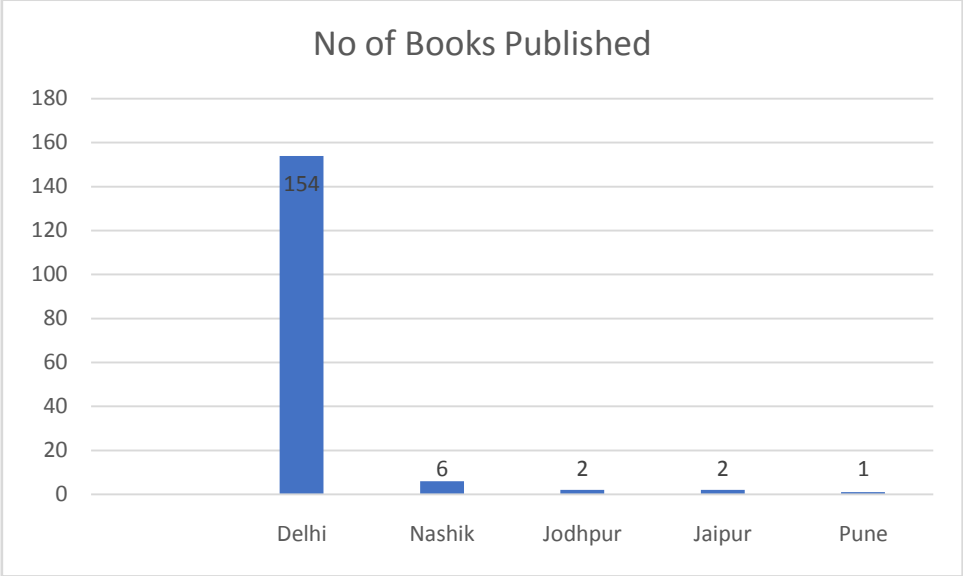
Pie Chart 3

4. Place of Publication

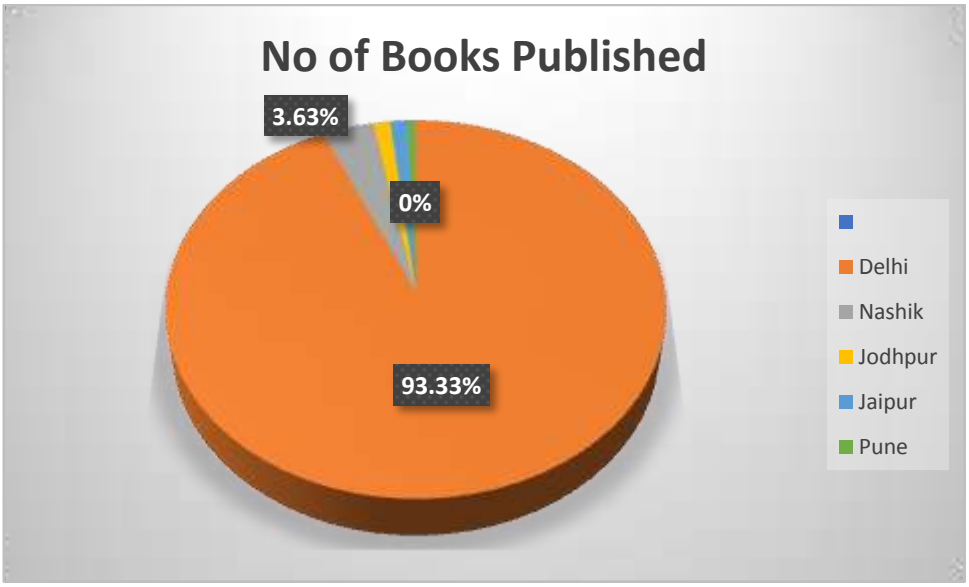
Sr. No.	Place	No of Books Published	Percentage %
1	Delhi	154	**93.33%**
2	Nashik	06	**03.63%**
3	Jodhpur	02	**01.21%**
4	Jaipur	02	**01.21%**
5	Pune	01	**00.60%**
Total		**165**	**100%**

Chart No 4

If we study the place of publication, we found out Delhi. The capital of India have highest number of publication that is 154 around 93.33% of total publication while Nashik comes second, Where 06 books are published around 03.63%, Jodhpue and Jaipur 02 books are published and Pune is the list. One 1 book are published 0.60%.



In this unit authors was collected data of writer, who lives in Delhi state and publication place was also Delhi State and other place exmp. Nashik, and Pune.



Conclusion:

The present study deals with books published during 2004 to 2007 in India. It is found that majority of books published in English Language i.e. 137 (83.03%) and only 22 (13.33%) books published in Hindi Language. The study also found that the contribution of authors in respect of gender, there are majority of contributed author are male 159 (96%) and Female 06 (04%).

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BIBLIOMETRIC STUDY OF PH.D. THESIS SUBMITTED TO RTM NAGPUR UNIVERSITY IN FACULTY OF SCIENCE(2000-2020)

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Abstract : *This research article is about mapping the phd research output of RTM Nagpur University in the faculty of science from 2000-2020. The data was taken from web opac of university and downloading theses from shodhganga. Study has been made about subject wise and year wise distribution of thesis, authorship pattern, citation analysis, contribution of research supervisors for each subject.*

Key Words: *authorship pattern, contribution of research supervisors, citation analysis*

Introduction

A bibliometric study is a statistical analysis of publications, such as books, journals, and conference proceedings, to learn more about a subject area. It's also known as bibliometrics or research impact. It is used for:

- Measuring impact: Bibliometrics can measure the impact of a publication, researcher, or institution by counting how many times it's cited by other works.
- Identifying trends: Bibliometrics can help identify trends in research, such as new areas of research or emerging fields.
- Finding collaborators: Bibliometrics can help identify potential collaborators for research.
- Finding sources: Bibliometrics can help identify sources for publishing research.
- Predicting trends: Bibliometrics can help predict future trends in a field.

Bibliometrics uses statistical sampling to analyze publications. Data is collected from relevant databases, cleaned and refined, and then analyzed using bibliometric methods. Bibliometric analysis can include calculating journal impact factors, tracking researcher output, and identifying relationships between publications.

Tabulation and Analysis of Data

Table 1: Subject Wise Distribution of Theses

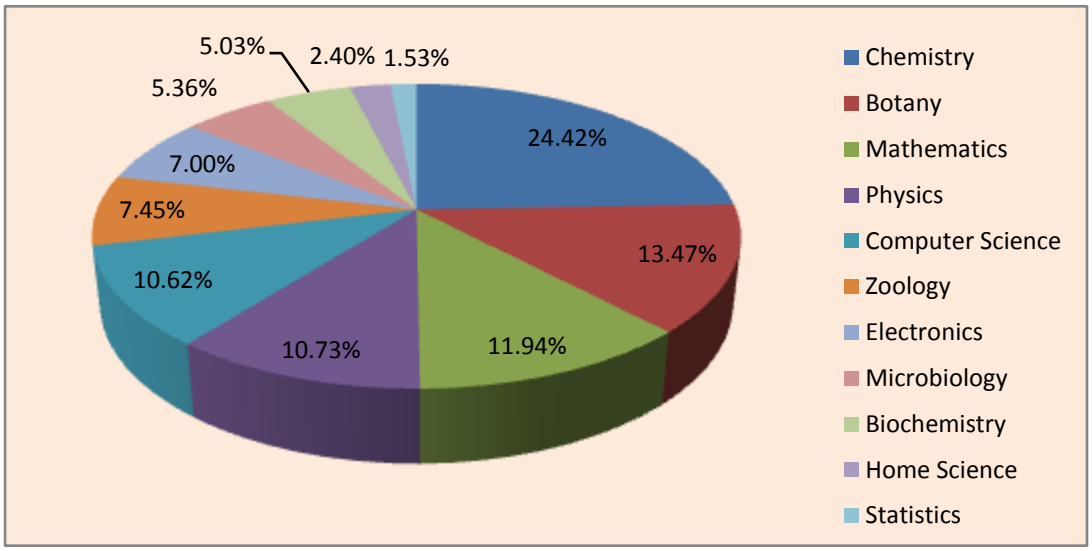
S.No.	Subject Wise	Total Thesis Submitted	Percentage
1	Chemistry	223	24.42%
2	Botany	123	13.47%
3	Mathematics	109	11.94%
4	Physics	98	10.73%
5	Computer Science	97	10.62%
6	Zoology	68	7.45%
7	Electronics	64	7.00%
8	Microbiology	49	5.36%

9	Biochemistry	46	5.03%
10	Home Science	22	2.40%
11	Statistics	14	1.53%
Total		**913**	

Table 1 defines the total doctoral collection of Nagpur University in the faculty of science from 2000 to 2020. Total 913 theses were submitted during this period. Maximum number of theses were submitted in the subject chemistry as this subject is taught at a number of colleges at PG Level. Botany is the next subject in which maximum theses were submitted.

It was observed that maximum number of students preferred to do Ph. D in chemistry, botany and mathematics as these subjects create more jobs. Besides teaching, the students can also apply for central governemt jobs in these areas.

Fig.1 **Graphical Representation ofSubject Wise Distribution of Theses**



The graphical analysis of uploaded theses determines in Figure 1. Out of the totaltheses submitted in science faculty chemistry occupies the maximum domain and statistics the least. Botany, mathematics, physics and computer science also shows a good number of theses.

Table 2: Chronological Distribution of theses (2000-2020)

S.No.	Year	Total Thesis Submitted	Percentage
1	2000	43	4.70
2	2001	56	6.13
3	2002	51	5.59
4	2003	46	5.03
5	2004	33	3.61
6	2005	46	5.03
7	2006	36	3.94

8	2007	40	4.38
9	2008	39	4.27
10	2009	34	3.72
11	2010	41	4.49
12	2011	36	3.94
13	2012	32	3.50
14	2013	38	4.16
15	2014	42	4.60
16	2015	41	4.49
17	2016	68	7.45
18	2017	50	5.47
19	2018	37	4.05
20	2019	42	4.60
21	2020	62	6.85
Total		**913**	**100**

Table2 talks about the year-wisesubmission ofthesesto RTMNagpurUniversity in various subjects of science faculty. Theses submitted from 2000 to 2020 in the faculty of science in RTM Nagpur University were studied and an account has been presented in the form of table.

Figure 2:Graphical Representation ofChronological Distribution of theses (2000-2020)

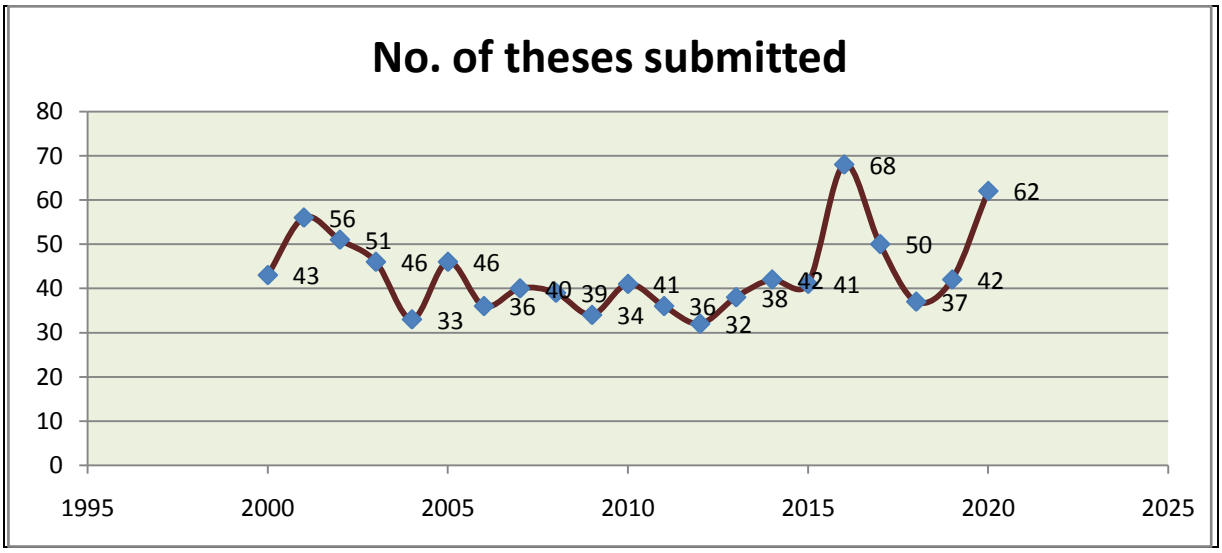


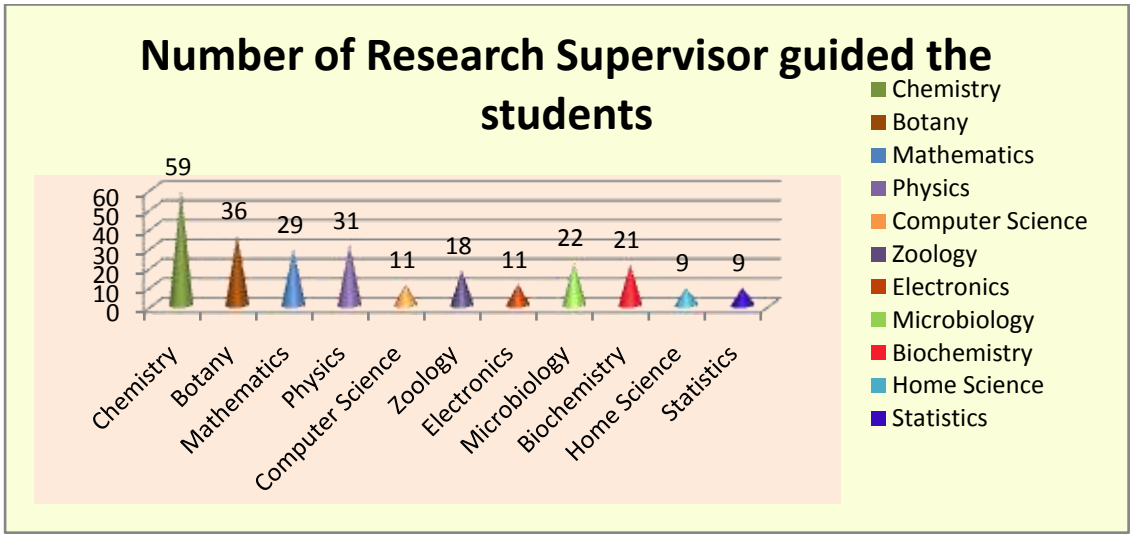
Figure 2 shows the ration of theses uploading, and the year 2016 is on top with7.45%,followedby2020with6.85%.Theyear2012hasthelowestrationof3.50%ofcontribution in total theses submission.

Table 3 Contribution of Research Supervisor (Subject Wise)

S.No.	Subject Wise	Number of Research Supervisor guided the students
1	Chemistry	59
2	Botany	36
3	Mathematics	29
4	Physics	31
5	Computer Science	11
6	Zoology	18
7	Electronics	11
8	Microbiology	22
9	Biochemistry	21
10	Home Science	9
11	Statistics	09
Total		**256**

The above table represents the number of supervisors guided in various subjects of science during the mentioned span of time. In all 256 guides supervised 913 theses in these years. The maximum number is seen in the subject chemistry. It is obvious as the maximum theses have been submitted in chemistry, hence maximum guides are seen in chemistry, followed by botany and physics.

Figure 3 Contribution of Research Supervisor (Subject Wise)



The figure represents the number of research supervisors who guided various subjects of science from 2000 to 2020 in the university of Nagpur. Inall 256 supervisors guided in science faculty during this period. Maximum number of research supervisors are seen in the subject stream.

Table4: Chronologicaldistribution of pagination of doctoral theses

Ph.D. Award Year	No. ofTheses	Pagination	AveragePagesperTheses	Cumulative Total	Productivity (%)
2000	43	12956	301.30	12956	0.27
2001	56	16204	289.36	29160	0.12
2002	51	14968	293.49	44128	0.03
2003	46	13840	300.87	57968	0.28
2004	33	9834	298	67802	0.23
2005	46	13846	301	81648	0.48
2006	36	12096	336	93744	0.25
2007	40	15763	394.07	109507	0.26
2008	39	15462	396.46	124969	0.23
2009	34	13260	390	138229	0.41
2010	41	16482	402	154711	0.55
2011	36	13752	382	168463	0.89
2012	32	13088	409	181551	0.46
2013	38	14206	373.84	195757	0.65
2014	42	16452	391.71	212209	0.88
2015	41	16542	403.46	228751	1.02
2016	68	24156	355.23	252907	1.39
2017	50	15645	312.9	268552	1.31
2018	37	14853	401.43	283405	1.56
2019	42	15961	380.02	299366	0.98
2020	62	19406	313	318772	1.56
Total	**913**	318772	**349.15**	-	-

Table 4 summaries the chronological distribution of doctoral these paginations. Total 3,18,772 paginations accounted for 913 theses. The evaluation carried out for the core content paginations., introductory pages not included in the study. The highest pagination 24,156 counted for the year 2016 for 68 theses with an average of 355.23 paginations per thesis contributed 1.39% in total pagination. The year 2020 stand on the second position with 19,406 paginations in 62 theses contributed 1.56% in total pagination and the average stands on 313 paginations per thesis for 2020. followed by a contribution of 0.55% for the year 2010 with the 16,842 paginations for 41theses and settled average pagination per thesis on 402. The lowest pagination accounted for in the year 2004 for 33 theses with an average of 298 paginations.

Table5: Individualdepartment wisedistributionofpaginationproductivity

Subject	Thesis	Pagination	Average Pagination	Percentage
Chemistry	223	78130	350.36	24.51
Botany	123	44061	358.22	13.82
Mathematics	109	37168	340.99	11.66
Physics	98	34684	353.92	10.88
Computer Science	97	33756	348.00	10.59
Zoology	68	24126	354.79	7.56
Electronics	64	22454	350.84	7.04
Microbiology	49	17324	353.55	5.43
Biochemistry	46	15384	334.43	4.82
Home Science	22	6868	312.18	2.15
Statistics	14	4817	344.07	1.51
Total	**913**	**318772**	**349.15**	**100**

Fig. 4:Average Percentage of Pagination per Subject under Study

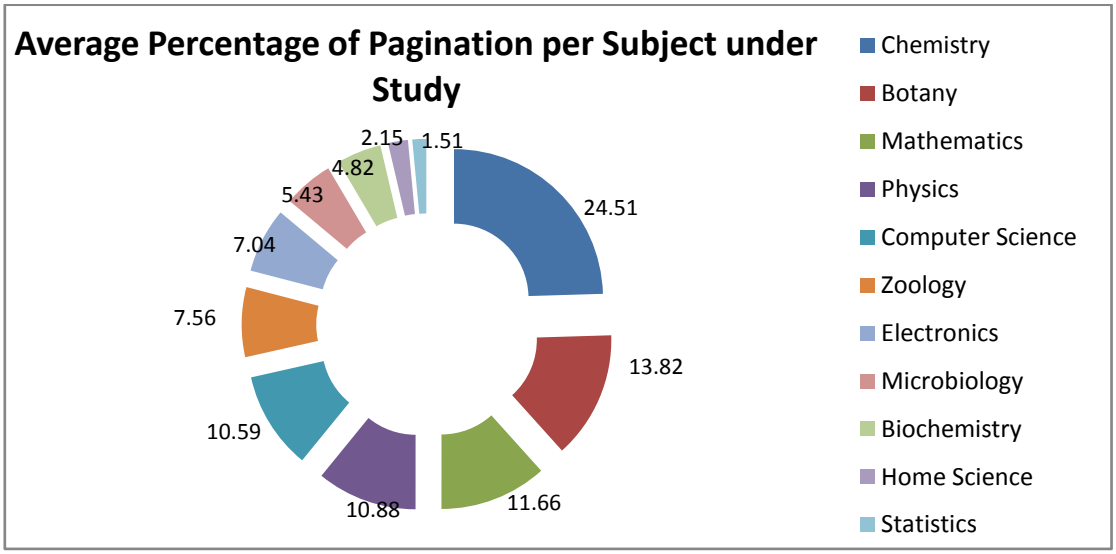


Table 4 and above figure explores the pagination distribution for individual departments. The highest pagination accounted for 78,130 for chemistry department in 223 theses with an average of 350.36 contributed 24.51% in total paginations followed by the Department of Botany with 44,061 pagination in 123 theses with an average of 358.22. The total number of pagination is 318772 for 913 theses, the average of which is 349.15 pages per theses.

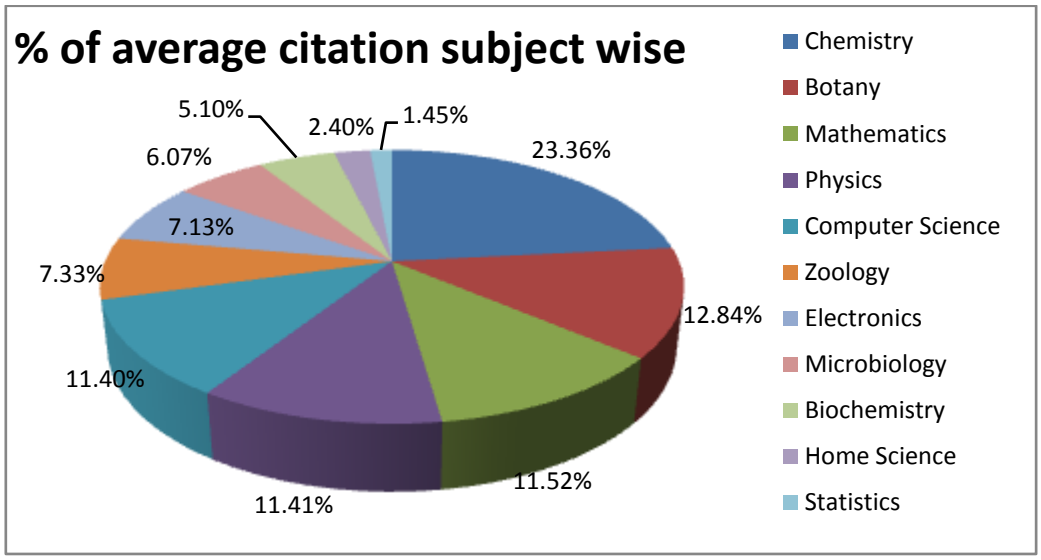
Table 6: Individualdepartmentwisecitationdistribution

Department	Thesis	Citations	ACPT*	Contribution (%)	ACPT Rank
Chemistry	223	43295	194.15	23.36%	9
Botany	123	23768	193.24	12.84%	10
Mathematics	109	21348	195.85	11.52%	8
Physics	98	21148	215.80	11.41%	4
Computer Science	97	21131	217.84	11.40%	2
Zoology	68	13602	200.03	7.33%	7
Electronics	64	13215	216.64	7.13%	3
Microbiology	49	11256	229.71	6.07%	1
Biochemistry	46	9452	205.48	5.10%	5
Home Science	22	4440	201.82	2.40%	6
Statistics	14	2684	191.71	1.45%	11
Total	**913**	185339	**203.00**	-	-
ACPT*=AverageCitationsperthesis					

Table 6 explore the school and individual department wise citation distribution. Department of chemistry cited the highest resources 43295 (23.36%) accounted for a total of 223 doctoral theses followed by Department of Botany with 23768 (11.52%) citations accounted from 109 theses with an average of 193.24 per theses. The top two departments contributed 67063

citations seized 36.18% of total citations. The lowest citation accounted for 2684 citations for the Department of Statistics making a percentage of 1.45 of total citations count.

Fig. 5:Percentage of average citation subject wise



Conclusion:

Researchsupervisorship pattern analysis indicated that Theses with a single supervisor cited thehighest 181896 citations in their 879 theses; the single supervisor Supervised theses contributed themost 96.27% in totalcitations.Theses supervised by twoor more than twosupervisors cited 5526resourcesin28theses.0.66%thesessupervisedbymorethantwosupervisorsused 1187 citations.

Department of chemistry cited the highest resources 43295 (23.36%) accounted for a total of 223 doctoral theses followed by Department of Botany with 23768 (11.52%) citations accounted from 109 theses with an average of 193.24 per theses. The top two departments contributed 67063 citations seized 36.18% of total citations. The lowest citation accounted for 2684 citations for the Department of Statistics making a percentage of 1.45 of total citations count.

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CITATION ANALYSIS OF ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN INDIAN JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY DURING THE YEAR 2017 TO 2021

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Abstract : *Citation analysis of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO) plays a crucial role in assessing the impact, relevance, and scholarly influence of published research in the field of ophthalmology. By evaluating citation patterns, researchers and institutions can identify significant contributions, emerging trends, and key areas of study within ophthalmic sciences. It also helps in determining the journal's credibility, aiding researchers in selecting high-impact sources for their work. Understanding citation metrics can enhance academic recognition and guide policymakers in allocating resources to foster further advancements in eye care and vision science. In the backdrop of above, this study was conducted to assess various aspects related to the contents published in the IJO during the period of 2017 to 2021. The details of each article were collected from the website of the journal and this data was used for the further citation as well as bibliometrics analysis. All the data was analysed using SPSS 18.0 software. The study results showed that highest no. of the articles were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020 with increasing trend of citations during the course of the study period. The collaborative work appeared to be more with dominant subject area being cataract related studies (during 2017-2021). Overall, the work carried out in India is largely published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the study period.*

Keywords: *Citation analysis, ophthalmology, citation metrics, collaborative work*

1.0 Introduction

Citation analysis is a bibliometric tool used to evaluate the impact and influence of scholarly articles by examining how often they are cited by other researchers. In the context of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO), conducting citation analysis is of paramount importance for several reasons. It not only provides insights into the journal's academic influence but also helps identify trends, gaps, and opportunities in ophthalmic research, particularly in the Indian and global contexts. Citation analysis serves as a quantitative measure of the academic impact and quality of research published in the IJO. By analyzing how often various articles are cited, researchers and institutions can gauge the journal's contribution to the advancement of ophthalmic knowledge. High citation counts often indicate that the research is influential, relevant, and widely recognized by the scientific community. For the IJO, this analysis can help establish its reputation as a leading platform for ophthalmic research, both in India and internationally.

In addition to above such analysis can reveal emerging trends and hot topics in ophthalmology. By examining the most cited articles, researchers can identify areas of high interest and innovation, such as advancements in cataract surgery, glaucoma management, or retinal diseases. This information is invaluable for guiding future research priorities and ensuring that the IJO remains at the forefront of cutting-edge developments in the field. The IJO is a key platform for showcasing ophthalmic research conducted in India, a country with a high burden

of eye diseases such as cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. Citation analysis can highlight the global impact of Indian research and its relevance to addressing both local and international eye health challenges. By identifying highly cited studies, the IJO can demonstrate its role in contributing to global ophthalmic knowledge and improving patient outcomes worldwide.

Highly cited articles often attract the attention of researchers from diverse geographical and institutional backgrounds. Citation analysis can help identify potential collaborators and foster networking opportunities for Indian researchers. By promoting collaboration, the IJO can facilitate the exchange of ideas, resources, and expertise, ultimately accelerating progress in ophthalmic research and practice. For the editorial board of the IJO, citation analysis provides critical feedback on the types of articles that resonate most with the scientific community. This information can guide editorial decisions, such as prioritizing certain research themes, encouraging submissions in under-researched areas, or adopting strategies to increase the visibility and accessibility of published articles. By aligning its content with the needs and interests of its readership, the IJO can enhance its impact factor and overall standing in the field. In view of the above, this investigation was carried out to assess the number of articles published in the IJO during the period of 2017 to 2021 along with the number of citations as well as authorship pattern, dominant subjects covered and the and degree of collaboration.

2.0 Research Methodology

In the present investigation an analytical study of the articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the period 2017 to 2021 was conducted. The details of each article were collected from the website of the journal (https://journals.lww.com). This base line data was used for the further citation as well as bibliometrics analysis. All the collected data was subjected to statistical analysis where primarily descriptive statistics were employed. The methodology involved in the study elaborate as under for data collection and evaluating techniques on Bibliometrics methods. The statistical methods were used to understand the different aspects of published articles such as – year wise distribution of total number of articles as well as citations, authorship pattern, geographical distribution of authors of the articles etc. All the data was analysed using SPSS 18.0 software.

3.0 Results and Discussion

3.1 Total no. of articles published

Table 1: Total no. of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Year	Total no. of articles published	Percentage
2017	355	9.7
2018	590	16.2
2019	714	19.6
2020	1002	27.5
2021	986	27.0
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 1 shows information pertaining to no. of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 355 articles were published in this journal in the year 2017 while 590 articles were published in this

journal in the year 2018. In addition to this 714, 1002 and 986 articles were published in this journal in the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

3.2 Total no. of Citations

Table 2: Total no. of citations of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Year	Total no. of citations	Percentage
2017	5856	11.7
2018	8231	16.4
2019	10348	20.7
2020	13548	27.1
2021	12086	24.1
Total	**50069**	**100.0**

Above Table 2 shows information pertaining to no. of citations of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 5856 citations were published in this journal in the year 2017 while 8231 citations were published in this journal in the year 2018. In addition to this 10348, 13548 and 12086 citations were published in this journal in the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

3.3 Authorship Pattern of Articles published during 2017-2021

Table 3: Authorship pattern of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Authorship Pattern	No. of articles	Percentage
Single author	318	8.7
Two authors	439	12.0
Three authors	996	27.3
> Three authors	1894	51.9
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 3 shows information pertaining to authorship pattern of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 318 single author articles were published in this journal during study period while 439 two author articles were published in this journal. Moreover, total 996 three author articles were published in this journal during study period and total 1894 articles having more than three authors were published in this journal during study period.

3.4 Dominant subject of articles published during 2017-2021

Table 4: Dominant subject of articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Dominant subject	No. of articles	Percentage
Retinal Diseases	816	22.4
Glaucoma	193	5.3
Cataracts	1009	27.7
Corneal Diseases	424	11.6

Refractive Errors & Vision Correction	609	16.7
Ocular Oncology	211	5.8
Pediatric Ophthalmology	307	8.4
Other	78	2.1
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 4 shows information pertaining to dominant subject of articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that total 816 articles published during the study period were related to retinal diseases while 193 articles were on glaucoma. In addition to this 1009, 424 and 609 articles published in this journal were related to cataract, corneal disease and refractive errors & vision correction respectively. Furthermore, total 211 and 307 articles related to Ocular Oncology and Pediatric Ophthalmology were published however 78 articles related to other subjects were published in this journal during the study period.

3.5 Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published during 2017-2021

Table 5: Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published in Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during the Year 2017 to 2021

Geographical distribution	No. of articles	Percentage
National	3435	94.2
International	84	2.3
Both (National-International)	128	3.5
Total	**3647**	**100.0**

Above Table 5 shows information pertaining to geographical distribution of authors of the articles published inthe Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during study period i.e. 2017 to 2021. It is observed that 3435 articles of Indian authors were published in this journal during study period while 84 articles of international authors were published. Furthermore, 128 articles of both national and international authors were published in this journal during the study period.

4.0 Conclusions

4.1 Total no. of articles published

- From the study results it is evident that high no. of the articles were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020.

4.2 Total no. of Citations

- From the study results it is evident that most of the citations were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in the year 2020.

4.3 Authorship Pattern of Articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021 had more than three authors.

4.4 Dominant subject of articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that cataract was the dominant subject of most of the articles published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021.

4.5 Geographical distribution of authors of the articles published during 2017-2021

- From the study results it is evident that most of the articles of national authors were published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology during 2017-2021.

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7½ pkjixkj] 0gh-,p-¼2004½- प्रस्तुत शोध प्रबंधामध्ये सुत्तपिटकातील विपस्सना व ck) rRoKku ;kcíyp fofo/k iy l"kkf/kr dy vlu R;ke/; c)dkyhu fofo/k nk"kfud o R;kp rRoKku] ck) rRoKku o विपस्सना यांचा संबंध स्पष्ट केलेला vkg- foiLluph 0;k[;k rlp foiLlupk fpRr o euk"kh vlyyk lc/k] ckf/kikf{kd /ke] ngk vuLefr] cRrhl dkVVklkp foLrr foopu dyy vkg-

8½ oku[kMh] Hkhejko ,u- ¼2003½- iLrr ic/kkr f=fiVd lkfgR;krhy fuCcku ;k lc/khph foLrri.k leid ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg- ;k rRoKkukr fuCcku ldYiuk d"kkidkj ipfyr gkrh- ;kpk li.k vk<kok ?k.;kr vkyk vkyyk vkg- त्यामुळे त्रिपिटक साहित्यात निब्बानाचे अध्ययन करणे, आर्थिक दृष्टया सुटसुटीत कसे होईल त्या दृष्टीने तसे प्रतिपादन केलेले आहे-

9½ [kkckxMh] fnxkcj vkcknkl ¼2007½- l"kk/kdku ;k ic/kkr Lokr«;io o Lokr«;kRrj dkGkrhy ck) lkfgR;kcíyph ekfgrh fnyh vkg- ;kr R;kuh ck) /kEekp iu:Ttho ;kcíy o.ku dy vkg- बौद्ध धम्माचे अभ्यासक, पाली भाषेचे f"k{k.k] ok³e; fuferh] ck) /kEekp ic/ku dj.kkÚ;k lLFkk] txnh"k d";ikpk mn;] 0;DrheRokph tG.k?kM.k d";ikP;k thoukr ck) /ke ipkjdkpk iHkko-R;kp 0;DrheRokp of"ाष्टये, त्यांच्या साहित्याचे विष्ले"k.k] dष्यप यांचे शैक्षणिक कार्यास योगदान, त्यांनी vk/kfud ck) lkfgR;kyk T;k i)rhu ;kxnku fny- ;kcíyph li.k ekfgrh ;k ic/kkr n.;kr vkyh vkg-

fu;rdkfydkrhy y[kkpk vk<kok &

10½ nojkt.u] th- ¼1987½- ;k y[kke/; y[kdku xFkky; foKkukrhy lkfgR;kcíy ekfgrh fnyh vkg- yk;cjhojhy iLrd vkf.k ekukxkQp lo{k.k vkf.k fo"लेषण यात केले आहे- मल्यालम भाषेत आतापर्यंत idkf"kr >kyy foKku lkfgR;kph l|fLFkrh mtGkr vk.krk ;by- या दृष्टीकोनkru o.ku dy vkg-

11½ gkt jk] ,l-dh- ¼1969½- iLrr y[kkr cxkyh भाषेतील ग्रंथालय साहित्याची माहिती दिली आहे- nl यांनी बंगाली भाषेतील पुस्तक निर्मितीचा इतिहास थोडक्यात 1965–66 च्या आकडेवारीचा उल्लेख केला vkg- बंगाली भाषेत प्रकाf"kr >kyY;k iLrdkP;k l[;r ?kV >kY;kp o.ku dy vkg- भाष्ये आणि संबंधीत विषयाची f"ार्षके देऊन ग्रंथालय विज्ञानावरील बंगाली पुस्तकाची यादी दिलेली आहे-

12½ dhn] ,-dh- ¼1980½- लेखकाने या लेखामध्ये भारतीय ग्रंथालयाच्या शास्त्रज्ञानी वापरलेल्या प्राथमिक विषया"kh lc/khr lkfgR;kP;k of"ाष्टयांचे वर्णन केले आहे- yk;cjhP;k dkekr feGkyY;k ifj.kkekpk परिणाम आणि वापरासह निष्कर्ष काढण्यात आला आहे- 1955 r 1975 P;k dkyko/khr xFkky; foKku vkf.k nLr,otkdj.kkrhy bfrgkl kr miyC/k m)kj.kkp fo"ysk.k d:u dyY;k lo{k.kkp fudky ;kcíy ekfgrh lknj dyh vkg-

13½ do=k] ih-,l- ¼1979½- ;k y[kke/; leyu lkfgR;kP;k egRokoj ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg- leyu lkfgR;kP;k xFklph fu;=.kkp ifj{k.k dyy fnlu ;r- fo}ku vkf.k l"kk/ku depkÚ;kdMu okijkP;k tkfgjkrh lkBh ekx vkf.k lk/ku ;kph ekfgrh lpfoyh vkg-

14½ do=k] ih-,l- ¼1979½- y[kdku ;kr foKku vkf.k r=KkukP;k lkfgR;kP;k of"ाष्टयांची चर्चा केली vkg- R;kuh ikFkfed L=kr] f}rh; L=kr vkf.k rfr;d L=kr ;kuk oxhÑr dy- ekfgrhp L=kr Eg.ku iR;d f"ार्षकाखाली lkfgR;kP;k fofo/k J.kph n[khy ekfgrh ;k y[kkr fnyh vkg- xFkky; lok vkf.k lkfgR;kP;k xFklph fu;=.kkp eY;kdu dyy fnlu ;r-

15½ ekjdk] ok;- ,- ¼1987½- ;k y[kkr xFkky; vkf.k ekfgrh foKkukrhy idk"kukP;k foy{k.k ok< vkf.k lnHkxFk fu;=.k inku dj.;kr ;.kkÚ;k leL;kph ppk dyh vkg- xFkky; rkfydk xFklph vkf.k vuØef.kdk ;kp egRo lkfxry vkg- oreku idk"ानाच्या वार्षिक आणि नियतकालिक यादया, आंतरराष्ट्रीय अनुक्रमणिका आणि सेवांचा देखील उल्लेख केला आहे-

16½ QVkGk] frckj ¼1987½- xFkky; vkf.k ekfgrh dnkr ijfoY;k tk.kkÚ;k fofo/k lok] jkT;kph of"ाष्टये vkf.k nlÚ;k egk;)kioh vkf.k lektoknh jkT;krxr iLrd vkf.k xFkky; lLÑrhpk fodkl ;koj ppk dyh vkg- xFkky;kP;k bekjrh vkf.k Qfupj ;kojhy i)r"khj lkfgR; vkf.k lkfgR;kph ok< d"kk i)rhu >kyh ;kpk lnHk fnyyk vkg-

17½ je[;k] pé[irh d- ¼2012½- gk y[k MflMkd tuy vkQ yk;cjh vkf.k ekfgrh r=Kku ;k tuye/; idkf"kr >kyk vkg- gh xFklph b&iLrd vkf.k lc/khr r=Kkukojhy idkf"kr lkfgR;kp lo lnHk ,dkp L=krke/; inku djr- जेणेकरून इतरांचा साहित्य शोध घेण्यात आणि घडामोडीचा आढावा ?k.;kr oG okpy- b&cDl vkf.k b&cd idk"kuk"kh lc/khr dk.kR;kgh {k=kr l"kk/ku dj.kkÚ;k lo l"kk/kdklkBh gh xFklph mi;Dr Bjy vl o.ku dy vkg-

18½ dktcx] fyi ¼1987½- लेखकाने यात डेन्मार्क मधील ग्रंथालय सेवा प्रणालीचे स्वरूप स्पष्ट केले आहे- 1918&1978 e/; R;k n"kkrhy xFkky; f"k{k.k vkf.k if"k{k.kkph foLrr ekfgrh fnyh vkg- yk;cjh आणि माहिती विज्ञान, डिरेक्टरी, शब्दकोष, चरित्रात्मक डिरेक्टरी, हॅंMcDl] vkf.k lnHk Ñrhojhy dkgh egRokP;k ekukxkQp o.ku ;k y[kkr dy vkg-

19½ fl[x] lqok ¼1987½- Hkkjrkrhy xFkky; vkf.k ekfgrh foKkukrhy lkfgR;kP;k ok<hpk vkf.k Mk- ,l- vkj- jxukFku] ih-,u-dky vkf.k brjkuh dyY;k ;kxnkukpk ekxkok ;k y[kkr o.ku dyk vkg- 1960 & 1984 njE;ku ijn"kh fo}kuklg f"k{kd] l"ोधन विद्वान, एलआयएस शाळा आणि व्यावसायिक xFkikydkuh dyY;k ;kxnkukp fo"ेलेषण करते-

20½ lfrtk] ekfgnj iqrki ¼1987½-y[kdku ;ke/; ic/k vkf.k l"ोधनाचे महत्व परिभाषित केले vkg- युएसए युके आणि भारतातील ग्रंथालय विज्ञानामधील मुळ पीएचडी पदवी शोधण्याचे कार्य केले आहे- ;,l, vkf.k ;d e/khy xFkky; vkf.k ekfgrh foKku ic/kkP;k ekfgrhp fofo/k L=kr Hkkjrh; L=krklkBh li.k rif"kykslg dVykx Lo:ikr dk; djrkr] vl n"kfoy vkg-

21½ lfrtk] ,e-ih- ¼1987½- ;k y[kkr itkce/khy lr jke HkkfV;k vkf.k brj xFkikykP;k ;kxnkukpk mYy[k dyk vkg- पंजाबी भाषा आणि साहित्याच्या वाढीची चर्चा करते- yk;cjh foKku lkfgR; itkch सर्वेक्षण तांत्रिक शब्दावलीच्या समस्या आणि लायब्ररीच्या चळoGhph Hkkouk iu:Ttfor dj.;kph xjt vkg] vl lpfo.;kr vky vkg-

22½ dqekj] ih-,l-th- **आणि देशपांडे, डि-**vkj- ¼1987½- यामध्ये ग्रंथालय विज्ञान या विषयावर मराठीत idkf"kr >kyY;k iLrdkP;k oxkulkj lkfgR;kp fo"ेषण करून विषयावर विवेचन दिलेले आहे- y[kdkuh lkj.kh vkf.k R;kuh dyY;k ;kxnkukph l[;k n[khy n.;kr vkyh vkg- ejkBhr xFkky; lkfgR; fuferhlkBh dke dj.kkÚ;k ,tqlhpk mYy[k l)k dj.;kr vkyk vkg-

lnHkZ &

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17½ je;k] péirh d- byDVkfud iLrd ¼ ,d lnHkxFk] MfIMkd tuy vkQ yk;cjh vkf.k ekfgrh r=Kku] [kM 32] u- 2] ekp 2012] it u- 116&166-

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सूत्रपाठ व दृष्टान्तपाठ

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सारांश :—*श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांच्या खालोखाल महानुभाव पंथात ज्या अधिकारसंपन्न व्यक्ती होऊन गेल्या त्यामध्ये म्हाइंभट व केसोबास या दोन व्यक्ती आहेत. म्हाइंभटांनी आपला अमरग्रंथ लीळाचरित्र संकलीत केला तर केसोबासांनी लीळाचरित्रावर तीन रचना केल्या. १) सूत्रपाठ २) दृष्टांतपाठ ३) रत्नमाला स्तोत्र. मात्र लीळाचरित्रावर हे तीनही ग्रंथ लिहणाऱ्या केसोबासांची (केशिराजबासांची) म्हाइंभटांशी कधीही भेट झाल्याचा उल्लेख येत नाही. बहुधा म्हाइंभटांच्या मृत्युनंतर केसोबास पंथात आलेले दिसतात. केसोबास मराठवाडयातील पाचदंडी रामपुरीचे, श्रीनागदेवाचार्य यांच्या परिवारांत केसोबासांना मोठी प्रतिष्ठा होती. त्यांना शास्त्रचर्चेची मोठी आवड होती व श्रीचक्रधरविचार दर्शन विचारांत तर ते तरबेज होते. त्यांच्या शास्त्रीय नैपुण्याबद्दल श्रीनागदेवाचार्य संतुष्ट होते व १) सूत्रपाठ लीळा २) दृष्टान्तसह लीळा ३) सूत्र दृष्टांन्तसह लीळा. अशा त्रिविध स्वरूपाच्या ज्या ज्या लीळा होत्या त्या डोळयासमोर ठेवून सूत्रांचे व दृष्टांन्ताची निवड कूळ ग्रंथातून केसोबासांनी केलेली दिसते. सूत्रांनाच वचने म्हणतात. किंबहुना वचने जी लीळाचरित्रांत होती ती वचनेच म्हणजे सूत्रे होत अशी भूमिका प्रथम केसोबासांनी घेतली व मूळ लीळाचरित्रात वेगवेगळया लीळातून विखुरलेल्या स्वरूपांत असलेली श्रीचक्रधर वचने निवडली व त्यांच्या निश्चितीसाठी श्रीनागदेवांचे मार्गदर्शन घेतले. तसेच त्यांचा क्रम लावला व ती सर्व वचने नऊ प्रकरणांत गुंफुन त्यांची विषयावर संगती लावली. अशा प्रकारे श्रीचक्रधर वचनांचा जो ९ प्रकरणांत संग्रह करण्यांत आला त्यांनाच सूत्रपाठ असे नाव आहे. याच धर्तीवर दृष्टान्तपाठही तयार करण्यांत आले. या दोन ग्रंथामुळे श्रीचक्रधर वचनांचा अभ्यास सुरू झाला व त्यातून महानुभाव पंथाचा दर्शन विचार स्पष्टपणे अभ्यासकांना उपलब्ध झाला.*

बिज शब्द :— *सूत्रपाठ, दृष्टान्तपाठ, रत्नमालास्तोत्र, लिळाचरित्र, स्मृतिस्थळ, दार्ष्टान्तिक, बीजग्रंथ, सिध्दान्ते.*

प्रसतावना:—सूत्रपाठावर मोठया प्रमाणांत ग्रंथ निर्मिती झाली. सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथाचे वैशिष्टय हे की, हा ग्रंथ कोणत्याही अभ्यासकांने तयार केला नाही किंवा स्वत:च्या प्रतिभेने स्वतंत्ररूपात लिहिलेला नाही. सहसा असे दृश्य दिसते की, मूळ पंथ प्रवर्तकाचे विचारदर्शन मूळ पंथ प्रवर्तकांच्या परंपरेतील अधिकारी व प्रमाण पुरूष करीत असतात. परंतु सुत्रपाठाच्या संदर्भात वेगळी परिस्थिती आहे. येथे श्रीचक्रधरांच्या सर्व वचनांची उपलब्धी म्हाइंभटांनी संकलीत केलेल्या मूळ लीळाचरित्रातून झालेली आहे. म्हाइंभटांनी वेगवेगळया भक्तांकडून लीळा संकलीत केल्या यामुळे परमेश्वराचे चिंतन व मनन करण्यास लीळा फार उपयुक्त ठरल्या. परंतु चिंतन व स्मरणाप्रमाणेच श्रीचक्रधर वचनांची उपलब्धी होऊन श्रीचक्रधर विचार दर्शनाचे उत्तम साधन वचनरूपाने लीळातून मिळाले.

सूत्रपाठ संकलन संपादक:— केसोबासांनी शके १२१२—१३ च्या सुमारास सूत्रपाठ सिद्ध केल्यानंतर सूत्रपाठाचे वर्गीकरण ९ प्रकरणात केले आहे. यातील क्रम व विषय मांडतांना केसोबासांना श्रीनागदेवाचार्याचे सर्वतोपरी मार्गदर्शन लाभले हे उघड आहे. कारण श्रीनागदेवाचार्या हे श्रीचक्रधरांचे उत्तराधिकारी होते. श्रीचक्रधरविचार पध्दतशीररित्या लोकांसमोर रहावेत अशी तळमळ त्यांना होती. त्यासाठी अनेक भक्तांना त्यांनी तयार केले. म्हाइंभट,लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर व केसोबास हे तीन भक्त हया दृष्टीने उल्लेखनीय आहेत. हया तिघांची गती श्रीचक्रधर विचारांत होती. या मधील लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर यांनी आचार विचार लक्षणे व प्रकरणीची लक्षणे केली आहेत. ही सर्व रचना केसोबास निर्मित केल्यानंतरची आहेत. कारण केसोबासांनी सिध्द केलेल्या सूत्रपाठाची ९ प्रकरणे अशी, १) अन्यव्यावृत्ती २) युगधर्म ३)विद्यामार्ग ४) संहार ५) संसरण ६) असतीपरी ७) उध्दरण ८)महावाक्य ९) निर्वचन. केसोबासांचे हे कार्य पाहून श्रीनागदेवाचार्य संतुष्ट झाले. त्यांची प्रशंसा करतांना ते

म्हणतात एक वेळ पंडित केसोबास (केशिराजबास) भटोबासांसी चर्चा करीत होते. भटोबासी तौखोनी म्हण्णीतले : माझे शास्त्र म्हाइंभटा : लक्ष्मीधर भटाचेनी नुजळेची : ते पंडित केशोदेयासि चर्चा करितां उजळले यैसे तोखले : नागदेवांच्या प्रेरणेने जे अनेक भक्त श्रीचक्रधरवचन सूत्राकडे आकर्षीत होऊन वारंवार चर्चा करीत त्यापैकी काही असे. १) लक्ष्मेंद्र राजुरकर व म्हाइंभट २) दामोदरपंडित, त्यांची पत्नी हिराईसा व केसोबास ३) भास्करभट बोरीकर ४) आनेराजव्यास. सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथ सिध्द झाल्यावर त्यामधील वचन सूत्राचे अध्ययन सुरू झाले व त्या अध्ययन प्रक्रियेतून चर्चा, शंका, समाधान, स्पष्टीकरण व विवेचनास प्रारंभ होऊन हळूहळू जीव, प्रपंच, देवता, ईश्वर यावर अधिकाधिक वैचारिक मंथन महानुभाव परिवारांत होऊ लागले. या कार्यात दामोदर, त्यांची पत्नी हिराईसा, केसोबास, लक्ष्मेंद्र, आनेराज, कवीश्वर भास्कर, रामदेव व म्हाइंभट हे बिनीचे अभ्यासक आघाडीवर होते. या सर्वांनी प्रेरणा श्रीनागदेवाचार्याची असे व जेव्हा केव्हा प्रसंग येत असे तेव्हा हे सर्व श्रीनागदेवाचार्याजवळ येत. स्मृतिस्थळ ग्रंथावरून असे दिसते की, स्वत: श्रीनागदेवाचार्य देखील श्रीचक्रधर वचनावर प्रवचने करीत व मूळ सूत्रवचन विशद करून सांगत पुढे सूत्रपाठाचे अध्ययन व शास्त्रप्रतीपादनासाठी तीन गटात वर्गीकरण झाले ते असे. १) लक्षण २) आचार ३) विचार. यांनाच आचार विचार लक्षण स्थळ असेही म्हणतात. लक्षण स्थळाला महाभाष्य नाव आहे. यामध्ये १) पुर्वी पंचकृष्ण नामार्थ २) अन्यव्यावृत्ती ३) युगधर्म क्रियापाक ४) विद्यामार्ग ५) संहार ६)संसरण ७) उध्दरण—साध्य वाक्य ८) असतीपर गुढा ही आठ प्रकरणे आहेत, यांचे संपादन श्री. माधवराज पंजाबी यांनी अमरावतीहून केले. त्यांच्या प्रथम आवृत्ती प्रस्तावना संपादकांचे मनोगत नावाने आहे. ही महत्वपूर्ण आवृत्ती २२/०१/१९६९ मध्ये प्रसिध्द झाली. या ग्रंथाचे वैशिष्टय सांगतांना श्री. माधवराव पंजाबी म्हणतात, हा ग्रंथ एक संकलनात्मक चर्चा ग्रंथ आहे यात प्रकरण संबंध, वचन, वचनसबंध, पक्ष शंका प्रयोग, हेतु, सर्व अर्थ, आदिच्या साहाय्याने स्वामींच्या मूळ वचनांचा (सूत्रांचा) अन्वयार्थ दर्शित करण्याचा मी प्रयत्न केला आहे. हया ग्रंथास महाभाष्य ही संज्ञा त्याच अर्थाने सार्थ आहे.

सूत्रपाठावर महानुभावीय अध्ययनकर्ताकडून जे ग्रंथ निर्माण झाली त्याची माहिती श्री. माधवराव पंजाबी देतांना लिहितात, केसोबास (केशिराजबास) यांनी श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींच्या अमृतस्यंदी मराठी वाणीतून निघालेली वचने ग्रंथीत करून तयार केलेली सूत्रपाठाची पोथी आदिग्रंथ श्री कवीश्वर व्यासाकडून खालशाच्या धाडीत गेले. नंतर आपल्या मुख पाठाप्रमाणे सूत्रपाठाची पोथी तयार केली. कवीश्वर व्यासाच्या संमतीने रामेश्वर व्यास व परशुरामव्यास यांनी आचार विचार माळीका तयार केल्या. श्री राजूरकर लक्ष्मींद्र व्यासांनी आचार्यांना दाखवून स्वामीच्या वचनावर लक्षणे तयार केली होती व रामेश्वर परशुराम व कवीश्वरव्यास आदि व इतरही पुष्कळ लोकांची टांचणे होती. शिवाय स्वामीच्या वचनावर निरनिराळी मते बनू लागली होती. जुनी सर्व टांचणे एकत्र करून स्वामींच्या वचनाचा अर्थ विशद करणारा एक अधिकृत ग्रंथ तयार करण्याची आवश्यकता पेठे हरिबासापासूनच भासू लागली होती. ही इच्छा त्यांनी अचलमुरारी जवळ व्यक्त केली होती. पण त्यांच्याने ती पूर्ण झाली नव्हती. हे कार्य होण अत्यंत आवश्यक होते. हाच निरोप अचलमुरारी यांना दिला होता. व त्यांनी पण कार्य करण्याचे निश्चित ठरविले. नंतर गुर्जरशिव व धाराशिवकर ओंकार यांचे शिष्य सिध्दान्ते हरिबास या दोघांनी २२ जनांची श्रीचक्रधर स्वामींच्या तत्वज्ञानावर असलेली टीपणे गोळा करून त्यात आपली मते दाखल करून लक्षण स्थळ, आचारस्थळ, विचारस्थळ अशी तिन्ही स्थळे म्हणजे तिन्ही भाषणे शके १३२५ चे सुमारास तयार केली.

श्री माधवराव पंजाबी प्रमाणेच दुसरे महानुभाव संशोधन संपादक मुरलीधर शास्त्री कोळपकर आहेत. त्यांनी लिहिलेल्या महानुभावांचा इतिहास या ग्रंथात ते म्हणतात, केशिराज पंडितांनी लीळाचरित्रातून सूत्रे निवडून काढली. श्री आचार्यांना विचारून त्या सूत्रांना क्रम लावला. ज्या प्रकरणाची सूत्रे त्या प्रकरणात दाखल केली सर्व प्रकरणे तयार केली. पूर्वी, पंचकृष्ण पंचनामसूत्रे ११, अन्यव्यावृत्ती सूत्रे १०, युगधर्म सूत्रे २८, विद्यामार्ग सूत्रे २२, संहारसूत्रे १५, संसरण सूत्रे २७, महावाक्य सूत्रे ९, निर्वचन सूत्रे २३, उध्दरण सूत्रे ६६, असतीपर सूत्रे ६, अशी एकूण २१७ सूत्रे होतात.

यानंतर असतीपर सूत्र प्रमुख धरून आचार प्रकरण केले ८ प्रकरणांचा विचार प्रकरण एकुण आचारविचार प्रकरणांची ४५० सूत्रे निवडली. एकंदरीत पूर्वी पंचकृष्ण पंचनाम, नव प्रकरण व आचार विचार मिळून ६६७ वचनांचा सूत्रपाठ केशिराज पंडितांनी तयार केला त्यास वेधस्थळ नाव दिले. पूर्वी, पंचकृष्ण पंचनाम हे नव प्रकरणांत न घालता स्वतंत्र केले असा एकूण ७९१ वचनासूत्रपाठ कवीश्वर व्यासांनी तयार केला श्री. कवीश्वर व्यासांनी तयार केलेली सूत्रे ७९१ आणि परशुराम व्यासांनी त्यात २४३ वचनांचा भर घालून १०३४ वचनांचा सूत्रपाठ तयार केला. ज्यांची मते त्यांनी आधारासाठी घेतली त्यांना महानुभाव परंपरेत पक्षकार नावाने ओळखतात. या प्रत्येकाची एक खूण किंवा चिन्ह आहे. यामुळे त्या खुणेवरून त्या त्या व्यक्तीच्या मताचा व विचाराचा बोध होतो. हे पक्षकार असे :— १) म्हाइंभट २)जनार्दन उपाध्ये ३) आनेराज पंडित ४) कवीश्वर भास्कर ५) दंते गोपाल ६) लक्ष्मींद्र राजूरकर ७) अमृते मायाबास ८) कमळाउसा उपाध्ये ९) कुमर रेमाइसा १०) धाडी नागाइसा (कवीश्वर भास्करांची शिष्या) ११) नात नागाइसा (नागदेवाचार्याची नात.) १२) हर्दमुनी उपाध्ये १३) परशुराम व्यास १४)रामेश्वर व्यास १५) हिराईसा उपाध्ये ६) धाराशिवकर ओंकारव्यास १७) कुमर मुनिव्यास १८) पेठे हरिव्यास १९) आबाईसा उपाध्ये २०) ओंकारव्यास पातुरकर २१) मुनीव्यास नांदेडकर २२) फरपठ २३) गुर्जरशिवव्यास २४) सिध्दांत हरीव्यास.

यामधील फरपट पक्ष कोणाचा हे आद्याप निश्चित नाही. २३ व २४ क्रमांकाचे पक्षकार अनुक्रमे तिन्ही स्थळा भाष्यकार गुर्जरशिव व सिध्दान्ते हरिबास आहेत. या चावीस पक्षकारांचा निर्देयश कृष्णमुनी यांच्या अन्वयस्थळात येतो.

सूत्रपाठ स्थळभाष्य:—सूत्रपाठावरील तिन्ही स्थळभाष्याची निर्मिती शके १३७०—७५ च्या आसपासची आहे. अशा तऱ्हेने म्हाइंभट, नागदेवाचार्य, केसोबास, कवीश्वर भास्कर, आचार्य परशुराम व सिध्दांत हरीव्यास व गुर्जरशिव या सात थोर महानुभावीय आचार्याकडून सूत्रपाठ व तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य असे दोन अधिकृत व प्रमाण ग्रंथ मूळ म्हाइंभट संकलीत लीळा चरित्रातील वचनावरून निर्माण झाले. श्री चक्रधर वचने सूत्रपाठ तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य असा क्रम येथे आहे. वचनसूत्रे त्यांचे वर्गीकरण ९ प्रकरणांत त्यांची मांडणी नंतर १२ प्रकरणापर्यंत त्यांचा विस्तार व सरतेशेवटी तिन्ही स्थळ भाष्य आचार विचार लक्षणांत त्यांचे विभाजन व त्यावरील २४ प्रमाण व अधिकारी पुरूषांचे चिंतन हे सर्व येथे पाहावयास मिळते. या तिन्ही स्थळभाष्याचे जे २४ पक्षकार आहेत त्यापैकी काही व्यक्ती लीळाचरित्र पाठाशीही शोधकार म्हणून प्रसिध्द आहेत ते असे :—१) कवीश्वर भास्कर २)परशुराम ३) रामेश्वर ४) कुमर रेमाइसा ५) अमृते मासंबा ६) कमळाईसा उपाध्ये ७) हिराईसा उपाध्ये ८) हर्दमुनि ९) धाराशिवकर ओंकार व्यास १०) आनेराज व्यास ११) गुर्जर शिवबास १२) म्हाइंभट.

जेष्ठ संशोधिका डॉ. उषा देशमुख यांनी महानुभाव साहित्यदर्शन या ग्रंथामध्ये सूत्रपाठ या ग्रंथाविषयी म्हणतात. महानुभाव पंथाचे संस्थापक श्रीचक्रधरस्वामी यांनी तत्वज्ञान आणि आचारधर्म विरहणातून सांगितला तो लीळाचरित्र या मराठीतील आद्यग्रंथात बध्द झालेला आहे. मराठी साहित्याची गंगा लीळाचरित्रातून वाहू लागली व तिच्यातून अनेक वैचारिक ग्रंथाचे घाट नंतरच्या काळात महानुभाव आचार्यांनी आणि अध्ययनकर्तानी बांधून काढले. सूत्रपाठ हा ग्रंथ त्यापैकीच एक. लीळाचरित्रातून दृष्टान्तपाठाची निर्मिती झाली व ती मूळ सूत्ररूप तत्वज्ञानावर सुलभ विचारविनिमयासाठी श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींनी दिलेला दृष्टान्त केसोबासांनी सूत्रदृष्टान्तावर सचलेले दृष्टांतिक अशी दृष्टान्तपाठाची रचना मूळ लीळाचरित्रातून झाली व नंतरच्या काळात त्यावर अनेक टीकाटिप्पणी होत राहिल्या. सूत्रपाठाची निर्मितीही अशीच झाली. लीळाचरित्रातून श्रीचक्रधरस्वामींनी सांगितलेली जी जीवनसूत्र, तत्वसूत्रे आहेत ती वेगळी काढली गेली आणि सूत्रपाठाची निर्मिती झाली. वारकरी संप्रदायात प्रस्थानत्रयी म्हणून जसे ज्ञानेश्वरीला विलक्षण महत्व आहे तसे महानुभाव संप्रदायात सूत्रपाठाला आहे. या दृष्टीने महानुभाव पंथात लीळाचरित्र हा बृहद् ग्रंथ सर्वे सर्वा : अशा स्वरूपाचा ठरतो. लीळाचरित्र हा महानुभाव पंथातील वाड्:मयाचा बीजग्रंथ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ हे उभयता ग्रंथ अर्थनिर्णयाचे व तत्वचर्चेचे बीजग्रंथ ठरतात. महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाचा सूत्रपाठ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ हे ग्रंथ पायाभूत आहे. यापैकी सूत्रपाठाचे महानुभाव पंथामध्ये विशेष स्थान आहे. कारण या पंथाची तात्विक सिध्दांतिक साहित्याचे मूलस्तोत्र या ग्रंथापासून निर्माण झाली आहे.

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म्हाइंभटांच्या लीळाचरित्रावर केसोबास (केशिराजबास) यांचे तीन ग्रंथ आहेत. ते असे :— १) सूत्रपाठ २)दृष्टान्तपाठ ३)रत्नमालास्तोत्रहे तिन्ही ग्रंथ स्वतंत्र नाहीत किंवा लीळाचरित्राच्या आधारावर केलेल्या रचना नाहीत तर लिळा चरित्रातून निष्पन्न केलेल्या रचना आहेत. मूळ लीळाचरित्रांचे वेगळे रूप दाखविणाऱ्या हया तीन्ही रचना आहेत. हया तीन पैकी रत्नमालास्तोत्र हे तर मूळ लीळांना दिलेला संस्कृत पेहराव आहे. सूत्रपाठ व दृष्टान्तपाठ हया दोन्ही रचना एकमेकांशी संलग्न असून श्रीचक्रधरांची वचने व वेळोवेळी भक्तांना दृष्टान्तासह केलेली निरूपणे आहेत. आपले दर्शन विचार स्पष्ट करण्यासाठी दिलेल्या दृष्टान्ताचे स्वरूप अधिक विशद व्हावे म्हणून सूत्रदृष्टान्त व दार्ष्टान्तिक पध्दतीची रचना केशिराजांनी केली. दृष्टान्तपाठात ११४ दृष्टान्त आहेत हे सर्व श्रीचक्रधरांचे असून मूळ लीळाचरित्रातील आहेत. मात्र त्यावरील दार्ष्टान्तिक व लापनिका ही केशिराजांची आहे.

श्रीचक्रधरांच्या दृष्टान्ताचे विवेचन स्पष्टीकरण महानुभाव परंपरेतील अधिकारी व्यक्तीकडून झालेले आहे. उदा. लक्षण रत्नाकर नावाच्या संस्कृत ग्रंथात ज्याच्या योगाने प्रमेयाची सीमा स्पष्ट होते त्याला नाव दृष्टान्त आहे असे आनेराज व्यास म्हणतात. (येन दृष्टी प्रमेयान्त: तम् दृष्टान्त प्रचक्षते) दृष्ट वस्तुच्या साहाय्याने अदृश्य ज्यात दाखवून दिले त्याला दृष्टान्त नाव आहे असे दृष्टान्तस्थळ ग्रंथात विश्वनाथ बीडकर सांगतात. या दृष्टान्तपाठावर स्वत: केशिराज यांनी स्वत:च टीप सारखी रचना केली आहे. त्याला त्यांनी दार्ष्टान्तिक नावाने संबोधले असून दार्ष्टान्तिकांत दृष्टान्ताचा निष्कर्ष दिलेला असतो. मूळ सूत्र, त्यावर टीप व त्याचा आशय स्पष्ट करणे असे धोरण केशिराजांनी ग्रंथ रचनेचे ठरविले आहे.

दृष्टान्तपाठातील ११४ दृष्टान्त मूळचे लीळाचरित्रातील आहेत. या दृष्टान्तपाठांत ४५ सूत्राचा मूळ आशय आलेला आहे. ही ४५ सूत्रे दृष्टान्तपाठात येतात. हे सर्व सूत्रपाठांत दिसून येतात. यावरून सूत्रपाठाचा अधिक विस्तार हे दृष्टान्तपाठाचे स्वरूप आहे. यावर केशिराजांचे लापणिक आहे. ही एक शास्त्रीय संज्ञा आहे. लापणिका ही पृथक्करणात्मक आहे व ती अनुक्रमणिका सारखी आहे. कालांतराने दृष्टान्त पाठावर अनेक ग्रंथ महानुभाव पंथांत तयार झाले. श्रीचक्रधरांनी ११४ दृष्टान्ताचे निरूपणे आपल्या शिष्यांना सांगितली. त्यामध्ये भटोबास उर्फ नागदेव रामदेव दादोस, महादाईसा व बाईसा हे प्रमुख शिष्य होते. या ११४ दृष्टान्ताची विभागणी महानुभावीय सांप्रदायिक अभ्यासकांनी पुढील प्रमाणे केली.

१)	देवाद्य दृष्टान्त	१	१०
३)	दैवान्त दृष्टान्त	६२	७०
४)	संन्यास दृष्टान्त	७१	७२
५)	जिज्ञासू दृष्टान्त	७३	८४
६)	असंनिधानधर्म दृष्टान्त	८५	८९
७)	साधनविघ्न दृष्टान्त	९०	९५
८)	विघ्नहानी दृष्टान्त	९६	९८
९)	साध्य व्यवस्था दृष्टान्त	९९	११४

श्रीचक्रधर व केशिराज यांच्या विवेचन पध्दतीचे वैशिष्टय सांगतांना दृष्टान्तपाठाचे संपादक नेने व भवाळकर म्हणतात, दोघेही जरी समकालीन नव्हेत तरी पाठोपाठाचे परंतु आपल्या दीर्घ आयुष्यांत महाराष्ट्रात यथा सुखभ्रमण केल्यामुळे श्रीचक्रधरांना जे जनतेचे भाषा वैशिष्टय प्राप्त झाले होते त्यापासून केशिराज पुष्कळच अंतरावर होते, जिज्ञास व ज्ञानी वर्गातील ते एक प्रतिनिधी हळूहळू चक्रधर सिध्दांताचे मराठीत संहितीकरण करण्याचा खटपटीत होते. त्यामुळे जे अपरिचित सिध्दान्त होते. त्यावर काळ केवळ निर्वाण वाणीत निर्वचनीय असा ज्ञानाविराकार अभ्यासकांना पटेल अशा पध्दतीने मराठीत रूढ करावयाचा प्रचंड सायास त्यांनी शिरावर घेतला होता. सूक्ष्म अशा शास्त्रविचारांना व्यक्त करण्यास प्रतिक्षम व समर्थ अशी

शब्द संपदा केशिराजांनी मराठीत आणली. प्राचीन मराठी गद्यरचनेचे ते प्रथमाचार्य होते. मराठीत दृष्टान्तपाठ सदृश्य ग्रंथ झाला नाही. कालदृष्टया अग्रजूजेचे भाग्य श्रीचक्रधरास असल्यामुळे केशिराजांच्या दार्ष्टान्तिकांस नंतरचे स्थान द्यावे लागेल.

दृष्टान्तपाठ ग्रंथ लिहून श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वचनांचे पूजन केशिराजांनी केले. त्यांचा सूत्रपाठ ग्रंथही असाच आहे. या दोन रचनामुळे महानुभाव दर्शन शास्त्राचा पाया घातला गेला व कालांतराने त्यावर महानुभाव तत्वज्ञान मंदिराची इमारत उभी राहिली. अवस्थाभूत गीत व मूर्तिप्रकाश हया दोन रचना त्यांच्या आहेत. केशिराजांचे समग्र नसले तरी त्यांच्या चरित्रांतील काही प्रमुख घटनांची माहिती स्मृतिस्थळ ग्रंथात आलेली आहे. केशिराज हे दामोदर पंडित व हिराईसा यांचे परममित्र होते व त्यांच्या कवित्वाचे काही नमुने वच्छाहरण या ग्रंथात आलेले आहेत. केशिराज हे श्रीनागदेवाचार्याचे शिष्य होते व त्यांचा अखेर शोकजनक झाली. ते एका दारूने धुंद झालेल्या व्यक्तीच्या तलवारीच्या आघातास बळी पडले. केशिराज हे मोठे वैराग्य संपन्न व तपस्वी महापुरूष होते. श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वचनावर त्यांची अतोनात श्रध्दा होती व त्यांच्या संपूर्ण विचारांचे सखोल अध्ययन व चिंतन केशिराजांनी केले होते. ते श्रीनागदेवाकडे त्यांच्या निंबा येथील वास्तव्य काळात आले. श्रीनागदेवाचार्यांचा त्यांच्यावर मोठा विश्वास होता व ते त्यांच्यावर संतुष्ट असतं. जे शास्त्र म्हाईभंट व लक्ष्मेंद्र यांच्या कडून उजळले नाही ते शास्त्र केसोबासांनी उजळले हा केसोबासांच्या कार्यावरील श्रीनागदेवांचा अभिप्राय म्हणजे त्यांना मिळालेले प्रमाणपत्र आहे यांत शंका नाही.

दृष्टान्तपाठ या ग्रंथाचे महानुभाव पंथामध्ये वैशिष्टयपूर्ण स्थान आहे. दृष्टान्तपाठ या ग्रंथाविषयी जेष्ठ संशोधिका डॉ. उषा माधव देशमुख अतिशय अभ्यासपूर्ण मत व्यक्त करतांना म्हणतात, दृष्टान्तपाठ हा जसा महानुभाव संप्रदायाचा बीजग्रंथ आहे तसाच तो पुढच्या काळातील साहित्याचा प्रेरणारूप साधनग्रंथही आहे. सूत्रपाठावर जसे भाष्यग्रंथ लापणिक वार्तिके लिहिली गेलीत तसेच दृष्टान्तपाठावरही अनेक ग्रंथ पुढच्या काळात लिहिले गेलेत. सूत्रपाठ श्रुतीग्रंथ जसा आहे तसा दृष्टान्तपाठ हा श्रृतीस्मृती ग्रंथ ठरता. दृष्टान्ताची व्याख्या विश्वनाथबासांने मोठी मार्मिक केली आहे. तो म्हणतो दृष्टाच्या अंती अदृष्ट बुझाविले म्हणौनि दृष्टान्त बोलिजे आणि दृष्टान्ताचेनि व्यवहारे जो अर्थु निर्धारिजे तो दार्ष्टान्तिक होय. यावरून अदृष्ट विचार व्यवहारे निर्धारिजे हे दृष्टान्तपाठाचे स्वरूप ठरते. सूत्रपाठाची जशी त्रिखंडात्मक निर्मिती आहे. तशीच दृष्टान्तपाठाची आहे. सूत्रपाठाला पूर्वार्ध उत्तरार्ध असे विभाग स्पष्ट होतात. दृष्टान्तपाठातही सूत्रदृष्टान्ताचा पूर्वार्ध आणि दार्ष्टान्तिक केवळ जन्मजनक संबंध नसून त्यापलीकडे सूत्रातील जीवोध्दारणाचे स्वामींचे व्यसन अधिक स्पष्टपणे दृष्टान्तपाठात आलेले आहे. म्हणून सूत्रपाठ श्रुतीग्रंथ म्हणून बीजग्रंथ ठरतो तर दृष्टान्तपाठ श्रुतीस्मृतीरूप साधनग्रंथ ठरतो. दृष्टान्तपाठावर महानुभाव संप्रदायात पुढच्या काळात भरपूर ग्रंथनिर्मिती झाली आहे. भाष्यग्रंथ, टीपग्रंथ, माळिका, सरवळे, स्थळग्रंथ, महावाक्य, लापणिका आणि बंदग्रंथ असे साधनसाहित्य निर्माण झाले आहे.

सूत्रपाठ आणि दृष्टान्तपाठ या केसोबासांच्या दोन संकलनांनी महानुभाव संप्रदायाला श्रीचक्रधरांचे धर्मशास्त्र आणि ब्रम्हविद्याशास्त्र सिध्द करून दिले आहे आणि हे दोन्ही ग्रंथ महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानातील बीजग्रंथ ठरतात. शास्त्रवचनरूप परमेश्वराची श्रुतीपूंजा वाकपुष्पी ईश्वरतिन करून केसोबासांने बांधली आहे. त्यामुळे दृष्टान्तपाठातील तत्वविचार हा त्या ग्रंथाचा आत्मा आहे. आविष्कार मात्र वाङ्मयीन कलाकृती नाही तर ती तत्वचिंतनपर भाष्य करणारी ललीत आणि ललितेतर अशी गद्यकृती ठरते. तिचा जन्महेतू महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाची व्यवस्था लावण्याचा आहे. केसोबासांची दृष्टी आणि दार्ष्टान्तिकांचे अंत:सूत्र हे श्रीचक्रधरांचे तत्वज्ञान विशद करून सांगण्याचे आहे. म्हणूनच तत्वज्ञानाचा प्रभाव किंवा तत्वज्ञानाचा परिणाम किंवा तत्वज्ञानाचा संस्कार या भूमिकेतून दृष्टान्तपाठात तत्वविचार झिरपलेला आहे असे दिसत नाही तर तत्वज्ञानाच्या बैठकीवरच दृष्टान्तपाठाची इमारत उभी आहे. त्यामुळे दार्ष्टान्तिकातील केसोबासांचे तत्वप्रबोधनही महानुभाव संप्रदायाच्या तत्वविशदीकरणाच्या अंगाने होत जाते. कोणतेही दार्ष्टान्तिक नमुना म्हणून बघता येईल. केसोबासांचा संकलनाचा दृष्टिकोण आणि प्रवृत्ती ही विवरणात्मक आहे तर चक्रधरांच्या सूत्रांतून आणि दृष्टान्तातून तत्वसिध्दान्तनाचा

प्रयत्न प्रभावी झालेला दिसतो. म्हणजे तत्वज्ञानाचे सिध्दान्तन आणि विशदीकरण या दोन मूलभूत प्रेरणा दृष्टान्तपाठाच्या आशयातून द्विधुवात्मक पध्दतीने साक्षात झाल्या आहेत. आतापर्यंत लीळाचरित्राच्या पाच संपादणी प्रसिध्द झाल्या. त्यापैकी ज्यांनी परिशिष्टामध्ये सूत्रपाठा दिला आहे आणि दिलेला नाही ते खालीलप्रमाणे आहे.

१) डॉ. वि. भि. कोलते यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलेला नाही

२) ह.ना. नेने यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलेला नाही

३) श्री. माधवराज पंजाबी यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिलला नाही

४) विद्याधरदादा पंजाबी आणि नरेंद्रमुनी अकुळनेरकर यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिला आहे.

५) पुरूषोत्तम नागपुरे यांनी लीळाचरित्रामध्ये सूत्रपाठ परिशिष्टामध्ये दिलेला आहे.

वरिल डॉ. वि. भि. कोलते, ह.ना. नेने, माधवराज पंजाबी, विद्याधरदादा पंजाबी व नरेंद्रमुनी अकुळनेरकर या संपादकानी लीळाचरित्राच्या संपादनीमध्ये सूत्रपाठ परिशिष्ट रूपात दिलेला नाही. मात्र केवळ पुरूषोत्तम नागपूरे यांनी लीळाचरित्र संपादनाच्या परिशिष्टामध्ये सूत्रपाठ दिला आहे

मोकळे दृष्टांत : दोन संहिता

१) महंत श्री. नागराजबाबा महानुभाव यांचे संग्रहातील तळेगांवकर आम्नायाची पोथी महानुभाव आश्रम, औरंगाबाद येथून मिळाली. ती डॉ. यु. म. पठाणयांनी संपादून मोकळे दृष्टान्त संपादित केले

२) महंत श्री. भालोदकर महानुभाव यांचे संग्रहातील पारमांडल्य आम्नायाची पोथी दिग्रस, जिल्हा यवतमाळ येथून मिळून डॉ. व. दि. कुलकर्णी यांनी मोकळे दृष्टांत संपादित केले.

त्यावर दार्ष्टान्तिक लिहून केशिराज त्यांतून एखादी विशिष्ट तात्विक विचारसरणी उभी करू शकेलही परंतु हे काम दृष्टान्तपाठ सिध्द करणाऱ्या केशिराजांनी केलेले नाही. कदाचित त्यांच्या प्रयत्नातील या अपुरेपणाची जाणीव होऊन एखादया उत्तरकालीन अभ्यासकाने लीळाचरित्रातील दृष्टान्तपाठात न आलेल्या दृष्टान्तांचा शोध घेऊन त्यांची एक यादी तयार केली असावी व तीच आज आपणापुढे मोकळे दृष्टान्त म्हणून आहे. केशिराजांनी तयार न केलेल्या दृष्टान्तपाठाच्या या दुसऱ्या भागाचा तो कच्चा मालमसाला असल्याप्रमाणे आहे.

लीळाचरित्रातून तेराव्या शतकातील वास्तव जीवनचित्रण साक्षात झाले तर दृष्टान्तपाठ व सूत्रपाठ या लीळाचरित्रातून जन्माला आलेल्या ग्रंथांनी वास्तवातील बोलीभाषेतून व सूत्रपाठ या लीळाचरित्रातून जन्माला आलेल्या ग्रंथांनी वास्तवातील बोलीभाषेतून तत्वविचार स्पष्ट केला. त्यात सहजता, स्वाभाविकता आणि उत्स्फूर्तता आहे. दोन–दोन, चार–चार शब्दांत समूहातून मूलभूत विश्वात्मक जीवनानुभूती साकार करण्याचे सामर्थ्य आहे. स्वातंत्र हा मोक्ष पारतंत्र हा बंध असे जीवनानुभव अमूर्तपणे साकार होत नाहीत तर दृष्टांन्त कथांच्या साहाय्याने कांतीमान होऊन ते समूर्त होतात. अर्थ प्रगटीकरणाची निश्चितता आणि लोकभाषेची स्वाभविक अकृत्रिम व नैसर्गिक लय त्यामुळे सूत्रबंधांना आलेली आहे. सूत्रपाठ व दृष्टान्तपाठ मधील सूत्रांमध्येही हेतुनिष्ठ अशी सूत्रे आहेत. त्यामुळे त्यात जिव्हाळा मानवी भावभावनांचे विविध तरंग मिसळून गेले आहे. स्वाभाविकता हे सूत्रांचे महत्वाचे वैशिष्टय आहे. बोलीभाषेची सजीवता, प्रसन्नताआणि ताजेपणा हेच गद्य भाषेचे गुणविशेष ठरतात. "स्त्री म्हणजे मतद्रव्याचा रावोगा" अशी सारखी अतिशय सरलार्थी वाक्यरचना ओघवती गद्यातून साकार झाली आहे व हे वैशिष्टय सर्व महानुभाव गद्य वाङ्मयाच्या भाषेचे ठरले आहे.

निष्कर्ष :–लीळाचरित्र हे जसे सूत्रपाठाचे मूळ आहे. त्याप्रमाणे सूत्रपाठ हे पुढील सर्व तात्वीक ग्रंथाचे मूळ होय. या मुळाला अंकुर त्याच्या जन्मानंतर लवकरच फुटले. केसोबासांनी शके १२१२–१३ च्या सुमारास सूत्रपाठ सिद्र केले आहे. श्रीचक्रधररोक्त सुत्रपाठ हा महानुभाव तत्वज्ञानाचाच केवळ नव्हे तर त्यांच्या सर्व भावी साहित्याचा पाया ठरला. सूत्रपाठ ही

महानुभावांची गीता झाली व तो संकलीत करणा—या केसोबासांनी, इतिहासकारांच्या शब्दांत सागांवयाचे म्हणजे 'व्यासायोग्य' केले. तसेच सूत्रांची व दृष्टान्ताची भाषा श्रीचक्रधरी वळणाची, म्हणजे साधी, सोपी व सुटसुटीत असून केसोबासांच्या दार्ष्टान्किांत त्यांनी मराठी भाषेला लावलेले पंडिती वळण चांगलेच जाणवते. त्यांच्या भाषेत श्रीचक्रधरांच्या वाणीचा जिवंतपणा नसला तरी ती अंगच्या पांडित्याने व गांर्भीर्याने उठून दिसते. श्रीचक्रधरांचे तत्वज्ञान अभ्यासकांना रूचेल अशा रीतीने मराठीत मांडणे व अध्यात्मासारखे शास्त्र पेलण्यास समर्थ अशी शब्दसंपती मराठी भाषेत रूढ करणे हे केसोबासांचे मोठे कार्य होय. या दृष्टीने ते प्राचीन मराठी गद्याचे आद्य आचार्य शोभतात. शास्त्रीय परिभाषा मराठीत रूढ करून स्वभाषेचे वाग्बल वाढविण्याचे श्रेय केसोबासांकडे जाते.

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तह. कळमेश्वर जिल्हा नागपूर

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3- lkekftd] jktdh; vkf.k lkLd`frd ?kMkekMhpk y[kkoj >kyY;k çHkkokp fo'y"k.k dj.k-

4- y[kkP;k ek/;ekru ekMY;k xyY;k fopkj/kkjk vkf.k 'k{kf.kd ;kxnkukp fo'y"k.k dj.k-

5- y[kkP;k çoÙkh] Hkkxkfyd fofo/krk vkf.k çdk'ku dkyko/khpk vH;kl dj.k-

o.kukRed l'kks/ku i)rh

१९९२ मध्ये प्रकाशित झालेल्या युगवानी मराठी वाङ्मय नियतकालिकांच्या विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययनासाठी o.kukRed vkjk[kMîkpk mi;kx d:u ekfgrh fyfgrkuk] çFke ;k fu;rdkfydkph ,frgkfld ik'koHkeh letu ?k.k vko';d vkg- ;ke/; R;k dkGkrhy lkekftd] jktdh; vkf.k lkLd`frd ifjfLFkrhpk fopkj d:u fu;rdkfydkoj R;kpk >kyyk çHkko Li"V djrk ;rk- fu;rdkfydke/; çdkf'kr >kyY;k lkfgR; çdkjkpk d`f tl dh dfork] dFkk] y?kdFkk] leh{k.k] opkfjd y[k vkf.k yfyr lkfgR; – l[kky vH;kl d:u R;kP;k çe[k fo"k;kpk vkf.k d`"Vhdkukpk vk<kok ?krk ;rk- R;kurj] ;k y[kukru lektkP;k fofo/k iyp çfrfcc dl meVy vkg] g Li"V djrk ;r- rlp] y[kdkph fopkjlj.kh] lkfgfR;d 'kyh vkf.k okpdkojhy çHkko ;kp fo'y"k.k d:u] ;xokuh ejkBh ok³e; fu;rdkfydkp lkfgR; {k=krhy ;kxnku

v/kkjf[kr djrk ;r- 'koVh] ;k vH;klkP;k vk/kkj Hkfo";krhy l'kk/kuklkBh dk.kr uo fo"k; myxM 'kdrkr] ;koj fpru dj.k vko';d Bjr-

y[kkP;k ri'khykpk rä;kP;k Lo:ikr :ikrj

y[kdkp uko	y[kkp 'kh"kZd	i"B Øekd
Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh	३ कविता	५
lyHkk gydj	३ कविता	५
çk- lHkk"k t- x<hdj	ckydohP;k dk0;krhy ujk';;	६
fu'khx/k n'kikM	,u jM : o'; oÙkhpk onkr	१७
jkt egktu	j>k	१७
vkun vkM	jgL; myxM.kkjk dykor	४२
डॉ- cãkun n'kikM	बिदुची गझलचे छंदःशास्त्र रू एक अभ्यास–भाग २	२६–३०
डॉ- çkphu	ejkBh çc/klphP;k fufeÙkku	४७
çHktu ¼nÙkk=; yMdr½	xfFkdh	५१
डॉ- HkkÅ yk[kM	leyukp v/;{kh; Hkk"k.k	६६
dey'k	nfyr lkfgR; oxGi.k : eg'k ,ydpokjkp	५६
okeu fuckGdj	dfork	५
çk- yrk ekgjhj	fo- ok- f'kjokMdjkP;k ukVdkrhy 'kkdkRe vuHkokp Lo:i	६
डॉ- Jhiky lcuhl	ukVddkj iMl lkeFk; vkf.k e;knk	१२
çk- foukn bnjdj	ukVîHkklkp Lo:i	१८
çk- vfuy lkukj	ukVd vlgh f'kdork ;r	२०
cki fye;	uiF; : ,d fVi.k	२२
Jhgjh tk'kh	th- ,- dGd.kh ;kP;k nku dFkk vkf.k R;kph ukVp:ikrj&,d vuHko	२६
luhy lkGd	'vkRedFkk' : Lojokpk 'kk/k	३३
lrh'k vkGdj	फ्रांसमधले नाट्यलेखन (१६४५–८६)	३७
çk- foukn bnjdj	बॉल्ट येश्त यांची नाट्यसृष्टी एक आलेख	४२
lk- dnk dGkij	d- fprke.k fouk;d tk'kh tUe'krkÛnh fufeÙkku	४६
l- ck- dGd.kh	ejkBh vfHky[kkrhy lkdfrd vdy[ku vkf.k Kkunokpk dkG	५२
डॉ- lj'k exokj	'kÛndGk ¼Diction½	५६
डॉ- HkkÅ yk[kM	v/;{kh; Hkk"k.k	६७
Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh	?kMkekM	७४
olr oÙgkMikM	dfork	७
çk- डॉ- lh- dYiuk 0;ogkj	olr oj[kMdj thoueY; vkf.k lkfgR;kfo"dkj	८
डॉ- lk- v#.kk pk/kjh	nkuyk pkrR;kunkpk ,d vfo"dkj	२०
lk- lyHkk gydj	bfnjkckbph dfork : vkrj'kk/k	२८
डॉ- lj'k Hkxokj	okXot ;rhrhy oÙkfood	३३
डॉ- fo- l-	nkl lj'k HkV: ,d 'cnuke >>kokr'	६८
vk'kk lkondj	xxkcj xkMxhG ,d 0;fäo/k	७१
डॉ- lj'k nkjkdj	nfyr lkfgR; leyu	८५
eg'k ,ydpokj	oxGi.k	६

डॉ- Jhfuokl jkepæ fljkl	foekojhph L=h	१६
डॉ- l- ck- dGd.kh	LefrLFkGkrhy ukeno	२३
y- lk- ckjdj	vkfnoklh lkfgR; : ,d fopkj	२६
çk- v- y- n'kikM	fouk'kkP;k ldYiuu Hkkjkoyy ik'pkR; foKku dFkk txr	२८
çk- कृ".kk pk/kjh	onHkh; doh ;k e- ikBd	३१
idt d#ydj	_.kkuc/k	३५
vfuy n'ke[k	,d dfork	४२
çk- डॉ- ljkt dfoeMu	Kkunokuh dyyk 'kCn'kähpk fopkj	४३
Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh	'kyh : ,d lokn'kkL=h; fopkj	५८
डॉ- HkkÄ yk[kM	v/;{kh; Hkk"k.k ¼Øe'k½	६३
Jhikn d'ko fprG	efnj ¼lph½	४७
डॉ- HkkLdj fxj/kkjh	ok³e;kph v{kjrk	२०
çk- l- R;- dYyh	ledkyhu lkfgR;	२७
ckGकृ".k cUukj	rhu dfork	४१
egkohj tk/kG	,d dfork	४१
डॉ- jktæ MkGd	çLrkouk : dkgh eyrUo	४२
çk- lunk n'kikM	dfu"B dyk egkfo|ky;krhy v/;kiukP;k vMp.kh	४८
Jhikn d'ko fprG	fonHkkrhy Lekjdlrhk	५३
vkpk; v- n- oy.kdj	KkrkP;k di.kko:u ¼iFkHkk";½	५७
डॉ- l- ek- v;kfpr	ejkBh lkfgR;krhy 0;kdj.k&o"V;k çofÙken	५१
v'kkd ektj[kM	ejkBh Hkk"kp vfLrRo jkgh dh liy	४२

y[kkp fofo/k çdkj] y[kd vkf.k fo"k; ;kP;k lnHkkr ,d 0;kid fp= lekj ;r- y[kukph fofo/krk n'kfor vkg dh] ejkBh lkfgR;kP;k fofo/k vxkuk ,d= d:u lekt] lLकृrh vkf.k Hkk"kp ijh{k.k dy tkr vkg- ;k y[kke/; dfork] fuc/k] l'kk/ku] Hkk"kk'kkL=] ukVî'kkL=] lkfgR;'kkL=] vkf.k lekt'kkL= v'kk fofo/k {k=kp leko'k vkg- y[kdkp fuoM vkf.k R;kp fo"k; ;ko:u lektkrhy fofo/k ?kVdkp çfrfcc vkf.k lkfgR;kP;k ek/;ekru gk.kkj lkekftd o lkLकृfrd cny Li"V gkrkr- mnkgj.kkFk] Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh vkf.k lyHkk gydj ;kP;k dforke/; 0;fäeRo] HkkoukRed vuHko] vkf.k thoukP;k fofo/krp fp=.k vkg- तसेच, डॉ- cãkun n'kikM] çk- foukn bnjdj] vkf.k vU; yf[kdkuh ukVî'kkL= vkf.k lkfgR;'kkL=koj ppk dyh vkg] t lkfgR;kpk xgu vH;kl n'kfor-

महेश एलकुंचवार आणि डॉ- Jhfuokl jkepæ fljkl ;kP;k y[kukr lkekftd eí;kp okpu fnlr- डॉ- l- ck- dGd.kh vkf.k çk- v- y- n'kikM ;kP;k y[kke/; Hkkjrh; lekt vkf.k lkfgR;kP;k rÙoKkukoj fopkj dyk xyk vkg- महिलांच्या लेखनामध्ये, जसे की सुलभा हेर्लेकर आणि डॉ- v#.kk pk/kjh ;kP;k y[kukr L=hP;k fopkj/kkjkoj] R;kP;k lkekftd Hkfedk vkf.k R;kP;k 0;fäeRokpk fopkj >kyk vkg- y[kdkpk fyxkulkj fopkj dY;kl] i#"k y[kd lekt vkf.k lLकृrhP;k vf/kd foLrr vkf.k fofo/k d{kk riklr vkgr] rj efgyk y[kd e[;r: L=hP;k Hkfedoj vkf.k 0;fäeRokoj dfær vkgr- ;keG y[kukP;k ;k fofo/krr ejkBh lkfgR;kP;k lkekftd] lkLकृfrd vkf.k ,frgkfld ijijpk [ki [kky vH;kl dj.;kr vkyyk fnlrk-

lkfgfR;d] lkaLÑfrd vkf.k lkekftd fofo/krk çfrfuf/kRo dj.kkjk y[kh y[kd 'kh"kZd] fo"k; vkf.k fyaxku lkj ekfgrh

y[kd	'kh"kZd	fo"k;	fyax
Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh	dfork	lkfgR;	i#"k
lyHkk gydj	dfork	lkfgR;	efgyk
çk- lHkk"k t- x<hdj	ckydohP;k dk0;krhy ujk';	lkfgR; fo'y"k.k	i#"k
fu'khx/k n'kikM	,u jM: o'; oÙkhpk onkr	lkfgR; leh{kk	efgyk
jkt egktu	j>k	lkfgR;	i#"k
vkun vkM	jgL; myxM.kkjk dykor	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
o- d- yy	jgL; myxM.kkjk dykor	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
çk- cãkun n'kikM	ejkBh çc/klhP;k fufeÙkku	l'kk/ku	i#"k
डॉ- çkphu	vfHky[kkrhy xkeukekpk 'kk/k	l'kk/ku	i#"k
çHktu ¼nÙkk=; yMdr½	xfFkdh	xFklph	i#"k
डॉ- HkkÄ yk[kM	leyukp v/;{kh; Hkk"k.k	lkekftd	i#"k
dey'k	nfyr lkfgR; oxGi.k: eg'k ,ydpokjkp	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
okeu fuckGdj	dfork	lkfgR;	i#"k
çk- yrk ekgjhj	fo- ok- f'kjokMdjkP;k ukVdkrhy 'kkdkRe vuHkokp Lo:i	ukVî leh{kk	efgyk
डॉ- Jhiky lcuhl	ukVddkj iMl: lkeFk; vkf.k e;knk	ukVî leh{kk	i#"k
çk- foukn bnjdj	ukVîHkklkp Lo:i	ukVî leh{kk	i#"k
çk- vfuy lkukj	ukVd vlgh f'kdork ;r	ukVîf'k{k.k	i#"k
cki fye;	uiF;: ,d fVi.k	ukVî'kkL=	i#"k
Jhgjh tk'kh	th- ,- dGd.kh ;kP;k nku dFkk vkf.k R;kph ukVp:ikrj	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
luhy lkGd	vkRedFkk: Lojokpk 'kk/k	vkRepfj=	i#"k
lrh'k vkGdj	फ्रांसमधले नाट्यलेखन (१६४५–८६)	ukVî'kkL=	i#"k
çk- foukn bnjdj	बॉल्ट येश्त यांची नाट्यसृष्टीरू एक आलेख	ukVî'kkL=	i#"k
lk- dnk dGkij	d- fp- fo- tk'kh tUe'krkÙnh fufeÙkku	lkfgR;	efgyk
l- ck- dGd.kh	ejkBh vfHky[kkrhy lkdfrd vdy[ku vkf.k Kkunokpk dkG	l'kk/ku	i#"k
डॉ- lj'k exokj	'kÙndGk ¼Diction½	Hkk"kk'kkL=	i#"k
डॉ- lj'k Hkxokj	okXot;rhrhy oÙkfood	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
idt d#ydj	yXu	dFkk	i#"k
çk- vfouk'k dkcG	nkl lj'k HkV: ,d 'cnuke >>kokr'	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
vk'kk lkondj	xxk/kj xkMxhG: ,d 0;fäo/k	eyk[kr	efgyk
çk- lj'k nkjkdj	fo- lk- l?k vk;kftr nfyr lkfgR; leyu	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
डॉ- d- jk- tk'kh	Hkkjrh; lkfgR;'kkL=krhy oØkorh fl)kr	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
डॉ- HkkLdj fxj/kkjh	ok³e;kph v{kjrk	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
çk- l- R;- dYyh	ledkyhu lkfgR;	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
çk- lunk n'kikM	dfu"B dyk egkfo|ky;krhy v/;kiukP;k vMp.kh	f'k{k.k	efgyk
Jhikn d'ko fprG	fonHkkrhy LekjdLrHk	bfrgkl	i#"k
डॉ- l- ek- v;kfpr	ejkBh lkfgR;krhy 0;kdj.k&oU;k çofUken	Hkk"kk'kkL=	i#"k
johæ Bkdj	lkfgR;dyp lekt'kkL=h; Li"Vhdj.k	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k

çk- v- y- n'kikM	fouk'kkP;k ldYiuu Hkkjkoyy ik'pkR; foKku dFkk txr	foKku lkfgR;	i#"k
y- lk- ckjdj	vkfnoklh lkfgR; : ,d fopkj	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
डॉ- jktæ MkGd	çLrkouk: dkgh eyrUo	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
luhy lkGd	okMk fpjcnh igkV iohpk dkGk[k	ukVî leh{kk	i#"k
çk- डॉ- v{k; dekj dkG	ek/ko d'ko dkVnj: jk"Vh; vk'k;kph lk{kh dfork	lkfgR; leh{kk	i#"k
डॉ- HkkÄ yk[kM	fonHk lkfgR; l?kkP;k çFke nfyr lkfgR; leyukp v/;{kh; Hkk"k.k	lkekftd	i#"k

y[kukP;k fofo/k fo"k;kP;k vkf.k y[kdkP;k fuoMhe/; ejkBh lkfgR;] lkLkfrd dृ"Vhdku] vkf.k lkekftd eí;koj y{k dfær dy xy vkg- fofo/k y[kdkP;k dk0;] dFkk] ukVî vkf.k l'kk/kukRed y[kke/; lkfgR;kp fofo/k vx lekfo"V vkgr- dkgh y[k lkfgR;kP;k rRo'kkL=koj] Hkk"kk'kkL=koj] rlp lektkrhy fofo/krk vkf.k oxGi.kkoj vk/kkfjr vkgr- y[kdkpk fyxkulkj fopkj dY;kl] i#"k y[kde/; tkLr çek.kkr lkfgR; 'kkL=] ukVî'kkL=] rlp lekftd vkf.k lkLkfrd fo'y"k.k dj.kkj y[k fnlu ;rkr] rj efgyk y[kdkuhgh lektkrhy fofo/kroj] [kkld:u L=h 0;fäeRokoj vk/kkfjr y[ku dy vkg- ;k lo y[kukp mfí"V lkfgR;kP;k ek/;ekru lektkph çfrfcc] lkLkfrd fofo/krk vkf.k fHkUu dृ"Vhdku n'ko.k vkg- dkgh y[k nfyr lkfgR; vkf.k lektkrhy ofpr ?kVdkp çfrfuf/kRo djrkr] rj brj y[k lektkr gk.kkj;k cnykpk vkf.k lkfgR;kP;k çHkkokpk fopkj djrkr- ;keG] li.k lkfgR;kr lektkP;k fofo/k Lrjkrhy cny vkf.k R;kp lkfgR;koj gk.kkj ifj.kke ;k fo'y"k.kru Li"V gkrkr-

fu"d"k

१९९२ मध्ये प्रकाशित श्युगवाणीश्च्या संपादकीयांचा अभ्यास करताना, त्या काळातील समाज, संस्कृrh vkf.k jktdh; ?kMkekMhpk l[kky fopkj dj.k egÙokp Bjr- g likndh; R;k dkGkrhy ,frgkfld o lkekftd cny] fo'k"kr% ckcjh ef'kuhpk ikMko] tkxfrdhdj.k] 'k{kf.kd /kkj.kkrhy cny vkf.k efgykP;k lcyhdj.kkP;k pGoGhoj vk/kkfjr gkr-

lkekftd] 'k{kf.kd vkf.k lkLkfrd ifjç{;kr y[kukp ;kxnku: ;xok.khP;k likndh;ke/; Hkkjrkrhy fofo/k lekftd leL;kp] 'k{kf.kd cnykp vkf.k lkLkfrd çokgkp fo'y"k.k dy xy- ;ke/; L=h&i#"k lekurp] jk"Vh; ,dRerp] 'k{kf.kd l/kkj.kk vkf.k nfyr/vkfnoklh lektkP;k vf/kdkjkP;k ofdyhp eí lekfo"V gkr- fo'k"kr% efgykP;k lcyhdj.kkoj vkf.k L=h f'k{k.kkoj fyfgy xy] vkf.k R;kpçek.k R;kP;k jktdh; lgHkkxkph egÙoi.k ppk dj.;kr vkyh- y[kdkp fofo/k y[ku çdkj: likndh;kr dfork] y?kfuc/k] l'kk/ku] lkfgR;'kkL=] ukVî'kkL= vkf.k lekt'kkL= v'kk fofo/k lkfgR;'kkL=h; çdkjkpk leko'k gkrk- y[kdkpk fo"k; fuoMrkuk r lektkrhy fofo/k ?kVdkp vkf.k fopkj/kkjkp çfrfcc nk[kfor gkr- mnkgj.kkFk] Jhikn Hkkypæ tk'kh vkf.k lyHkk gydj ;kP;k dforke/; 0;fäeRo vkf.k thoukrhy fofo/krk lkdkjyyh vkg] rj महेश एलकुंचवार आणि डॉ- Jhfuokl jkepæ fljkl ;kP;k y[kukr lektkrhy leL;kp fpru vkg- महिलांचे मुद्दे डॉ- v#.kk pk/kjh vkf.k lyHkk gydj ;kP;k y[kukru m?kMy tkrkr] vkf.k i#"k y[kd lekt o lLkfrhP;k foLrr dृf"Vdkukru fopkj ekMrkr-

lkfgR; vkf.k lekt kpk ijLij lc/k: y[kdkp fo"k; vkf.k y[ku 'k) lkfgR;koj vk/kkfjr gkr-g y[ku lekt krhy fofo/k leL;kuk okpk n.;klkBh dy xy] T;keG r R;k dkGkrhy lkekft d pGoGh vkf.k vknkyukp çHkkoh nLr,o t Bjy-

lnHkZ lwph

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lkjk'k - ही संशोधन प्रक्रिया शिक्षण समीक्षा या भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या द्वैमासिक नियतकालिकातील २०१७ नंतर çdkf'kr >kyY;k y[kkP;k mYy[k fo'y"k.kkoj dfæ vkg- ;k vH;kl lkr l'kks/ku y[kkP;k çHkkohrp eY;ekiu dj.;kl lkBh mYy[k fo'y"k.k ¼Citation Analysi½ gh i)r okij.;kr vkyh vkg- mYy[k fo'y"k.keG 'k{kf.kd {k=krhy egÙokp lkr] l'kks/kukP;k çoÙkh vkf.k fo|eku o Hkfo";krhy l'kks/kukP;k fn'kk p vkdyu gksÅ 'kdr-

]l'kks/kuk lkBh lkexh fo'y"k.k ¼Content Analysis½ vkf.k lkf[;dh; r= ;kpk okij dj.;kr vkyk vkg- ;k çfØ;e/; y[kkP;k l[;kRed vkf.k x.kRed ?kVdkp ijh{k.k d:u] y[kd] lnfHkr xFk] e[; l'kks/ku {k= vkf.k okijyy lkr ;kp fo'y"k.k dj.;kr vky vkg- ;keG ^f'k{k.k leh{kk e/; çdkf'kr y[kkph x.koÙkk] R;kp ;kxnku vkf.k R;kpk 'k{kf.kd txrkrhy çHkko let.;kl enr gkr- f'k{k.k'kkL= vkf.k xFkky; foKku ;ke/; mYy[k fo'y"k.kkp egÙo ok<r vlu] gk vH;kl Hkfo";krhy l'kks/kukyk fn'kk n.;kl mi;ä Bjy- fo'k"kr Hkkjrh; f'k{k.k l'kks/kukrhy çekf.kr lnHk vkG[k.;kl lkBh vkf.k fofo/k y[kdkp ;kxnku BGd dj.;kl lkBh gk vH;kl vR;r egÙokpk vkg- ;keG f'k{k.k'kkL=krhy l'kks/kukP;k çokgkph vkG[k gksÅu i<hy l'kks/kukp lHkk0; {k= fuf'pr djrk ;by-*

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^f'k{k.k leh{kk* ekfld g f'k{k.k {k=krhy egÙokP;k eí;koj fopkjeFku dj.kkj ,d çHkkoh 0;klihB vkg- ;k ekfldkP;k fofo/k vdke/ku f'k{k.k çfØ;rhy egÙokp iy myxMy tkrkr- fo'k"kr ikyd] f'k{kd vkf.k lLFkkpkyd ;kph Hkfedk v/kkjf[kr djrkuk f'k{k.k {k=kP;k lokxh.k fodkl koj Hkj n.;kr vkyyk vkg- fo|kFk;kP;k ckf)d] ekufld vkf.k lkekftd çxrh lkBh vko';d vlyY;k fofo/k fo"k;koj ;k vdke/; l[kky ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg-

शिक्षणसमीक्षा मासिकातील लेख शिक्षणप्रक्रियेत आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव, राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण २०१६ व २०२०, fo|kFk;kp ekufld vkjkX;] Hkk"kk f'k{k.kkp egÙo] i;koj.k o LoPNrk] f'k{k.kkrhy ufrdrk] lekt lgHkkx vkf.k f'k{k.kkp vFk'kkL= v'kk vud fo"k;koj çdk'k Vkdrkr- f'k{k.kkrhy vk/kfud çokg] lr fopkj/kkjk] ,frgkfld 'k{kf.kd ;kxnku] rlp ;kx o eu%LokLF; ;kl kj[;k e|koj fo}ku y[kdkuh vkiy fpru ekMy vkg- ;keG g ekfld f'k{kd] fo|kFkh vkf.k vH;kl dkl kBh egÙokpk lkr Bjy vkg-

२०१६ मधील अंकांचा अभ्यास करता, शिक्षण प्रक्रियेत पालक, शिक्षक आणि संस्थाचालक यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित करण्यात vky vkg- f'k{k.kkrhy r=Kkukpk çHkko] u0;k 'k{kf.kd ldYiuk vkf.k lekt lgHkkx ;koj Hkj n.;kr vkyk vkg- mnkgj.kkFk] "LoPNrk ek>h tckcnkjh" ;k y[kkr fo|kFk;ke/; LoPNrph tk.kho #to.;kpk ç;Ru dyk xyk vkg] rj "f'k{k.kkp vFk'kkL=" ;k y[kkru f'k{k.k vkf.k vFk0;oLFkrhy ijLijlc/k Li"V dyk vkg- fo|kFk;kuk HkMlko.kkj;k 'k{kf.kd] ekufld vkf.k lkekftd leL;kojgh ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg-

याच अनुषंगाने, २०२१ मधील अंक अधिक समकालीन समस्यांवर केंद्रित होते- fMftVy f'k{k.k] r.kko 0;oLFkkiu] uohu शैक्षणिक धोरण २०१६ आणि विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासावर भर देणारे लेख यामध्ये समाविष्ट होते- "jk"Vh; f'k{k.k धोरण २०१६" ;k y[kkru u0;k /kkj.kkP;k ldYiuk Li"V dj.;kr vkY;k vkgr] rj ";kx o eu%LokLF;" ;k y[kku

ekufld vkjkX;kp egÙo v/kkjf[kr dy vkg- rlp "f'k{k.kkrhy lekt lgHkkx" ;k y[kkr lekt vkf.k 'kkGk ;kP;krhy ijLijlc/kkoj fopkjeFku dj.;kr vky vkg-

२०१६ आणि २०२१ मधील अंकांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण करता असे लक्षात येते की शिक्षणव्यवस्थेत तंत्रज्ञानाचा प्रभाव ok<r vlu] vk/kfud r=kpk mi;kx d:u f'k{k.k vf/kd ifj.kkedkjd dj.;kpk ç;Ru dyk tkr vkg- कोविड–१६ P;k dkGkr f'k{k.k i)rhr ekB cny ?kMy- या काळात ऑनलाइन शिक्ष.k ç.kkyhpk çlkj >kyk] 'kkGk&egkfo|ky; cn jkfgY;kus fo|kFk;kP;k f'kd.;kP;k çfØ;r ekBk [kM iMyk- ek=] vkrk ifjfLFkrh l/kkjr vlY;kus f'k{k.k iu#Tthoukp;k fn'ku mpyyh tk.kkjh çR;d ikÅy egÙoi.k Bjr-

f'k{k.k {k=krhy vk0gku deh dj.;kl lkBh fofo/k mik;;kt tuk lpfo.;kr vkY;k vkgr- डॉ- fdj.k ukxrkM ;kuh "आभासी शिक्षणाचे वास्तवष या लेखात ऑनलाइन शिक्षण प्रणालीतील संधी आणि अडचणींचे सखोल विवेचन केले आहे- uohu jk"Vªh; f'k{k.k /kkj.kku ekrHkk"krhy f'k{k.kkyk çk/kkU; fny vlu] f'k{k.kkp ek/;e ekrHkk"kr vlko] ;kpk fopkj lolkekU; turi;r ikgkpo.;kph vko';drk vkg- ;koj Jh- çnhi tk/ko] fou; ykÅrkj vkf.k lk- vkjrh gkueku ;kuh vkiy fopkj ekMy vkgr-

;k vdkr lkfgR; vkf.k f'k{k.k {k=krhy çklfxd fo"k;kojgh ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg- egkekuokP;k fopkjkph çklfxdrk vkf.k lkfgR;kp ;kxnku ;koj Jh- lrtdekj ekGo vkf.k Jh- fd'kkj rGkdkj ;kuh y[ku dy vkg- डॉ- 'kjn ekudj ;kuh Nk;r jkgugh çHkko Vkd.kkj;k lkfgfR;d fopkjkoj çdk'k Vkdyk vkg- तसेच डॉ- xk- uh- हडप आणि डॉ- lriky lkoG ;kp ;kxnkugh ;k vdkr fo'k"k:iku lekfo"V dj.;kr vky vkg-

शालेय प्रतिज्ञेचे विस्तृत विश्लेषण डॉ- çKk ilndj ;kuh dy vlu] g ;k vdkp ,d fo'k"k vkd"k.k Bjy- rlp] ष्राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण धोरण २०२०" मधील महत्त्वाच्या बाबींचे विवेचन डॉ- fdj.k ;G.k ;kuh dy vkg- डॉ- foykl ikVhy ;kuh lkfo=hckb Qy ;kP;k dk;koj vk/kkfjr "L=h f'k{k.kkph çjd 'käh" gk vH;kli.k y[k lknj dyk vkg-

,d.kp] ^f'k{k.kleh{kk* ekfldkP;k vdk}kj f'k{k.k] lekt vkf.k lkfgR; ;kpk leUo; lk/k.;kpk ç;Ru dj.;kr vkyk vkg- f'k{k.k çfØ;k vf/kd çHkkoh vkf.k loleko'kd dj.;kl lkBh fofo/k mik;;kt tuk lpfo.;kr vkY;k vkgr- dkjkukÙkj dkGkr f'k{k.k iu#Tthfor dj.;kP;k fn'ku mpyyy g ikÅy fuf'prp mi;ä Bjy- okpdkuh ;k vdkp Lokxr d:u vkiY;k çfrfØ;k |k0;kr] rlp ntnkj y[ku ikBou ^f'k{k.kleh{kk* ekfldkyk vf/kd le) djko-

l:'kk/ku lkfgR;kpk vk<kok

1- f'k{k.kçfØ;:rhy cny o f'k{k.k leh{kk ekfldkpk n`f"Vdku

f'k{k.kçfØ;r lkrR;ku ifjoru gkr vlr vkf.k ;k cnykp çfrfcc f'k{k.kfo"k;d lkfgR;ke/; fnlu ;r- ^f'k{k.k leh{kk* ;k }ekfldkr çdkf'kr >kyY;k y[kke/ku vk/kfud f'k{k.kç.kkyh] f'k{kdkP;k Hkfedk] lekt lgHkkx vkf.k fo|kFk;kP;k lokxh.k fodklkoj fo'k"k Hkj n.;kr vkyk vkg- २०१६ आणि २०२१ मधील अंकांचा तुलनात्मक अभ्यास करताना असे आढळते की, २०१६ मधील लेख शिक्षणातील मूलभूत संकल्पनांवर अधिक केंद्रित होते, तर २०२१ मधील लेख कोविड–१६ नंतरच्या बदलत्या शैक्षणिक परिस्थितीवर आधारित होते- विशेषतः डॉ- fdj.k ukxrkM ;kP;k y[kkr fMftVy f'k{k.k vkf.k R;kP;k e;knk ;koj fopkjeFku dj.;kr vky vkg-

2- jk"Vªh; f'k{k.k /kkj.k ¼2019½ o f'k{k.kç.kkyhrhy uodYiuk

f'k{k.k /kkj.kke/khy cny g f'k{k.k0;oLFkP;k fodklklkBh egÙokp vlrkr- डॉ- किरण येळणे यांच्या लेखात २०१६ P;k jk"Vªh; f'k{k.k /kkj.kku lpoyy cny vkf.k R;kpk f'k{k.k0;oLFkoj gk.kkjk çHkko ;koj çdk'k Vkd.;kr vkyk vkg- २०१६ मधील अंकांमध्ये शिक्षणाच्या नव्या धोरणातील संकल्पनांची प्राथमिक मांडणी दिसून येते, तर २०२१ मधील vdke/; R;k /kkj.kkph veyctko.kh vkf.k R;krhy vk0gku ;koj vf/kd Hkj n.;kr vkyyk vkg- fo'k"krh

ekrHkk"krhy f'k{k.k] cgHाषिकता आणि समावेशक शिक्षण प्रणाली यासारख्या संकल्पनांचा २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये सखोल fopkj dj.;kr vkyk vkg-

3- कोविड–१६ आणि शिक्षणातील आव्हाने

कोविड–१६ महामारीमुळे शिक्षण प्रणालीत मोठे बदल झाले- ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाच्या प्रचलनामुळे पारंपरिक अध्यापनाच्या i)rhe/; veykx cny ?kMu vky- २०२१ च्या अंकांमध्ये कोविड–१६ नंतरच्या शिक्षणातील बदल आणि शैक्षणिक lLFkkuh Lohdkjy Y;k u0;k i)rh ;koj ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg- डॉ- çnhi tk/ko vkf.k fou; ykÅrkj ;kP;k लेखांमध्ये ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाच्या संधी आणि अडचणी यांचा l[kky vk<kok ?k.;kr vkyk vkg- २०१६ च्या तुलनेत २०२१ मधील लेख अधिक समकालीन विषयांवर केंद्रित होते, ज्यात ऑनलाईन शिक्षण, मानसिक आरोग्य आणि शैक्षणिक /kkj.kke/khy u0;k çokgkpk leko'k gkrk-

4- f'k{k.kkrhy lekt lgHkkx vkf.k r=Kkukpk çHkko

f'k{k.k çfØ;r lekt tkpk lgHkkx gk vR;r egÙokpk ?kVd vkg- "f'k{k.kkrhy lekt lgHkkx" ;k fo"k;koj vk/kkfjr लेखांमध्ये २०१६ च्या अंकांमध्ये पालक, शिक्षक आणि संस्थाचालक यांच्या भूमिकेवर अधिक भर देण्यात आलेला आहे- याउलट, २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये डिजिटल शिक्षण, आभासी शि{k.ki)rh vkf.k r=Kkukpk okij ;koj fo'k"k ppk dj.;kr vkyh vkg- Jh- fd'kksj rGkdkj vkf.k Jh- lrtdekj ekGo ;kP;k y[kke/; cnyR;k lkekftd ljpupk f'k{k.kkoj gk.kkjk çHkko vkf.k r=KkukP;k ek/;ekru f'k{k.k vf/kd ifj.kkedkjd dl djrk ;by] ;koj fopkj ekM.;kr vkyk vkg-

5- ufrd eY;] ekufld vkjkX; vkf.k 0;fäeRo fodkl

f'k{k.k gh doG iLrdh Kku n.kkjh çfØ;k ulu] rh ufrdrk] ekufld vkjkX; vkf.k 0;fäeRo fodkl lkBh egÙokph vlr- डॉ- 'kjn ekudj ;kP;k y[kkr lr fopkj/kkjk vkf.k 'k{kf.kd eY; ;kpk vH;kl dj.;kr vkyk vkg- २०१६ मधील अंकांमध्ये नैतिक शिक्षणावर भर देण्यात आला असला, तरी २०२१ मधील अंकांमध्ये कोविड–१६ मुळे fo|kFk;koj >kyY;k ekufld r.kkokoj vf/kd ppk >kyh vkg- ";kx o eu%LokLF;" ;k y[kkr fo|kFk;kp ekufld vkjkX; l/kkj.;klkBh vko';d mik;;ktukoj çdk'k Vkd.;kr vkyk vkg-

l;'kk/kukp; mí;'k:

1- 2019 vkf.k 2021 e/khy y[kke/; dk.kr çe[k y[kd] xFk] vkf.k l'kk/ku uknoy xy vkgr] ;kpk vk<kok ?k.k-

2- f'k{k.k'kkL=] r=Kku] jk"Vh; f'k{k.k /kkj.k] ekul'kkL=] lekt'kkL= ;klkj[;k oxoxG;k fo"k;k'kh lcf/kr mYy[kkph ryuk dj.k-

3- 2019 vkf.k 2021 e/khy y[kke/; fdrh lnHk tU;k l'kk/kukoj vk/kkfjr vkgr vkf.k fdrh uohu l'kk/kukpk leko'k vkg] ;kpk vk<kok ?k.k-

ry ukRed mYy[k fo'y"k.k ¼Comparative Citation Analysis½

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lokf/kd lnfHkr >ky] dk.kR;k l'kk/kukpk çHkko tkLr fnlu vkyk] rlp f'k{k.kO;oLFkrhy cny d'kk çdkj 'k{kf.kd lkfgR;ke/; çfrfcfcr >ky vkgr] ;kpk vH;kl djrk ;rk- v'kk ryukRed fo'y"k.kk}kj 'k{kf.kd çdk'kuke/khy fopkjlj.khrhy cny] KkufuferhP;k çfØ;k vkf.k l'kk/kukrhy uouohu çoÙkh Li"V djrk ;rkr-

2019 f'k{k.k leh{kk lnHkkkpi oxhdj.k ¼rä·;kr½

y[kdkpi uko	o"k	iLrdkpi 'kh"kd	çdk'kd	y[kdkpi fyx
vfgjjko d- okj] vfy>kM] ojkV] /kkiV] Hkkl	२००५	i;koj.k foKku	fujkyh çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
HkkMkjdj] d-e-	२००६	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	fuR; uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
dyd.kh Mh- vkj-	२००७	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	fo|k çdk'ku] ukxij	i#"k
<j] ,- ,e-] ikokj] lh-0gh-] ikVhy] Mh-,-	२००६	i;koj.k f'k{k.k o v/;kiu i)rh	QMd çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k
?kkjiM] r"kkj	२०१३	i;koj.k ifjfLFkfrdh	;fud vdMeh] i.k	i#"k
ikVhy xtkuu	१६६६	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	fujkyh çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
ikjlful geyrk] cgfydj t;Jh	२००५	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	uru çdk'ku] i.k	L=h
lkor çdk'k	२०१०	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	QMd çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k
Kku'oj l;o'kh	२००७	i;koj.k'kkL=	Jhfo|k çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
/kut; f}onh	२०१२	lLkr lkfgR; e i;koj.k pruk	,l- d fçVl] fnYyh	i#"k
mfeyk :Lrxh	१६६६	on rFkk i;koj.k	t- ih- ifCyf'kx gkÄl] fnYyh	L=h
utyk jkBkj	२००१	ijk.k lkfgR; e i;koj.k lj{k.k	fMlV cDl] U; fnYyh	L=h
ço'k lDluk	१६६६	lLkr] lLkrh ,o i;koj.k	ifjey ifCyd'kUl] fnYyh	i#"k
ikVhy ok- Hkk-	१६६६	l'kk/ku i/nrh	Jhex'k çdk'ku] ukxij	i#"k
ikjlful geyrk	२००६	'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku ekfgrh ldyu r= o lk/ku	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	L=h
ckiV Hkk- xk-	१६८५	'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku	uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
fHkrkM fo- jk-	१६६४	'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku i/nrh	uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
djnhdj] lj'k	१६६७	'k{kf.kd ekul'kkL=	QMd çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k
dGd.kh] d- fo-	१६७७	'k{kf.kd ekul'kkL=	Jh fo|k çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
Mchj] fnik	२००२	ekulph ldYiuk	Jh ex'k çdk'ku] ukxij	L=h
nkMdj- ok- uk-	२००२	'k{kf.kd o çk;kfxd ekul'kkL=	Jh fo|k çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
eG] jk- 'k-] mekV fo- r-	१६६८	'k{kf.kd l'kk/kdkph eyrÙo	egkjk"V fo|kihB xFk fuferh eMG] ukxij	i#"k
ikjluhl] u- jk-	२०१६	çxr 'k{kf.kd ekul'kkL=	fuR; uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
thou f'k{k.k çdk'ku	&	'kkGkrhy fd'kkjkoLFkk f'k{k.k	egkjk"V jkT; 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku o çf'k{k.k ifj"kn] i.k	&

ojhy rä;kr fofo/k y[kdkuh i;koj.k f'k{k.k] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku] ekul'kkL=] vkf.k lLÑr lkfgR; ;klkj[;k fo"k;koj fyfgyY;k iLrdkph ekfgrh fnyh vkg- ;ke/; i;koj.k f'k{k.k o foKkukojhy iLrdkpk leko'k vlu] fofo/k çdk'kukuh gh iLrd çdkf'kr dyh vkgr- rlp] l'kk/ku i)rh vkf.k 'k{kf.kd ekul'kkL= ;klkj[;k 'k{kf.kd fo"k;kojhy iLrd n[khy ;kr uknoyh vkgr- L=h vkf.k i#"k y[kdkuh ,df=ri.k ;k fo"k;koj egÙoi.k lkfgR; fuek.k dy vlu] fofo/k çdk'kdkuh gh iLrd çdkf'kr d:u f'k{k.k {k=kr ekB ;kxnku fny vkg-

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y[kdkpi uko	o"k	iLrdkpi 'kh"kZd	çdk'kd	y[kdkpi fyx
ढगे, डॉ- lf'kyk	2004	ejkBh nfyr dkncjhph vfHkuo okVpky	lxkok çdk'ku] ecb	L=h
dkMfoydj] ek/ko	1996	MkG	पॉप्यूलर प्रकाशन, मुंबई	i#"k
fcjgkM] çk- 'kjn yg	2016	ek/ko dkMfoydj : lkfgR; vkf.k leh{kk	vFko çdk'ku] /kG	i#"k
dkMfoydj] ek/ko	1986	>ikVyyk	egrk ifCyf'kx gkÄl] i.k	i#"k
dkMfoydj] ek/ko	1998	n'kk/kMh	;'kknk çdk'ku] jRukfxjh	i#"k
dkMfoydj] ek/ko	1994	vkrk mtkMk;p vkg	etLVhd çdk'ku] ecb	i#"k
dkMfoydj] ek/ko	1994	Nn	çpkj çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k
ujd] gjh ¼lkind½	&	egkRek Qy xkjoxFk	egkRek Qy pfj=lk/ku çdk'ku lferh] ecb	i#"k
çHkkdj ik/;	1979	lkn;kuHko	&	i#"k
lthouh [kj	1988	th,P;k jey vkBo.kh ikjo HkVy r0gk	ykdçHkk	L=h
gkrd.kxydj] e-n-	1968	th,ph i=	yfyr ¼fnokGh fo'k"kkd½	i#"k
dYyh] lnkf'ko	1994	th, : thoudqVh vkf.k çfrekl"Vh	fot; çdk'ku] ukxij	i#"k
Hkko] l-f'k-	1978	fixGkoG	yfyr	i#"k
vkpoy] ek/ko	1974	tkLon	&	i#"k
देशपांडे, डॉ- v-uk-	1966	çkphu ejkBh ok³e;kpk bfrgkl	f0gul] i.k	i#"k
xklkoh] j-jk-	1998	ikp Hkäh lçnk;	egrk çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
n'kikM] cEgkun ¼lkind½	1990	fyGkpfj= ,dkd	dykl] vkjxkckn	i#"k
vfgjjko] j-	1993	i;koj.k foKku	fujkyh çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
dkydj] Jhdkr	2007	i;koj.k leL;k fujkdj.k o {k= vH;kl	Mk;eM ifCyd'ku] i.k	i#"k
dyd.kh] Mh- vkj-	2007	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	fo|k çdk'ku] ukxij	i#"k
?kkV] fujtu	2001	o/k i;koj.kkpk	egrk ifCyd'ku] i.k	i#"k
ikxuhl] jfodkr	2001	i;koj.k dFkk vkf.k 0;Fkk	pædyk çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
ikFkj] uhyk	2006	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	pkrU; çdk'ku] dkYgkij	L=h
HkkMkjdj] d- e-	2006	i;koj.k f'k{k.k	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
eku] vkf'k"k] ?kkMx] uhrk vkf.k brj	2005	i;koj.k vH;kl : ,d vk/kfud dqf"Vdku	pkrU; çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k/L=h
f'kd.;kpk vkun ¼lLFkk½	2009	i;koj.k f'k{k.k miØekph	egkjk"V jkT;] ecb	&

		gLrifLrdk		
vgj] fg- jk-	1995	mn;kUe[k Hkkjrh; lkekftd f'k{k.k o f'k{kd	fo|k çdk'ku] ukxij	i#"k
Hkkxo] eg'k	1998	fof'k"V ckyd	gjçlkn Hkkxo çdk'ku] vkxk	i#"k
HkkMkjdj] d- e-	1998	lyHk 'k{kf.kd l[;k'kkL=	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
fHkrkM] f0g- jk-	2008	'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku i)rh	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
nkMdj] ok- uk-	1974	'k{kf.kd eY;ekiu o l[;k'kkL=	&	i#"k
txrki] g- uk-	2006	'k{kf.kd o çk;kfxd ekul'kkL=	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	i#"k
eG] jk- 'k- vkf.k mekB] fo- jk-	1987	'k{kf.kd l'kk/kukph eyrUo	egkjk"V fo|kihB] ukxij	i#"k
ikjlful] geyrk	2008	'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku ueuk fuoM	fuR;uru çdk'ku] i.k	L=h
f'kjxko o 'kMx	2003	v/;;ukFkp ekul'kkL= vkf.k v/;kiu çfØ;k	QMd çdk'ku] dkYgkij	i#"k

ojhy rä;ke/; fofo/k fo"k;kojhy lnHk xFkkph ekfgrh n.;kr vkyh vkg- ;ke/; ejkBh lkfgR;] nfyr lkfgR;] i;koj.k f'k{k.k] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku] lkekftd f'k{k.k vkf.k ekul'kkL= ;klkj[;k fofo/k fo"k;kpk leko'k vkg- cgrd xFkkp y[kd i#"k vkgr] ek= dkgh L=h yf[kdkpkgh lgHkkx fnlu ;rk- i;koj.k f'k{k.k vkf.k 'k{ाणिक संशोधन यासारख्या क्षेत्रांमध्ये २००० नंतर प्रकाशित झालेल्या ग्रंथांची संख्या जास्त आहे, तर प्राचीन मराठी वाङ्मय व विश्लेषणात्मक ग्रंथ प्रामुख्याने १९७०–८० या कालखंडात प्रकाशित झाले आहेत- R;keG ;k xFkkP;k vk/kkj fofo/k fo"k;kojhy vH;kl vkf.k l'kk/kuky ,d pkxyk vk/kkj feGrk-

२०१६ व २०२१ शिक्षण समीक्षा संदर्भांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण

rä;kr r|yuk:

?kVd	२०१६ शिक्षण समीक्षा	२०२१ शिक्षण समीक्षा
fo"k;	i;koj.k f'k{k.k] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku] ekul'kkL=] lLkqr lkfgR;	ejkBh lkfgR;] nfyr lkfgR;] i;koj.k f'k{k.k] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku] lkekftd f'k{k.k] ekul'kkL=
y[kdkph l[;k	२२	३०
L=h y[kdkph l[;k	५	६
i#"k y[kdkph l[;k	१७	२४
çdkf'kr iLrdkph o"k	१९७७ – २०१६	१९६६ – २००९
i;koj.k f'k{k.kkojhy xFk	८	७
'k{kf.kd l'kk/kukojhy xFk	५	६
ekul'kkL=kojhy xFk	४	५
brj fo"k;kojhy xFk	lLkqr lkfgR;	ejkBh lkfgR;] nfyr lkfgR;] lkekftd f'k{k.k

ifjPNn Lo:ikr r|yuk:

२०१६ आणि २०२१ मधील शिक्षण समीक्षा संदर्भांचे तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण केल्यास काही महत्त्वाचे निष्कर्ष समोर येतात- २०१६ च्या ग्रंथसंपदेत प्रामुख्याने प;koj.k f'k{k.k] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku] ekul'kkL= vkf.k lLkqr lkfgR; ;k fo"k;kpk समावेश होता, तर २०२१ मध्ये या विषयांबरोबरच मराठी साहित्य, दलित साहित्य आणि सामाजिक शिक्षण यांचाही समावेश >kyk vkg-

२०१६ मध्ये एकूण २२ लेखक होते, त्यामध्ये ५ स्त्री आणि १७ i#"k y[kd gkr- २०२१ मध्ये ही संख्या वाढून ३० लेखक झाली असून, यामध्ये ६ स्त्री आणि २४ पुरुष लेखक दिसून येतात- ;ko:u Li"V gkr dh] L=h y[kdkpk lgHkkx nkUgh अहवालांत तुलनेने कमी असला तरी २०२१ मध्ये किंचित वाढझाली आहे-

i;koj.k f'k{k.kklc/kh xFkkph संख्या २०१६ मध्ये ८ होती, जी २०२१ मध्ये थोडी कमी होऊन ७ झाली- ek=] 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku vkf.k ekul'kkL= ;kojhy xFkkph l[;k nkUgh dky[kMkr lk/kkj.k leku jkfgyh vkg- २०२१ मध्ये विशेषतः ejkBh lkfgR; o nfyr lkfgR; ;klkj[;k uohu fo"k;kpk leko'k >kY;keG] R;k o"kkpk xFklxg vf/kd foLrr vkf.k cgfo/k Lo:ikpk >kyk vkg-

एकूणच पाहता, २०१६ मधील संदर्भ ग्रंथांचे प्रमाण काहीसे मर्यादित होते, तर २०२१ मध्ये अधिक व्यापक विषयांचा समावेश d:u f'k{k.k o lkfgR;kP;k fofo/k iyoj Hkj fnyk xyk vkg-

fu"d"k

'शिक्षण समीक्षा' या भारतीय शिक्षण मंडळाच्या द्वैमासिक नियतकालिकामधील २०१७ सालापासून प्रकाशित झालेल्या लेखांचे vorj.k fo'y"k.k ¼Citation Analysis½ djrkuk vl vk<Gu vky dh ;k fu;rdkfydku 'k{kf.kd l'kk/kukP;k {k=kr egÙoi.k ;kxnku fny vkg- ;k l'kk/kukp mfí"V Eg.kt fu;rdkfydkrhy y[kukph x.koÙkk] lnHkkpk mi;kx] rlp y[ku'kyh vkf.k l'kk/kukP;k fofo/k çokgkpk vH;kl dj.k gk;-

;k l'kk/kukru vl Li"V gkr dh ^f'k{k.k leh{kk* fu;rdkfydkr çdkf'kr gk.kkj y[k 'k{kf.kd o l'kk/kukRed दृf"Vdkukru egÙokp vkgr- y[kke/; fofo/k çdkjP;k lnHkkpk leko'k vk<Gu vkyk] T;keG y[kukph x.koÙkk vkf.k ekfgrhph fo'oklkgrk ok<r- rlp] ;k fu;rdkfydkrhy y[k çke[;ku f'k{k.k'kkL=] 'k{kf.kd /kkj.k] uokiØe] v/;kiu i)rh] fo|kFk;kp eY;ekiu vkf.k f'k{kd çf'k{k.k ;klkj[;k fo"k;koj vk/kkfjr vkgr- ;keG g Li"V gkr dh fu;rdkfyd f'k{k.k {k=kP;k lokxh.k fodklkr ekykph Hkfedk ctkor vkg-

vorj.k fo'y"k.kkP;k ek/;ekru g n[khy letr dh y[kdkuh lnHk Eg.ku çke[;ku iLrd] 'kk/kfuc/k] vkf.k vU; 'k{kf.kd fu;rdkfyd ;kpk ekBîk çek.kkoj mi;kx dyk vkg- ;kpk vFk vlk dh ;k fu;rdkfydkrhy y[ku g Qä vuHkofl) ulu 'kkL='k) l'kk/kukoj vk/kkfjr vkgr- rlp] fu;rdkfydkrhy dkgh y[kke/; tU;k lnHkklkcr u0;k l'kk/kukp lnHkgh vk<Grkr- R;keG f'k{k.k'kkL=krhy cnyR;k çoÙkhpk o/k ?k.;kpk ç;Rugh gkr vkg-

l'kk/kukP;k vu"kxku ikgrk] ^f'k{k.k leh{kk* fu;rdkfydkrhy y[kke/; fofo/k çdkjp lnHk okij.;kph çoÙkh fnlu ;r- dkgh y[kke/; çke[;ku Hkkjrh; l'kk/kdkp lnHk vkgr] rj dkgh y[k vkrjjk"Vh; l'kk/kukoj vk/kkfjr vkgr- rlp] dkgh y[kke/; f'k{k.k'kkL=krhy l)kfrd ik'koHkehoj Hkj fnyk vkg] rj dkgh y[k {k=h; vH;kl vkf.k çR;{k vuHkokoj vk/kkfjr vkgr- g n'kfor dh ^f'k{k.k leh{kk* fu;rdkfyd 'k{kf.kd l'kk/kukP;k 0;kid ifj?kkpk fopkj d:u y[ku çdkf'kr djr-

vorj.k fo'y"k.kkru feGkyY;k fu"d"kkoj vk/kkfjr vl Eg.krk ;by dh ;k fu;rdkfydku 'k{kf.kd l'kk/ku vkf.k fodklke/; egÙoi.k Hkfedk ctkoyh vkg- lnHkkpk l[kky okij] foLrr fo"k;ifjokj] vkf.k x.koÙkki.k y[ku ;keG g fu;rdkfyd 'k{kf.kd txrkr fo'oklkg ekuy tkr- Hkfo";kr ;k fu;rdkfydkP;k vorj.k fo'y"k.kkpk vtu foLrr vH;kl dY;kl] f'k{k.k'kkL=kP;k l'kk/kukP;k VMl vkf.k Hkfo";krhy l'kk/kukP;k fn'kk ;kpk vf/kd l[kky vH;kl djrk ;by-

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संशोधक

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सारांश - *मानवी जीवनात अभिरुचीला फारच महत्वाचे स्थान आहे महाविद्यालयीन स्तरावर विध्यार्थ्यांच्या हातून सर्वच प्रकारच्या. अभ्यासक्रमात. साहित्याचे वाचन व्हावे अशी अपेक्षा असते त्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांची ज्ञानलालसा अधिक निकोपपने वृद्धींगत होत राहील आलेल्या ज्ञानाची व्याप्ती वाढविण्यासाठी पूरक वाचनाची फारच गरज असल्याचे जाणवते . वाचन आपल्याला अभ्यासात खूप मदत करतं जे विद्यार्थी वाचनाची सवय लावतात ., त्यांची एकाग्रता वाढते वाचन . वाचनामुळे अभ्यासातील विषय कळायला सोपे होतात . केल्याने आपल्याला प्रश्नांची उत्तरे पटकन सापडतात आणि त्यातून परीक्षेत चांगले गुण मिळवता येतात .ह्या संशोधन पेपर मध्ये विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभ्रीरुची जाणून घेण्याचा प्रयतन केला आहे विध्यार्थी ग्रंथालयात वाचन करितात त्यांचे वाचनाचे प्रमाण काय आहेत्यामागचे कर? विध्यार्थी आधुनिक तंत्रविज्ञानाणे प्रभावित झाली आहे का.णे जाणून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न केले आहे या संशोधन पेपर मध्ये गोंदिया जिल्याहयातील नटवरलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य महाविद्यालय गोंदिया शैक्षणिक सत्र २०२४ मधील प्रवेशित २५-. विध्यार्थ्यांचा वाचन अभिरुच्चा यांचा अभ्यास केला आहेसोयीस्कर नमुना निवड केले आहे व ३००.िध्यार्थ्यांचा उत्तरदाते म्हनून निवड केले आहे वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धतीचा वापर करण्यात आला विध्यार्थ्यांकडून प्रश्नावलीद्वारे माहिती गोळा करून विश्लेषण करण्यात आले आहे*

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प्रस्तावना

माणसांच्या व्यक्तीमात्वाचा सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी वाचन ही एक आवश्यक गरज आहे म्हणून वाचाल तर. आधुनिक तंत्रविज्ञानाच्या काळात .परतू वाचन अभिरुची हळूहळू कमी होत चालली आहे. वाचाल असे आपण म्हणतो ई मैल यावर विध्यार्थी अधिक. फेसेबूक,व्हात्साप, विध्यार्ती मोबाईल प्रमाणात व्यस्त असल्याचे दिसून येते त्यामुळे. ग्रंथालायापुढे आव्हान आहे कि विध्यार्थी अधिक प्रमाणात ग्रंथालयात येऊन कश्या प्रकारे वाचनअभिरुची वाढविता वाचनाचे महात्वे वाद्रिण्याकारीता विविध उपक्रमाद्वारे जनजागृती करण्याची गरज निर्माण झाली आहे ह्याची.येईल दाखल शासनाने दखल घेउन वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा पधरवाडा उपक्रम सर्वत्र राबविण्यात आले कोणतीही विध्यार्थी ह जन्मताहा आवड घेऊन आलेला नसतो एखादह्याला चीत्रकलाची आवड नाही याचा अर्थ. त्यामुळे त्याची, इतकाच असतो कि त्यादृष्टीने कोणी त्याच्याकडे लक्ष दिलेले नसतेअभिरुची विकसीत झालेली नसते . त्यामुळे शिक्षकाने या दृष्टीने विचार करून विध्यर्थ्यांमध्ये आवड निर्माण करून यश प्राप्त करीता येते.वाचन ही एक उत्तम सवय आहे आपण कुठेही असलो तरी . ती सवय एकदा लावली की आयुष्यभर आपल्याला त्याचा फायदा होतो . आपल्याला आपलं आवडतं पुस्तक वाचता येतं वाचन . त्या पुस्तकातलं ज्ञान आपल्याबरोबर नेहमीच राहतं . .आपल्याला शहाणं बनवतं आणि आपलं भविष्य घडवायला मदत करतं

जेव्हा तुम्ही रोज वाचण्याचा सराव कराल तेव्हा तुम्हाला त्याचे व्यसन लागेल. वाचन तुम्हाला संज्ञानात्मक विकसित करण्यात मदत करू शकते आणि तुम्हाला जीवनाकडे एक नवीन दृष्टीकोन देऊ शकते. चांगल्या कादंबऱ्यांचा लोकांवर चांगला प्रभाव पडतो आणि तुम्हाला जीवनातील योग्य मार्गावर नेऊ शकतो. जितका जास्त वेळ तुम्ही वाचनात घालवाल तितके तुम्ही त्याच्या प्रेमात पडाल. जितका जास्त वेळ तुम्ही वाचनात घालवाल तितके तुम्ही त्याच्या प्रेमात

पडाल. वाचन तुम्हाला तुमची शब्दसंग्रह आणि भाषिक कौशल्ये सुधारण्यास मदत करू शकते. वाचन तुम्हाला आराम करण्यास आणि तणावमुक्त करण्यात मदत करू शकते.वाचनामुळे तुमच्या सर्जनशीलतेला चालना मिळते आणि तुम्हाला जीवनाचे अधिक आकलन होते. वाचन देखील तुम्हाला लिहिण्यास प्रोत्साहित करते आणि जर तुम्ही तसे केले तर तुम्ही निःसंशयपणे हस्तकलेच्या प्रेमात पडाल. जर तुम्हाला तुमच्या जीवनात उत्कृष्ट सवयी निर्माण करायच्या असतील , तर वाचन तुमच्या सूचीच्या शीर्षस्थानी असले पाहिजे कारण ते एखाद्या व्यक्तीच्या सामान्य वाढ आणि विकासासाठी आवश्यक आहे.

वाचन

वाचन ही अशी क्रिया आहे राजकीय व, सामाजिक, भावनिक, ज्यामुळे बौद्धिक संपदेच्या माध्यमातून. .कौश्ल्यापूर्ण जीवन जगण्याची कला निर्माण होते

अभिरुची

अभिरुची म्हणजे एखाद्या विषयी आवड ती जाणून घेण्. रुची निर्माण होणे/यासाठी मनात त्रीव अशी इच्छा म्हणजे वाचन अभिरुची .

वाचन अभिरुची

वेगवेगवेगळ्या विषयाचे ज्ञान मिळविण्याकरिता आवडीने ग्रंथाचे वाचन करणे आवडीने वाचलेल्या ग्रंथामुळे. व वाचन व त्यानुसार निश्चित. आयुष्याला कलाटणी मिळते. विचार प्रगल्भ होतात. मानसिक समाधान मिळते होणारे अभि रुची यांच्यातील सहसंबंध नाकारता येत नाही किंबहुना वाचनातून अभिरुची व अभिरुचीतून वाचन असा प्रवाह. . तयार होतो

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालय

महाविद्यालयातील विध्यार्थी आणि प्राध्यापक यांच्या वाचन साहित्याविषयीचे गरजा पूर्ण करण्यासाठी महाविद्यालयाने स्थापित केलेले ग्रंथालय

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयाचे घटक

१ विध्यार्थी.

२ प्राध्यापक

३ वाचनसाहित्य

महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयाचे कार्य

१ विध्यार्थ्यांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीनुसार आवश्यक असलेले वाचन साहित्य उपलब्ध करून देणे

२ विध्यार्थ्याना आधुनिक सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देणे

३ अभ्यासासाठी योग्य वातावरण निर्मिती

४ विध्यार्थ्याना वाचनासाठी प्रोत्साहित करणे

संशोधन विषयाची आवश्यकता

आवड निवड ही मानवाची अभिवृती आहे प्रत्येकाची अभिरुची ही वेगवेगळी असते.

प्रस्तुत अध्यन हे महाविद्यालयीन विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची एक अभ्यास आहे .

आज वाचनासाठी उत्तम साधने असूनही वाचक विध्यार्थी आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञाना मुळे वाचनापासून दूर होत आहे/ ?का

किवा विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची जाणून घेणे हा या संशोधन लेखाचा उदेश्य आहे व विद्यार्थ्यांची वा.चनाविषयी स्थिती काय आहे व ग्रंथालयाची स्थिती जाणून घेणे ह्या संसोधनाचा उदेश्य आहे.

प्रस्तुत संसोधनाचा उपयोग महाविद्यालयातील ग्रंथपाल वाचक यांना वाचन संस्कृती, संशोधक, प्राध्यापक, . वाढवण्यासाठी या विषयाची मदत होईल

उदेश्य

१ हे जाणून घेणे? दृकश्राव्यसाधणाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे काय(

२?महाविद्यालयातील ग्राथालाय्य्यात वाचकांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीत विविधता दिसून येते का (

३? महाविधालायीन ग्रंथालयात विध्यार्थीसमधानकारक वाचन करीत आहे का(

४विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिर (ुची जाणून घेणे

गृहीतकृत्ये

१. दृकश्राव्य साधनाचा प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे(

२. महाविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयात वाचकांच्या वाचन अभिरुचीत विविधता दिसून येते(

३. महाविद्यालयातील विध्यर्थी हे समाधानकारक वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते(

४महाविद्यालयातेलविध(्यार्थी हे मोबाईलइतरअप्स ने प्रभावीत असल्याचे दिसून येते,फेसबुक,

संशोधन विषयाची व्याप्ती

सदर संशोधन हे गोंदिया जील्ह्यातील नटव्ररलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य महाविद्यालय पुरते मर्यादित आहे या शैक्षणिक सत्रांतील विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची व ग् २५-२०२४.रंथालयाचा वापर यावर मर्यादीत आहे.

संशोधन अभ्यास पद्धती

अभ्यासाकाने प्रस्तुत संशोधन हे वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पद्धतीचा वापर केला आहे तर माहिती संकलित संशोधकाने नटवरलाल माणिकलाल दलाल कला वाणिज्य महाविद्यालय. करण्यासाठी प्रश्नावालीचा आधार घेतला गोदिया येथील ग्र ंथालयाचा समावेश केला आहे महाविद्यालयात जावून.सदर संशोधनाकरीताविद्यार्थ्यांकडूनप्रश्नावलीच्या माध्यमातून माहिते संकलित करून त्यामाहितीचे विश्लेषण माहिती सारणीबद्ध करून वारंवारीता प्रतिशत सांखीकीय पद्धतीने करण्यात आले आहे.

सदर संसोधनामध्ये एकूण विध्यार्थी ३०० आहेत.

अनु	विभाग	संख्या
१	बी ए.	१००
२	बी कॉम.	१००
३	बी ए. बी.	८०
४	एम ए.	२०

बीं. बी १००.ए.कॉम. बी १००.बी विध्यार्थ्यांना प्रश्नावली वितरीत करण्यात आले ३०० ऐकून २० ए. एम ८० ए. दिल्या. विध्यार्थ्यानी प्रश्नावली भरून २८० त्यापैकी

तक्ता क्र १ आपणास वाचनाची आवड आहे का ?

होय	नाही	एकून
८८%८.	११ % २.	१००%
२७२	८	२८०

<u>विश्लेषण:</u>

आपणास वाचनाची आवड आहे का .८८ तेव्हा?८ .११ विध्यर्थ्यानी होय असे उत्तर दिले तर%२ विध्यार्थ्यानी नाही% असे उत्तर दिले

तक्ता क्र २ ग्रंथालय भेट विश्लेषण

ग्रंथालय भेट	प्रतिसाद (२८०)	१००%
दररोज	१७५	६२%५.
आठवड्यातून एकदा	२०	७%१.
पंधरा दिवसातून एकदा	८	२%८.
महिन्यातून एकदा	०७	२%५.
आवशक्तेनुसार	७०	२५%

<u>विश्लेषण</u>

आपण ग्रंथालयास केव्हा भेट देता .६२ असा प्रश्न विचारल्यानंतर ?५विध्यार्थ्यानी दररोज % असे उत्तर दिले %२५ तर.विध्यार्थ्याने अव्श्यात्केनुस्सार ग्रंथालयात उपयौग करीत असल्याचे सांगितले .७ आठवड्यातून एकदा .१ % पंधरा दिवसातून एकदा . असे उत्तर दिले 2.8% विध्यार्थ्यानी उत्तर दिले .महिन्यातून २ वेळा ग्रंथालयास भेटी दिले%५. दरोरोज भेट देण्याचे.जाते प्रमाण अधिक आहे.

तक्ता क्र ३ तुमची वाचन अभिरुची कोणत्या वाचन साहित्यात आहे

वाचन अभिरुची	प्रतिसाद २८०	%
पाठ्यपुस्तके	160	57.14%
अवांतरवाचन साहित्य	20	7.1%
स्पर्धा पुस्तके	25	8.9%
वर्तमान पत्रे	50	17.85%
मासिके	10	२५%

संदर्भ ग्रंथ	15	5.3%
ई रेसौर्सेस-	20	7.1%

विश्लेषण

विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची कोणत्या वाचन साहित्यात आहे असे विचारल्यावर सर्वाधिक?57.14 विद्यार्थ्यांची % रेसौर्सेस वापरण्याचे प्रमाण– वाचन अभिरुची ही पाठ्यपुस्तक वाचन करण्यात आहे असे दिसून आले त्यानंतर ई7.1 % असल्याचे दिसू%न आले तर स्पर्धापुस्तके वाचण्याचे प्रमाण 8.9 असे उतार मिळाले वर्तमान पत्रे आणि मासिके% . वाचण्याचे प्रमाण कमी असल्याचे दिसून आले

तक्ता क्र ४ दृकश्राव्य साधनाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे का ?

दृक श्राव्य साधनाचा प्रभाव	प्रतिसाद 280	%
खूप जास्त	180	64.28%
जास्त	२५	8.9%
खूप कमी	50	17.8%
कमी	25	8.9%
काहीच नाही	0	०

विश्लेषण वरील तक्त्यावरून असे दिसून येते कि दृक श्राव्य साधनाच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभरुची कमी होत :64.28 %विध्यार्थ्यानी वाचनाची अभिरुची ही दृक श्राव्यामुळेअधिक प्रभावीत असल्याचे खूप जास्त दिसून येते . 8.9% जास्त प्रभाव असल्याचे दिसून येते तर. 17.8% खूप कमी प्रभाव आहे असे मत व्यक्त केले कमी प्रभाव असल्याचे . 8.9% असल्याचे उत्तर मिळाले तर काहीच परिणाम होत नाही असे ० उत्तर मिळाले म्हणजे आपण असे म्हणू शकतो कि दृक. . श्राव्याच्या प्रभावामुळे वाचन अभिरुची कमी होत आहे

तक्ता क्र ५ ग्रंथालयात घालविलेल्या वेळेचे विश्लेषण

अनु क्रम	वेळ	प्रतिसाद २८०	प्रतिशत%
१	१ ते १५ मिनिटे	१२०	42.85%
२	१६ मि ते अर्धा तास	100	35.71%
३	१ ते २ तास	30	10.71%
४	३ते ५ तास	20	7.1%
५	यापेक्षा अधिक	10	3.57%

वरील तक्त्यवरुन असे दिसून येते कि विध्यार्थी जास्तीत जास्त ग्रंथ वाचताना ग्रंथालयात घालविलेल्या वेळ 42.85 % दिसून येते१ ते २ तास ग्रंथालयात विध्यार्थी .10.71 मि ते अर्धा १६तर. ग्रंथ वापरत असल्याचे आढळून आले %% तास35.71 तास ग्रंथालयात वाचत बसणाऱ्यांचे ५ ते ३ म्हणजेच . विध्यार्थी वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते%% 7.1% आहे

परीणाम आणि चर्चा

वरील संसोधनावरून असे दिसून येते कि विध्यार्थीची वाचंन अभिरुचीमध्ये विविधता दिसून येते ग्रंथालयात समाधानकारक वाचन करीत असल्याचे दिसून येते इंटरनेट, तसेच ते दृक श्राव्य साधन म्हणजे मोबाईल. वर अधिक प्रमाणत व्यस्त असल्याचे दिसून येते.चाटींग,फेसबुक

विद्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभरुची वाढवण्यासाठी ग्रंथालय आणि ग्रंथपाल यांना वाचन संस्कृती टिकवून ठेवण्याची भूमिका खूप महत्वाची आहे .

वाचन अभिरुची वाढवण्यासाठी घ्यावयाची काळजी

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विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची वाढव्ण्यसाठी ग्रंथालयात ग्रंथप्रदर्शन ,लावून विध्यार्थ्यानां आकर्षित केले जाऊ शकते .तसेच ग्रंथालयात विविध कार्यक्रम .मार्गदर्शन व्याखाने .वाचक लेखक सवाद,साधून त्यांच्याशी चर्चा करून विध्यार्थी वाचनाकडे वळतील . म्हणजे असे म्हणता येईल कि ग्रंथालयात नवीन नावीन कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करून व त्यांच्या आवडीनुसार ग्रंथ संग्रह ग्रंथालयात असेल व त्यांच्या आव्शाक्तेनुस्सार सेवा व सुविधा प्रदान केल्यास विध्यार्थ्यांची वाचन अभिरुची वाढविली जाईल . वाचन प्रेरणा व संस्कृतीचा विकास ही एक सातत्याने चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. ज्ञानसंपन्न व माहितीसमृद्ध समाजाची घडण , व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास, साहित्य विकास आणि भाषाविकास यांसाठी वाचन संस्कृतीचा विस्तार आणि विकास करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.

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प्रस्तावना:

प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्यात जानेवारी २०१२ ते डिसेंबर २०२२ या कालावधीतील ऑगस्ट २०२४ पर्यंत 'शोधगंगा – ए रिर्झव्ह ऑफ़ इंडियन थिसिस' या संकेतस्थळावर राजस्थान राज्यातील विद्यापीठात उपलब्ध शोधप्रबंधाचा अध्ययनात समावेश करण्यात आला आहे. राजस्थान राज्यात श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ, सिंघानिया विद्यापीठ, बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ, माधव विद्यापीठ, जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. विद्यापीठ, महाराज विनायक ग्लोबल विद्यापीठ, मेवार विद्यापीठ, मोहनलाल सुखदेव विद्यापीठ, निम्स विद्यापीठ, कोटा विद्यापीठ, आय. आय. एम. विद्यापीठ या ११ विद्यापीठातून ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झाले आहे.

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विद्यापीठ आणि एपीएस विद्यापीठ अश्या चार विद्यापीठातील एकुण २६० आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त शोधप्रबंधाचा अध्ययनात समावेश केलेला आहे. प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्यात संशोधनाचा कल, कालक्रमानुसार शोधप्रबंध वितरण, विषयनिहाय विश्लेषण, मार्गदर्शकांचे योगदान, लिंगनिहाय संशोधक आणि मार्गदर्शक याचे विश्लेषण, शोधप्रबंधाचे भाषेनुसार विश्लेषण तसेच संशोधन कार्यातील अंतर शोधून भाविष्यातील संशोधनासाठी उपाय सुचविले आहेत.

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संशोधन पध्दत: प्रस्तुतसंशोधन कार्यात वर्णनात्मक संशोधन पध्दती आणि आशय विश्लेषण तंत्राचा वापर करणात आला आहे.

संशोधन आराखडा: प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्यात वर्णनात्मक संशोधन आराखडा वापरण्यात आला आहे.

व्याप्ती, क्षेत्र आणि मर्यादा: संशोधन कार्यराजस्थान राज्यातील जानेवारी २०१२ ते डिसेंबर २०२२ या कालावधीतील ऑगस्ट २०२४ पर्यंत 'शोधगंगा – ए रिर्झव्ह ऑफ़ इंडियन थिसिस' या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध विद्यापीठातील शोधप्रबंधाचे आशय विश्लेषन करण्यापुरते मर्यादित आहे.

तथ्य संकलन पध्दत आणि तंत्रे : 'शोधगंगा – ए रिर्झव्ह ऑफ़ इंडियन थिसिस' या संकेतस्थळावर राजस्थान राज्यातील विद्यापीठात उपलब्ध शोधप्रबंधातून तथ्य संकलन करण्यात आले आहे.

तथ्य विश्लेषण पध्दत आणि तंत्रे: प्रस्तुत संशोधन कार्य तक्ता आणि आलेख स्वरुपात पुढीलप्रमाणे विश्लेषीत करुन सादर केलेले आहे.

१: विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठाचे विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. १ : विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	विद्यापीठाचे नाव	ठिकाण	विद्यापीठाचा प्रकार				एकुण
			राज्य वि.	केंद्रिय वि.	डीम्ड वि.	खाजगी वि.	
१	श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ	जुनजुनू	--	--	--	√	०१
२	बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ	टोंक	--	--	√	--	०१
३	माधव विद्यापीठ	सिरोची	--	--	--	√	०१
४	मोहनलाल सुखदेव विद्यापीठ	उदयपूर	√	--	--	--	०१
५	सिंघानिया विद्यापीठ	जुनजुनू	--	--	--	√	०१
६	महाराज विनायक ग्लोबल विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१
७	जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१
८	निम्स विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	--	√	०१
९	मेवार विद्यापीठ	चित्तोडगड	--	--	--	√	०१
१०	कोटा विद्यापीठ	कोटा	√	--	--	--	०१
११	आय. आय. एम. विद्यापीठ	जयपूर	--	--	√	--	०१
	एकुण		**०२ (१८.१९%)**	**--**	**०२ (१८.१९%)**	**०७ (६३.६२%)**	**११**

वरिल तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठात एकुण ११ विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे.

२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावर ०७ (६३.६२%) विद्यापीठ, द्वितिय स्थानावर राज्यस्तरावर ०२ (१८.१९%)आणि डिम्ड स्तरावर ०२ (१८.१९%) विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे.

२:शोधप्रबंधा संदर्भात संख्यात्मक माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजथान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान समाविष्ट विद्यापिठातील उपलब्ध शोधप्रबंधाचे संख्यात्मक विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. २:शोधप्रबंधा संदर्भात संख्यात्मक माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	विद्यापीठाचे नाव	शोधप्रबंधाची संख्या				एकुण	टक्केवारी
		राज्य वि.	केंद्रिय वि.	डीम्ड वि.	खाजगी वि.		
१	श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	३४	३४	३३.६६%
२	बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ	--	--	३२	--	३२	३१.६८%
३	माधव विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०७	०७	६.९३%
४	मोहनलाल सुखदेव विद्यापीठ	०६	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
५	सिंघानिया विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०५	०५	४.९५%
६	महाराज विनायक ग्लोबल विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०५	०५	४.९५%
७	मेवार विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०४	०४	३.९६%
८	निम्स विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०४	०४	३.९६%
९	जे. इ. सी. आर. सी. विद्यापीठ	--	--	--	०२	०२	१.९८%
१०	कोटा विद्यापीठ	०१	--	--	--	०१	०.९९%
११	आय. आय. एम. विद्यापीठ	--	--	०१	--	०१	०.९९%
	एकुण	**०७ (६.९३%)**	**--**	**३३ (३२.६८%)**	**६१ (६०.३९%)**	**१०१**	

वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झाले असून सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ६१ (६०.३९%) शोधप्रबंध, द्वितिय स्थानावर डीम्ड विद्यापीठातून ३३ (३२.६८%) शोधप्रबंध आणि राज्यस्तरिय विद्यापीठातून ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहे.

२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३४ (३३.६६%), द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ या डिम्ड स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३२ (३१.६८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर माधव विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्द आहेत.

३: कालक्रमानुसार शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात जानेवारी २०१२ ते डिसेंबर २०२२ या कालावधीत कालक्रमानुसार संशोधन उत्पादकता जाणून घेण्यासाठी शोधप्रबंधाच्या संख्यात्मक माहितीचे विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. ३: कालक्रमानुसार शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	काल क्रम	शोधप्रबंधाची माहिती											एकुण	टक्केवारी
		श्री. ज. झां.	बं. वि.	मा. वि.	मो. सु. वि.	सिं. वि.	म. वि.	मे. वि.	नि. वि.	जे. इ. सी. आर.	को. वि.	आय. आय. एस.		

		ति. वि					ग्लो. वि.			सी. वि.		वि.		
१	२०१२	---	०४	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	०५	४.९५%
२	२०१३	--	--	--	--	०१	--	--	०१	--	--	--	०२	१.९८%
३	२०१४	--	०३	--	--	०३	--	--	--	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
४	२०१५	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०१	०.९९%
५	२०१६	०२	०३	--	०२	--	--	०१	०२	--	०१	--	११	१०.८९ %
६	२०१७	--	०७	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०७	६.९३%
७	२०१८	--	०३	०१	०१	--	--	--	०१	--	--	--	०६	५.९४%
८	२०१९	०६	०३	--	०२	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	१२	११.८८ %
९	२०२०	०४	०१	--	--	--	--	०१	--	०१	--	--	०७	६.९३%
१०	२०२१	१६	०२	०५	०१	--	०४	--	--	०१	--	--	२९	२८.७१ %
११	२०२२	०६	०५	०१	--	--	०१	०१	--	--	--	०१	१५	१४.८५ %
एकुण		**३४**	**३२**	**०७**	**०६**	**०५**	**०५**	**०४**	**०४**	**०२**	**०१**	**०१**	**१०१**	

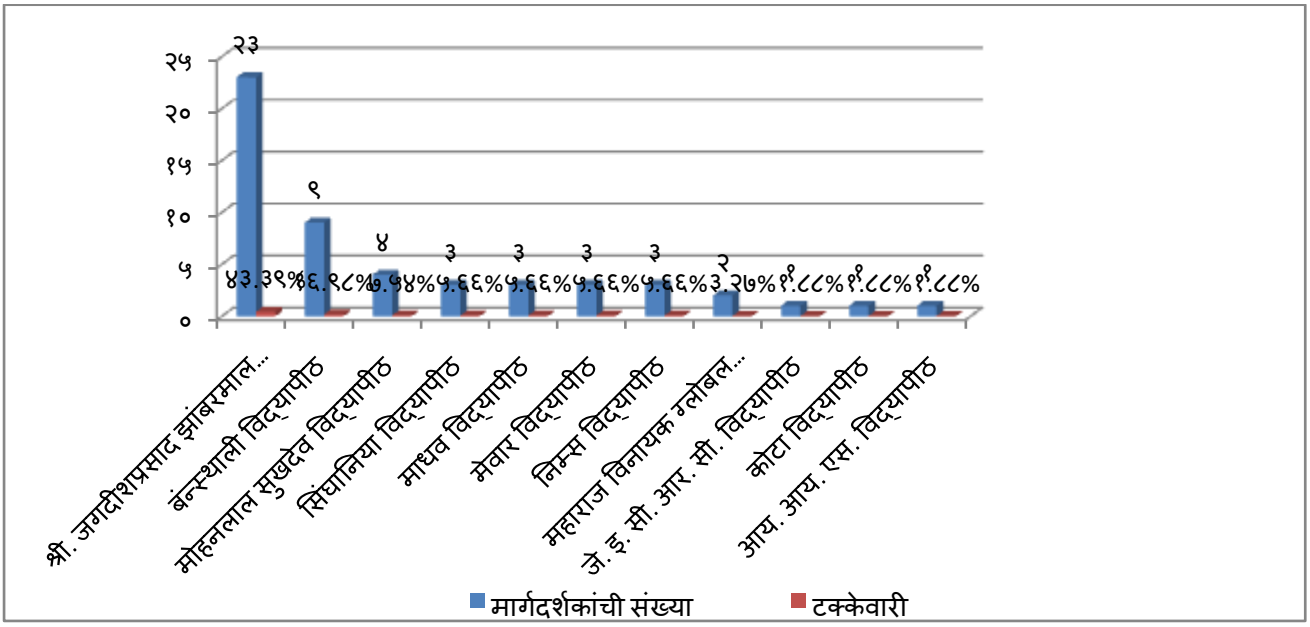
वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात २०१२ ते २०२२ या कालावधीत एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर २९ (२८.७१%) शोधप्रबंध २०२१, द्वितिय स्थानावर १५ (१४.८५%) शोधप्रबंध २०२२ आणि तृतिय स्थानावर १२ (११.८८%) शोधप्रबंध २०१९ या वर्षात उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत.

४: संशोधन कार्यात मार्गदर्शकांची माहिती

प्रस्तुत आलेखमध्येराजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान संशोधन कार्यात समाविष्ट विद्यापीठातील मार्गदर्शकांच्या संख्याचे विवरण दिलेले आहे.

आलेख क्रं. ४:संशोधन कार्यात मार्गदर्शकांची माहिती



वरील आलेखावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते,

१. राजस्थान राज्यात ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठातील संशोधन कार्यात एकुण ५३ मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे.

२. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठात २३ (४३.३९%) मार्गदर्शक, द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठात ०९ (१६.९८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर ०४ (७.५४%) मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे.

५: मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती

प्रस्तुत तक्त्यात राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान विद्यापीठातील मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय संख्यांत्मक विवरण दिलेले आहे.

तक्ता क्रं. ५: मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती

अनु. क्रं.	मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय संख्यात्मक माहिती	मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांची लिंगनिहाय माहिती											एकुण	टक्केवारी
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१	पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती													
१.१	पुरुष संशोधक	०७	०८	०१	०२	०१	--	०२	०३	--	--	--	२४	२३.७६%
१.२	महिला	०३	१७	--	०१	०४	--	--	--	--	०१	०१	२७	२६.७३%

	संशोधक													
१.३	**उल्लेख नसलेले**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**
२	**महिला मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती**													
२.१	**पुरुष संशोधक**	०१	--	०१	--	--	०३	--	--	०१	--	--	०६	**५.९४%**
२.२	**महिला संशोधक**	०१	--	०४	--	--	०२	--	--	०१	--	--	०८	**७.९२%**
२.३	**उल्लेख नसलेले**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**
३	**लिंगनिहाय उल्लेख नसलेले मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती**													
३.१	**पुरुष संशोधक**	--	०३	०१	०२	--	--	०१	०१	--	--	--	०८	**७.९२%**
३.२	**महिला संशोधक**	--	०२	--	०१	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	०३	**२.९७%**
३.३	**उल्लेख नसलेले**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**
४	**दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय माहिती**													
४.१	**पुरुष संशोधक**	१३	--	--	--	--	--	०१	--	--	--	--	१४	**१३.८३%**
४.२	**महिला संशोधक**	०९	०२	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	११	**१०.८९%**
४.३	**उल्लेख नसलेले**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**
	एकुण	**३४**	**३२**	**०७**	**०६**	**०५**	**०५**	**०४**	**०४**	**०२**	**०१**	**०१**	**१०१**	

वरील तक्त्यावरुन असे निदर्शनास येते, राजस्थान राज्यातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयातील आचार्य पदवी प्रदान शोधप्रबंधातमार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय विवरणामध्ये सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २७ (२६.७३%) महिला संशोधक, द्वितिय स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २४ (२३.७६%) पुरुष संशोधक आणि तृतिय स्थानावर दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात १८ (१३.८३%) पुरुष संशोधकांचा समावेश आहे.

निकर्ष:

प्रस्तुत संशोधन लेखात भारतातील राजस्थान राज्यातील ११ विद्यापीठातील ग्रंथालय आणि माहितीशास्त्र विषयात आचार्य पदवी प्राप्त शोधप्रबंधाचा आशय विश्लेषणात्मक अभ्यास करण्यात आला आहे. विद्यापीठ प्रकारानुसार सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावर ०७ (६३.६२%) विद्यापीठ, द्वितिय स्थानावर राज्यस्तरावर ०२ (१८.१८%)आणि डिम्ड स्तरावर ०२ (१८.१८%) विद्यापीठाचा समावेश आहे. शोधप्रबंधानुसार एकुण १०१ शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झाले असून सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ६१ (६०.३९%) शोधप्रबंध, द्वितिय स्थानावर डीम्ड विद्यापीठातून ३३ (३२.६८%) शोधप्रबंध आणि राज्यस्तरिय विद्यापीठातून ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहे. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठ या खाजगी

स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३४ (३३.६६%), द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठ या डिम्ड स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ३२ (३१.६८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर माधव विद्यापीठ या खाजगी स्तरावरिल विद्यापीठात ०७ (६.९३%) शोधप्रबंध उपलब्द आहेत. कालक्रमानुसार संशोधन कार्यात २०१२ ते २०२२ या कालावधीत शोधप्रबंध उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. राजस्थान राज्यात सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर २९ (२८.७१%) शोधप्रबंध २०२१, द्वितिय स्थानावर १५ (१४.८५%) शोधप्रबंध २०२२ आणि तृतिय स्थानावर १२ (११.८८%) शोधप्रबंध २०१९ या वर्षात उपलब्ध झालेले आहेत. मार्गदर्शकांच्या संख्येबाबत एकुण ५३ मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे. सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर श्री. जगदीशप्रसाद झांबरमाल तिबरेवाला विद्यापीठात २३ ४३.३९%) मार्गदर्शक, द्वितिय स्थानावर बंन्स्थाली विद्यापीठात ०९ (१६.९८%) आणि तृतिय स्थानावर ०४ (७.५४%) मार्गदर्शकांचा समावेश आहे. मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात संशोधकांचे लिंगनिहाय विवरणामध्ये सर्वप्रथम स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २७ (२६.७३%) महिला संशोधक, द्वितिय स्थानावर पुरुष मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात २४ (२३.७६%) पुरुष संशोधक आणि तृतिय स्थानावर दोन मार्गदर्शकांच्या योगदानात १८ (१३.८३%) पुरुष संशोधकांचा समावेश आहे.

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